Abortion Referrals for Arkansas Women

State resources aimed at referral-makers counseling patients and clients with an unintended pregnancy rarely contain information about where to refer women for abortion care. We hope the information below will supplement existing referral information you have for patients or clients with an unintended pregnancy. This list includes abortion providers who are members of the National Abortion Federation, the Abortion Care Network, Planned Parenthood affiliates, and clinics that are not members of any professional organizations of abortion providers.

Abortion Care

National Abortion Federation (NAF) Member Clinics: NAF member clinics must undergo Quality Assurance and Improvement visits prior to membership and are subjected to further visits by NAF personnel on a regular basis, in addition to inspections by the state licensing agency. NAF members must also adhere to NAF’s clinical standards, including their Ethical Principles for Abortion Care. For more information please visit: http://prochoice.org/about-naf/. Patients accessing abortion care at NAF clinics may be eligible for support through NAF.

Abortion Care Network (ACN) Member Clinics: The ACN is national membership organization for independent clinics whose values and philosophy are to provide patients with the highest standards of care. While ACN does not perform clinical inspections, they have rigorous standards for applicants to ensure they fit their core values of honesty, respect for patients and staff, and a commitment to quality care. For more information please visit: https://www.abortioncarenetwork.org/.

Planned Parenthood Affiliates (PPFA): PPFA clinics are subjected to standards set forth by the organization itself to adhere to the highest quality abortion care based on evidence-based practices. Patients seeking abortions at Planned Parenthood affiliates may be eligible for funding through individual clinic resources. For more information please visit: https://www.plannedparenthood.org/. Patients accessing abortion care at PPFA affiliates may be eligible for support through local clinic funds.

Unaffiliated Abortion Providers: Clinics that are not members of NAF or ACN are required to comply with state licensing standards and must pass state licensing inspections. Financial assistance for patients seeking abortions at these clinics will be dependent upon the policies at the individual clinics.

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Referrals for Minors: In Arkansas, minors under the age of 18 must obtain written, notarized consent from a parent or guardian in order to access abortion services. If a parent or guardian is unable or unwilling to consent, the minor may seek a judicial bypass. Clinics can discuss this option with the patient.

Prenatal Care

The Arkansas Department of Health Maternity Program is a state resource for prenatal care in Arkansas. They can be reached at 1-800-462-0599 and http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programsServices/familyHealth/WomensHealth/Pages/MaternityProgram.aspx.

When giving a referral to the Arkansas Department of Health Maternity Program or any of the providers listed in their resources manuals, patients and clients should be told that some prenatal care agencies provide biased care or may withhold complete information and services. Patients and clients should be supported in accessing care that respects their decision-making and most meets their needs.

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Adoption Resources

The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services is an Arkansas resource for adoptions in Arkansas. They can be reached at 1-888-736-2820 and http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dcms/Pages/default.aspx.

When giving a referral to the Arkansas Department of Human Services or any of the providers listed in their resources manuals, patients and clients should be told that some adoption agencies provide biased care or may withhold complete information and services. Patients and clients should be supported in accessing care that respects their decision-making and most meets their needs.

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