

## DANGERS OF CPC'S

- CPCs **force false claims** about abortions to misinform patients about their sexual health, even if it means using manipulative and unethical tactics.
- CPCs can **use your medical records as they please**, as they are not legally required to follow the medical standards placed through HIPAA regulations.
- Because they are not medically licensed clinics, **CPCs can legally get away with tricking patients** into trusting them by using paperwork similar to those used in actual clinics; by using elements such as wearing scrubs and using medical language to sound scientifically accurate; and occasionally providing STD tests and ultra sounds to prevent any questioning from patients seeking pregnancy care.

# KNOW YOUR CHOICE!



## WHAT IS A CPC?

**Crisis Pregnancy Centers** (aka CPCs) are clinics that look like real health centers but are run by anti-abortion activists who have harmful agendas.

CPC's **will not give you honest facts about sexual health** and your pregnancy options.

## WHO DO THEY TARGET?

They often target individuals who are living in **lower income** communities with **minimal access to healthcare resources**. They also target **high school students** and people with **unplanned pregnancies**.

# CPC STORIES

I went to Thrive Women's Clinic a few years ago when I needed to confirm I was pregnant. I went with my boyfriend and we were told by the "counselors" that an individualized "counseling" session was required in order to receive the free services. After being fed misinformation in this session, a person finally came in wearing scrubs and led me to the sonogram room. When the "nurse" started the sonogram, I heard a loud, booming heartbeat that sounded very ingenuine. I looked at my boyfriend and was confused. It was not possible for a heartbeat to be heard since I was not even three weeks pregnant. That is when I realized the CPC faked a heartbeat to try to manipulate us into not having an abortion. (I was confirmed to be 22 days pregnant after I made an appointment at a real clinic a couple of days later.)

-Anonymous CPC Visitor

## IS IT A CPC?

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ONE OR MORE OF THESE YOU HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH A CPC.

- **The center doesn't provide abortion/offer a full range of health care.**
- **They advertise free pregnancy tests, abortion counseling, etc — but they demonize abortion.**
- **They try to convince you that parenting and adoption are morally preferable to abortion.**
- **They offer items like clothes, diapers, and bottles, but you have to go to lectures and workshops from the CPC to "earn" them.**

## TOP MYTHS

### CPCS TELL PATIENTS

#### Myth:

Having an abortion increases your risk of getting breast cancer.

#### Fact:

"At this time, the scientific evidence does not support the notion that abortion of any kind raises the risk of breast cancer or any other type of cancer." (American Cancer Society)

#### Myth:

Having an abortion increases your risk of mental health issues.

#### Fact:

"More than 50 years of international psychological research shows that having an abortion is not linked to mental health problems." (American Psychological Association)

#### Myth:

Having an abortion causes future infertility issues.

#### Fact:

"Abortion does not increase the risk of infertility." (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists)

# RESOURCE MAP

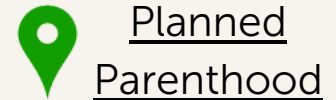
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## CPCs TO BE AWARE OF IN FORT WORTH

1. Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth
2. Pregnancy Lifeline
3. Gladney Center for Adoption
4. Fort Worth Pregnancy Center
5. Pregnancy Options Center
6. Next Step Women's Center
7. Women's Choice Resource Center
8. Children and Family Institute
9. Chosen Ones

