

Ohio Coalition of Pregnancy Centers

Statement on the Passing of Issue 1

The Ohio Coalition of Pregnancy Centers is an informal coalition representing the 123 pregnancy centers in the state of Ohio. Our purpose is to educate, inspire, encourage and advocate on behalf of the incredible work that these organizations are doing. With the constitutional amendment (Issue 1) passing and adding reproductive healthcare, including abortion, as a protected constitutional right in the state of Ohio the Coalition affirms that pregnancy centers are crucial to the care of pregnant women, and their families in our state. In 2022, Ohio's pregnancy centers yet again made an indelible mark, rendering essential services to women and families as follows:

- Pregnancy Tests: Administered 23,329 tests.
- Ultrasounds: Conducted 21,011 ultrasounds.
- STI Testing: Assisted 2,477 individuals with a total of 5,276 tests.
- Material Aid: Provided essential resources, including diapers, clothing, baby wipes, formula, and other crucial supplies to 28,214 clients.
- After Abortion Support: Extended compassionate care to 1,137 individuals.
- Prevention: Educated 35,811 students on abstinence and sexual risk avoidance.

These figures stand as preliminary reports from pregnancy centers spread across Ohio, offering a glimpse into the unwavering dedication and compassion that define our shared mission. We firmly believe that women deserve to have a sustainable path to parenthood in front of them, and the 123 pregnancy centers in Ohio are doing just that.

Recently, in one of our Ohio pregnancy centers a woman who had been given a website to purchase the abortion pill by a physician later told a pregnancy center staff member “I wish that doctor would have looked at me and told me I could do this, that I could be a mother. If they would have, I never would have had an abortion”. In light of Issue 1, we are resolved to stand with each mother who walks through our doors, and to serve them with respect, hope and compassion. We ask our communities, churches and legislators to stand with us in this work. Together we will create a culture in Ohio that honors the sanctity of all human life.