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Crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) are religious non-profit organizations that aim to divert people from having abortions. CPCs also oppose contraception and comprehensive sex education. Although the centers offer some limited health services, they are not medical clinics, frequently provide inaccurate health information, and do not adhere to medical or ethical practice standards. Public health and medical organizations warn that CPCs pose risk to individual, family, and public health. ^[1]

CPC Map is a geolocated directory of all of the crisis pregnancy centers operating in the United States. CPC Map was developed and is maintained by researchers at the University of Georgia. CPC Map's goals are to: (1) help individuals seeking health services know which centers are CPCs, (2) raise awareness about CPCs, and (3) facilitate evidence-based research related to CPCs. A center was categorized as a CPC if it: (a) provided services in a physical location, (b) offered at least free pregnancy tests, (c) was not primarily a maternity home or adoption agency.



DATA & POLICIES ON CPCs IN MS

CPC Map Data Show . . .

Mississippi ranks 31st in the US for the most CPCs.

Number of CPCs	29
Offer Limited Ultrasounds	76%
Advertise STI Testing	10%
Advertise STI Treatment	10%
Advertise HIV Testing	3%
Counties with at Least 1 CPC	35%

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH IN MS

Enacted Abortion Policy, as of October 2024 ^[2]	Total Ban, with Exceptions
Percent of Counties in Maternity Care Deserts ^[3]	51.22%
Number of Women Living in Contraceptive Deserts ^[4]	208,400
Percent of Women of Reproductive Age (15-49 yrs) Who Are Uninsured ^[5]	14.1%

Mississippi's CPC Policies (as of Dec 2023)

Policies & Positions in Support of CPCs	
CPC Grant Program	✗
"Choose Life" License Plate Sales Support CPCs	✓
Tax Breaks for CPC Donations	✓
Protecting Residents From CPC Harms	
Legislation to Regulate CPCs	✗
Issued a CPC Consumer Alert	✗
Attorney General Signed Open Letter Warning Against CPC Services	✗

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