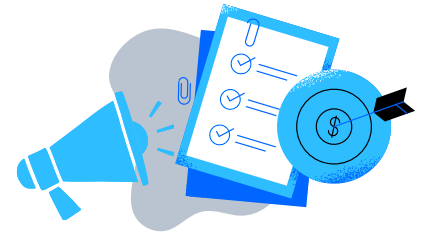# LOOKING FOR CARE? BE AWARE OF CPCs.

WHAT ARE CPCS? (AKA: anti-abortion centers, fake clinics, pregnancy centers)

Crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) are faith-based centers that often look like medical clinics, but they aren't what they seem.

WHAT ARE THEIR GOALS?
1. Stop you from considering or getting an abortion.
2. Convince you to wait until marriage to have sex.
3. Share their religious views.

WHAT SERVICES DO THEY ADVERTISE?
- All offer free pregnancy tests & info meant to get you to give birth if you are considering abortion or are unsure.
- Other services (limited ultrasounds, STD testing, and baby clothes) to try to get you to come to their centers and not get an abortion.

CPCs MAY CAUSE HARM.

HOW DO CPCs OPERATE?

Research shows that CPCs often try to achieve their goals by:

- Trying to look like medical clinics -- but they aren't & most CPC staff aren't licensed professionals.
- Advertising services they oppose, like abortion & birth control.
- Providing false & misleading health information.
- Targeting communities of color, young people, students, and people with low incomes.

HOW MIGHT CPCs HARM YOU?

CPC services seem like a good deal but may have hidden risks:

- Getting bad advice about your health may lead you to delay or miss needed care, leading to poor health.
- Not getting the care you need on time can have long-term effects on your ability to study, work, and earn money.
- CPCs don't have to follow privacy laws like HIPAA. They could share your private health information with others – including law enforcement.

HOW CAN YOU SPOT A CPC?

- ☑ Use CPC Map to identify CPCs in your area.
- ☑ If you are looking for birth control or abortion, call & ask if they offer these services. If they don't clearly answer "yes" or "no," it might be a CPC.
- ☑ Look out for centers that advertise "free pregnancy tests," "pre-abortion screening," and "abortion education" – these are commonly advertised by CPC.
- ☑ Watch out for bogus services like "abortion reversal" or "post-abortion recovery support."

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