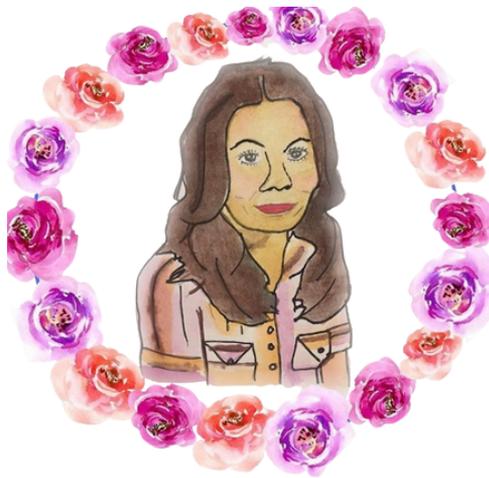


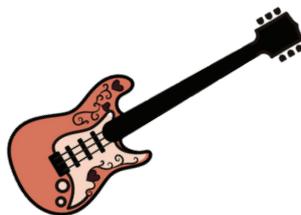
# ROSES FOR ROSIE



a zine to celebrate  
Rosie Jiménez's life & legacy



**Rosaura Jiménez, known as Rosie,** was a Chicana from McAllen, Texas who lost her life in 1977 because of abortion restrictions. Rosie grew up as part of a large family. Her parents were migrant farm workers who eventually opened a Mexican restaurant to share her mother’s cooking. At 27 years old, she was a college student and single mom who had plans of building a better future for herself and her daughter Monique—she dreamed of becoming a teacher. She loved classic rock, dancing, and joking around in class. Rosie lived in an apartment next door to her best friend, and they helped each other raise their kids.



In September of 1977, Rosie found out she was pregnant again. She had previously had an abortion performed by a medical provider, but because a new federal regulation known as the Hyde Amendment had just come into effect which prohibited Medicaid coverage of abortion, she was unable to use her insurance to pay for her abortion care. Rosie could not afford to pay for an abortion from a licensed physician out of pocket, but she was determined to finish school, so she sought another option. On October 3, at only 27, Rosie Jiménez died of an unsafe abortion. The Hyde Amendment cost Rosie her life.

More than 40 years later, we are still fighting abortion restrictions that keep people from accessing abortion care. Rosie's story is a reminder that abortion care must be part of our collective fight for freedom and economic and reproductive justice.





Rosie has inspired countless people to take action to protect abortion access. She is the inspiration for our statewide policy called Rosie's Law, as well as local policies in support of that state law called Rosie's Resolutions.

### **Rosie's Law**

Since 2017, Frontera Fund, TEA Fund, and Lilith Fund have been working to advance Rosie's Law to restore Medicaid and private insurance coverage of abortion care for Texans. No one should be denied abortion care because of how much money they make or how they get their health insurance.



Rosie's Law was first introduced by Representative Sheryl Cole in 2019. In 2021, despite being one of the worst years for abortion at the Texas legislature, Rosie's Law hit a milestone when it was reintroduced by Rep. Cole in the House and it was introduced for the first time ever in the Senate by Senator Sarah Eckhardt.

2020 POLLING SHOWS  
A MAJORITY OF TEXANS SUPPORT  
MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ABORTION CARE

63% of Texas voters support Medicaid coverage of pregnancy-related health care, including abortion.

78% of young voters support Medicaid coverage of abortion.

84% of Texas voters across the political spectrum, including 75% of Republicans, agree that anti-abortion politicians shouldn't be able to deny people coverage for abortion care just because they are working to make ends meet.

A majority of Texas voters (56%) report they would feel more favorable towards their representative if they supported Medicaid coverage of abortion.

*Polling commissioned by the Rosie's Law Coalition, 2020*



## **Rosie's Resolutions**

Abortion funds and supporters of Rosie's Law have also been advancing Rosie's Resolutions at the local level to honor Rosie Jimenez's life and fight against abortion restrictions.

Repro Power Dallas, Repro Power Houston, Repro Power San Antonio, and Repro Power Austin are local coalitions led by abortion funds and other reproductive justice organizations that advance abortion-forward policies in their own communities. Many of them have led campaigns to advance Rosie's Resolutions. Repro Power Austin successfully won passage of Rosie's Resolution in 2018 and later pushed for and won a bold policy that dedicates a portion of the city's budget to pay for practical support for people seeking abortion care.



Rosie has also inspired organizing and advocacy in the border community where she was from since the time of her death. More recently, community leaders from various organizations in the Rio Grande Valley have organized rallies commemorating Rosie and advocating for reproductive justice. Keep reading to learn more about these organizations.





**Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice Texas** was established after a Latinas Organizing for Leadership and Advocacy training held in Texas in 2007. Through community mobilization, leadership development, and civic engagement strategies, the Latina Institute Texas is building a large base of Latinas/xs who use a reproductive justice lens to organize their communities for change. Since 2007, the Latina Institute has worked to increase Latina/x visibility in the reproductive justice movement, cultivated well-informed leaders to strengthen their state and national reproductive justice work, and built networks of activists in Texas to inform their policy agenda.



**UTRGV's Intersectional Feminist Student Club (IFSO)** is a student organization that focuses on advocating for not only women's rights but for everyone else's in the community. Some issues that the club advocates for include reproductive health, addressing period poverty, LGBTQ+ and immigrant rights and what it means to be an activist in the Rio Grande Valley. IFSO has held a menstrual products donation drive for the RGV Trans Closet and plans to distribute bags that contain reproductive health resources to the campus community. The club also provides menstrual products and condoms year-round for anyone in need.



**South Texans for Reproductive Justice (STRJ)** is a volunteer-run 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving the Rio Grande Valley and surrounding counties. They focus on community engagement and education in issues involving reproductive justice and abortion access. In 2021, STRJ began distributing free emergency contraception and sexual health kits throughout South Texas in relation to the restrictive abortion laws being passed. Visit [bit.ly/rgvplanb](https://bit.ly/rgvplanb) to request free emergency contraception. To support STRJ's work, donate via Cash App, Paypal or Venmo: @sotrj4rj



Founded in 2015, **Frontera Fund** is an abortion fund in the Rio Grande Valley primarily serving the RGV and recently expanded to include all border cities from Brownsville to El Paso, and all undocumented individuals throughout the State of Texas. Frontera Fund provides both financial and practical support. If you reside within these areas and are in need of financial assistance for your abortion care, Frontera Fund can be reached at 956-887-0706.





The **RGV Repro Coalition** is a coalition of groups across the RGV including Frontera Fund, South Texans for Reproductive Justice, and UTRGV's Intersectional Feminist Student Club. The coalition also includes South Texas organizers from the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice, Texas Rising-UTRGV, PPTV-RGV, and the ACLU of TX-RGV. Each group has collaborated to achieve Reproductive Justice in the RGV by connecting social justice movements and through community mobilization.



On July 20, 2021, anti-abortion advocates attempted to pass an ordinance in the City of Edinburg to unconstitutionally “ban” abortion in Edinburg, despite not having an abortion provider in the city. The proposed ordinance language also attempted to incentivize harassing lawsuits targeting people who help others access abortion care. The RGV Repro Coalition mobilized the community to speak out against this ordinance. After nearly four hours of public comment, the majority of which was in support of abortion access, the Edinburg mayor called for a motion on the ordinance, but none of the council members offered one. The item was effectively killed, stopped in its tracks by the RGV Repro Coalition!



As we fight against abortion restrictions that stigmatize abortion and make it nearly impossible for Black, Indigenous and other people of color to access the care they need, we must also fight more broadly to liberate abortion by proactively building the world we deserve.

We have the capacity to dream up a world in which people are able to get the care they need, and making art to reflect that world helps give energy, ideas and even blueprints to our movement for abortion justice in Texas. That's why art has been central to the campaign for Rosie's Law. The following pages contain pieces created by abortion funds and supporters inspired by Rosie Jimenez and the Rosie's Law campaign. We hope these art pieces help us define what we're fighting for while giving us beauty to look at, which we need and deserve in our fight for abortion access.



ROSES for ROSIE



Oh, hey,

Texas Lege.

You make

shitty doctors

Abortion

is healthcare.

We deserve Rosie's Law.

Lilith Fund, TEA Fund Frontera Fund

# ROOTED IN PARTNERSHIP

the first bill  
of its kind that  
expands insurance coverage  
for abortion

Proactive  
Bill

Rosie's Law

A  
Legacy

# READY TO RESPOND



Rosie's

Rosie's story

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Rosie's Law would expand  
Medicaid coverage of  
abortion care in Texas

*Rosie O'Donnell*



ROSIE JIMÉNEZ 08/05/1950-10/03/1977





A wheatpaste poster on 10th Avenue in Midtown Manhattan dedicated to Rosie Jiménez pasted during a collaborative action between Fund Abortion Not Police and Feminist Collages NYC on December 2nd, 2021. Photo by Bleu Grano



Unfortunately, while we are fighting for the world we deserve where all of us can get the abortion care we need on our terms, our communities continue to battle new abortion restrictions.

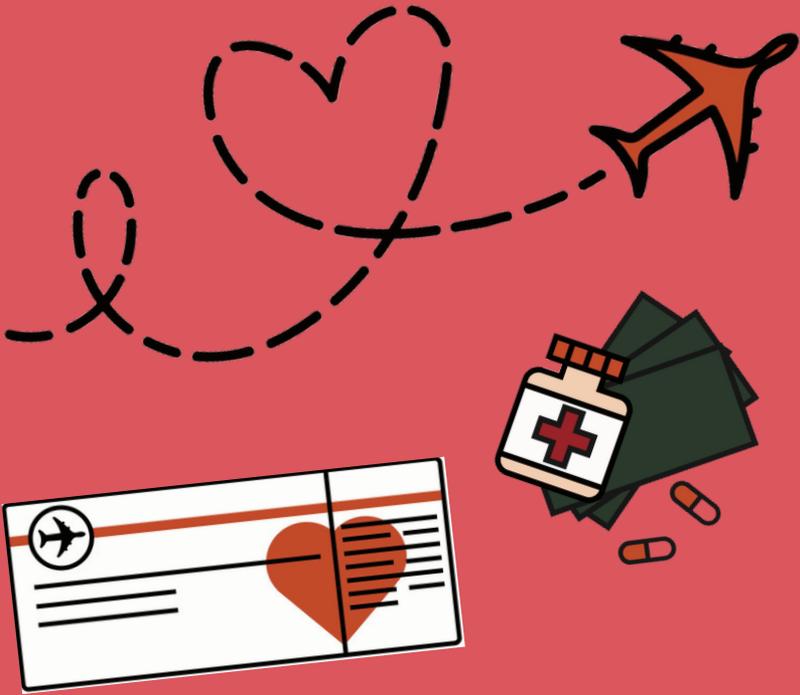
In 2021, instead of working on COVID relief or fixing our failing infrastructure amidst an ongoing pandemic and worsening climate and energy crisis, anti-abortion politicians led by Governor Greg Abbott, Speaker Dade Phelan, and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick passed Senate Bill 8, the most extreme abortion ban in the country at the time.



SB 8 bans abortion around 6 weeks gestation and the ban is enforced through threat of lawsuits from anyone, anywhere in the country who wants to make a claim that the law has been violated. Abortion providers, abortion funds, and anyone else who helps a Texan access abortion care could be sued. Many organizations, including Frontera Fund, TEA Fund, and Lilith Fund, filed lawsuits and are fighting in state and federal court to repeal this law. At the time of this printing, SB 8 is still in effect and a recently leaked draft opinion from the Supreme Court of the United States indicates that the court may fully overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Abortion funds and other abortion access advocates and organizations will continue to help Texans navigate abortion restrictions to access abortion care no matter what happens.





The near-total abortion ban, SB 8, has forced most Texans to travel out of state to receive abortion care. As always, low-income people, immigrants, young people, people with disabilities, and women of color are hurt the most.

Go to **[needabortion.org](https://www.needabortion.org)** to get the most up to date information and resources on accessing abortion care as a Texan.

**If it weren't for barriers to  
abortion access, Rosie would still  
be here.**

**Here's how we can liberate  
abortion in Rosie's memory: fund  
abortion, expand abortion access,  
and bust abortion stigma.**



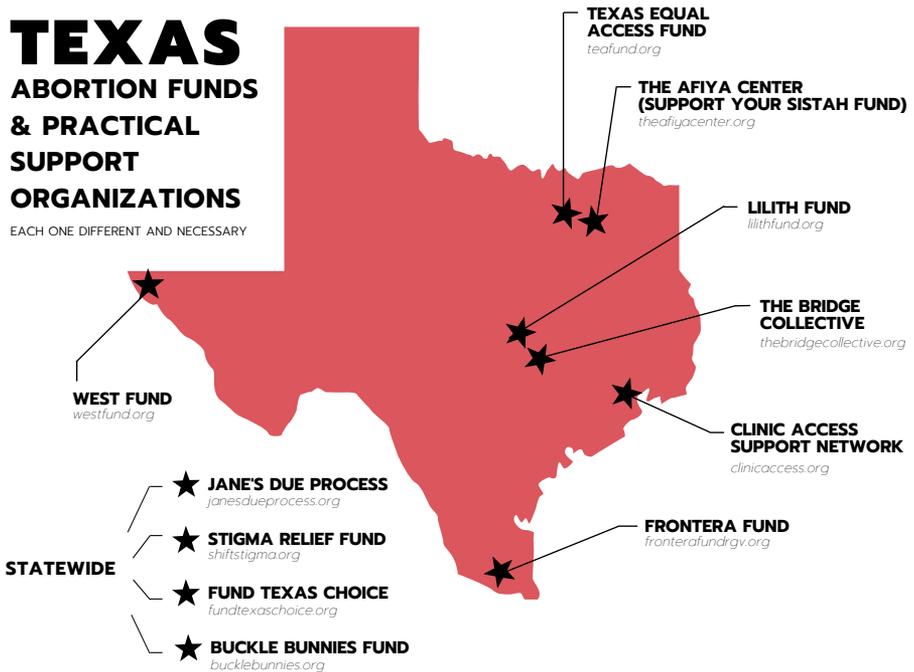
## Fund abortion

One of the easiest and most impactful ways to support abortion access is by funding abortion. Here in Texas we have 11 abortion funds that provide funding for abortion procedures or practical support like travel, lodging, or childcare. Donate to Texas abortion funds at [needabortion.org/donate](https://needabortion.org/donate) or donate directly to your local fund on their website.

# TEXAS

## ABORTION FUNDS & PRACTICAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

EACH ONE DIFFERENT AND NECESSARY





### **Expand abortion access**

Abortion funds don't only fund abortion and practical support, they also work to advance policies that restore and expand access to abortion for everyone. While it might be an uphill battle, we know that a majority of Texans already agree that everyone should be able to make their own decisions about abortion without politicians interfering.

### **Get involved**

- Stay connected with your local abortion fund to learn about advocacy opportunities and take action
- Join the fight for local policies like Rosie's Resolution or measures that fund practical support for abortion care, by getting connected with your local Repro Power organization at [repopowertx.org](http://repopowertx.org)

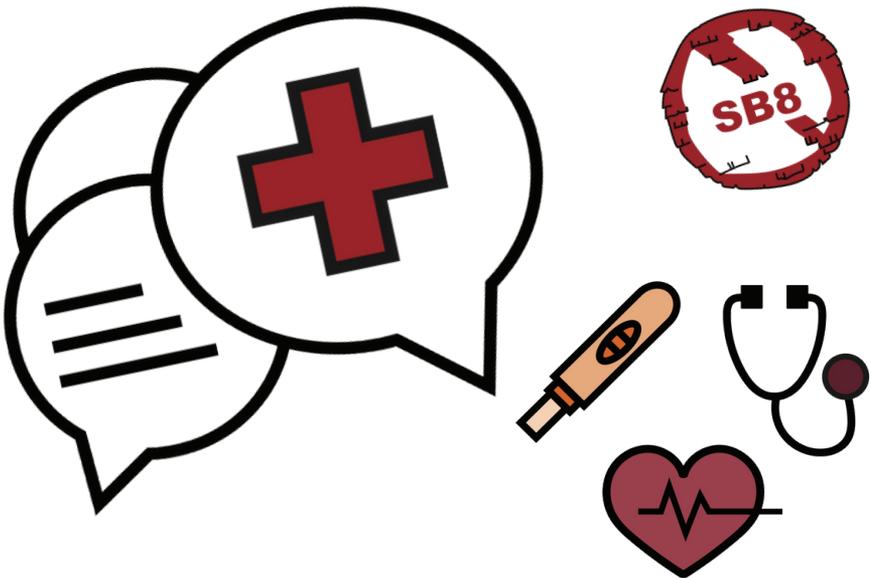
## Get involved (continued)

- Join the fight for Rosie's Law so that everyone can use their insurance to pay for their abortion at [rosieslaw.org](http://rosieslaw.org)
- If you're new to reproductive justice, learn how to fight for access to abortion care in your community at the Texas Abortion Access Network (TAAN) Academy. Find out when the next learning series starts at [txabortionaccessnetwork.org](http://txabortionaccessnetwork.org)



## What is abortion stigma?

Abortion stigma encompasses the negative beliefs and attitudes towards people wanting an abortion and the procedure itself. It leads to restrictions to abortion, affects abortion providers and advocates, and it creates numerous barriers to accessing this safe and legal healthcare procedure. Abortion stigma is isolating and dangerous. For those that access abortion care, stigma can make them feel isolated, ashamed, and can keep them from sharing their stories—effectively silencing their voices and experiences. Stigma can also prevent people from accessing abortion on their own terms and force people to continue unwanted or medically unsafe pregnancies.



## **Bust abortion stigma, say “abortion!”**

How people talk about abortion is the leading factor contributing to abortion stigma. Anti-abortion extremists purposefully use stigmatizing messaging about abortion, but some advocates and allies repeat that messaging and play into the anti’s agenda.

One way to start dismantling abortion stigma is by saying “abortion!” There is nothing wrong with abortion and using euphemisms instead of the actual word contributes to stigma. Abortion is healthcare. It is safe, common, and a normal part of life. Let’s say “abortion” when we mean abortion, not “reproductive healthcare,” “women’s health,” “choice,” “a tragic decision.” Lets also say “abortionS!” Many people have more than one abortion in their reproductive lives.



SAY THIS	NOT THIS	WHY
<p>Texan(s), a person, they</p>	<p>Women, she/her</p>	<p>People who don't identify as women get abortions too. Trans and non-binary people must be included and centered in our fight for abortion justice.</p>
<p>Pro-abortion</p>	<p>Nobody likes abortion.</p>	<p>For so many, accessing abortion is about love. Love for themselves, for their future, or for the families they already have. That's why we love abortion and unapologetically say we are pro-abortion.</p>
<p>Abortion must be accessible for all people without restrictions.</p>	<p>Abortion should be safe, legal, and rare.</p>	<p>There is nothing wrong with abortion. People should have as much access to abortion as they need. Making abortion rare restricts access and makes it dangerous.</p>
<p>Abortion must be part of a full range of pregnancy related care.</p>	<p>If we want to reduce abortions, we should fund contraception.</p>	<p>Birth control is not an alternative to abortion, and we don't need to reduce abortion.</p>

## SAY THIS

## NOT THIS

## WHY

People seek later abortions/abortions later in pregnancy for different reasons: abortion restrictions made accessing care earlier in pregnancy difficult, a wanted pregnancy is no longer viable, or a person decided they couldn't be pregnant. Every reason for seeking an abortion is valid.

Late term abortions are rare and people only make the heart-wrenching decision to have a late term abortion when a pregnancy is no longer viable.

"Late term" is not a medical term, it is a phrase coined by antis intended to stigmatize abortion. Framing abortion care later in pregnancy as something that only people with wanted pregnancies experience disregards people with other experiences. We should trust people and trust their decisions.

Young people should be able to consent to their own reproductive and sexual healthcare needs.

Kids are not mature enough and should have parental consent in order to get birth control or an abortion.

Everyone should be able to decide if and when to become a parent, including young people. We must trust young people because they know what is best for themselves and their futures. Parental involvement laws are about creating barriers to abortion care and they disproportionately harm LGBTQIA+, rural, immigrant Black, Indigenous, and youth of color the most.

Abortion is safe, we must make it more accessible.

Self-managed abortions are another option for people to access abortion on their own terms, with the support of people they trust.

Make abortion safe.

Keep abortion safe.

Dangerous illegal abortions (coat hanger abortions, back alley abortions, botched abortions etc).

Abortion is already incredibly safe.

Medication abortions are now an option, which was not the case before Roe.

Research shows that self managed abortion with medication abortion pills is no less effective than clinician managed medication abortion in a clinic setting.

Just because it is illegal, doesn't mean it's unsafe.

We should not stigmatize or criminalize people who have abortions, whether they access abortion in a clinic or manage their own abortion.

This zine is brought to you by the Rosie's Law Coalition led by:



**Frontera Fund** provides financial support and a sense of community for those seeking abortions in the Rio Grande Valley. We also assist local Rio Grande Valley residents who need to travel to clinics across Texas and beyond for the reproductive care they require.

**Lilith Fund** provides financial assistance and emotional support while building community spaces for people who need abortions in the central and southern regions of Texas —unapologetically, with compassion and conviction. Through organizing and movement-building, we foster a positive culture around abortion, strengthen people power, and fight for reproductive justice in and with our communities.

**Texas Equal Access Fund (TEA Fund)** provides financial and emotional support to people who need or have had abortions in north, east, and west Texas, including the Panhandle. Every year since 2005, TEA Fund's Helpline and Text Line connects thousands of Texans to abortion resources and support networks. TEA Fund supports people who are seeking abortion and cannot afford it, while simultaneously working to end barriers to abortion access through community education and shifting the current culture toward reproductive justice.