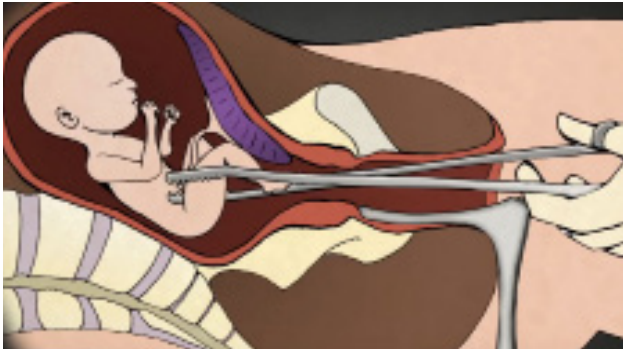


Second Trimester Surgical, Dilation and Evacuation (D & E)

Dilation and evacuation abortions are typically performed between thirteen and twenty-four weeks LMP. The cervix is dilated using a laminaria, metal dilators, and/or a speculum. The abortionist then uses a curette and sopher clamp to dismember and extract the preborn baby from the mother's uterus before the amniotic fluid and remaining parts are suctioned out.¹⁰



Third Trimester Surgical, Induction (Injection and Stillbirth)

Third trimester abortions are performed from twenty-five weeks LMP on (by this time a baby is typically fully developed and could survive outside the womb). A lethal dose of digoxin is injected into the preborn baby, causing cardiac arrest. Labor is then induced, and the child is delivered stillborn.



Abortion: The History and Prevalence

Shady Beginnings

1967: Colorado legalized abortion in cases of fetal deformity, health of the mother, rape and incest.

1970: New York passed a law allowing elective abortion until 24 weeks with similar laws passed in Alaska, Hawaii, and Washington State.

1972: St. Joseph County Right to Life was founded to combat pro-abortion legislation in Indiana. Two pieces of legislation were defeated, but that work was undone by the Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade.

1973: Roe v. Wade legalized elective abortion on the basis that abortion restrictions invade a woman's privacy. See Abortion: The Law pg. 2.3 for the case's statutes.

Norma McCorvey, the "Roe" of Roe v. Wade, had difficulty obtaining an abortion due to a Texas law. In order to fight for access, she fabricated a story about being sexually assaulted. McCorvey's story was picked up by a pro-abortion attorney who was actively looking for a woman to use as a pawn in building a case against the Texas law. McCorvey's false case was brought all the way up to the Supreme Court. The proceedings lasted three years, and "Roe" never appeared in a courtroom. In fact, she never had an abortion, but placed her child for adoption. Regretting her involvement, McCorvey traveled the country as a pro-life advocate until she passed away in 2017.

Back Alley Abortions?

The abortion industry often claims that illegal abortions before Roe v. Wade were

performed by butchers in back alleys and that thousands of women died as a result. Planned Parenthood reports that 90% of illegal abortions performed prior to 1973 were performed in medical clinics by licensed doctors. These same doctors continued to perform abortions after legalization with the exact same equipment and training. Either they were not butchers doing botched abortions before legalization or they continued to be butchers doing botched abortions after legalization.

Statistics indicate that tens of thousands of women were not dying from botched abortions. The figure was around 98,000 women getting an abortion each year with an average of 250 annual deaths. However, that number dropped to only 39 deaths in a year in 1972 when antibiotics started being widely used. Maternal deaths did not decrease because abortion was made legal, but because of medical advancements. NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) co-founder Bernard Nathanson admits that he and other abortion advocates fabricated maternal abortion death figures to fight abortion restrictions.¹¹

"Safe, legal, and rare" to "Shout your abortion"

Before Roe v. Wade, there were fewer than 100,000 annual abortions. Today there are over a million per year. Over 61,000,000 children have been aborted since 1973. Pro-choice advocates have now abandoned the safe, legal, and rare mindset (espoused by Bill Clinton in 1996). They have embraced abortion as a positive good, i.e., not something that need be rare). The #ShoutYourAbortion movement exemplifies this change. The hashtag encourages women to tell their abortion stories and celebrate

their decisions. These stories were collected and published in a book in 2018, and the book tour even stopped in South Bend.¹²

Abortion: The Law

Across the Nation

Roe v. Wade: During the first trimester, a woman's choice to have an abortion is left up to the privacy of her and her doctor. Until the age of viability (24 weeks LMP), the state may regulate abortion only in the interest of protecting the mother's health. Thereafter, in the interest of promoting the "potentiality of life," state legislation may place restrictions on abortion.

Doe v. Bolton: Ruled that abortion would not be considered criminal at any point if the continuation of the pregnancy would endanger maternal health, defined as "all factors- physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age- relevant to the well-being of the patient."

If Roe v. Wade is overturned, abortion will not be criminalized throughout the nation. Power will be returned to the states to determine whether abortion will be legal or not, or how abortion, if legal, will be restricted.

State of Indiana

First Trimester: Abortions can be performed for reasons based upon the professional medical judgment of the pregnant woman's physician, with her consent. Abortion-inducing drugs (chemical abortions) are allowed through nine weeks, post-fertilization age.¹³



Second Trimester: Surgical Abortions are allowed only in a hospital or ambulatory

outpatient surgical center after the first trimester and before the preborn child is considered viable or reaches 20 weeks post-fertilization age.¹³

Third Trimester: Abortions are allowed if the continuation of pregnancy would endanger maternal health. Partial-birth abortions are allowed when “necessary to save the mother’s life” and “no other medical procedure is sufficient to save the mother’s life.”¹³

Essentially, the broad definition of “maternal health” allows a woman to obtain an abortion at any stage of her pregnancy up to the moment of birth.

Abortions performed on minors require the written consent of one parent or a court order in the case of an emancipated minor.¹³

Abortion: The Adverse Effects

Beyond the harm caused to the aborted child, abortion has serious, adverse effects impacting women, men, families, and relationships.

Abortion Hurts Women

- Abortion puts women at a risk of physical complications such as infection, excessive bleeding, embolism, uterine perforation, convulsions, septic shock, hemorrhage, cervical injury, chronic abdominal pain, gastro-intestinal disturbances, and more.
- Emotionally, abortion often initially leaves women with a feeling of relief, but that feeling commonly fades into emotional paralysis, numbness, a feeling of being out of touch with reality, and increased stress.
- Women who abort have a six times higher rate of suicide than those who carry to term.
- Psychological problems experienced by post-abortive women include depression, loss of self-esteem, sexual dysfunction, chronic relationship problems, anxiety attacks, and loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities or people.
- In later pregnancies, prior abortions can result in premature births, labor complications, abnormal placenta development, and higher miscarriage rates.

Abortion Hurts Families

- Past abortions may interfere with a mother’s ability to bond with future children.
- It is likely that young children who know (even subconsciously) of a mother’s abortion can be severely disturbed and intensely psychologically affected.
- Siblings of aborted children are more likely to be abused than children in families where the mother did not have an abortion.

Abortion Hurts Men

- Following abortions, 75% of men disagreed they had “few lingering, disturbing thoughts on abortion.”
- Men who experienced abortion during adolescence were more psychologically distressed than men who became fathers during adolescence.
- Men may experience depression, guilt, anger, grief, powerlessness, and substance abuse after abortion. Future relationships and fatherhood may be adversely affected by a past abortion.
- Post-abortive men are less likely to complete college than men who do not experience adolescent pregnancy.



Abortion Hurts Relationships

- Differences in partners' grieving processes can introduce extreme conflict and stress in relationships.
- Most couples report emotional turmoil after abortions. Wives complain of crying, sadness, and irritability, and husbands report listlessness, loss of concentration, and irritability one-year post-abortion.
- Decreased sexual desire post-abortion may result from depression, fatigue, numbness, preoccupation, reminders of a previous conception, fear of pregnancy and subsequent loss, and more.
- Risk for separation or divorce is increased post-abortion
- Only 0.9% of American women indicate relationship benefits due to abortion.

Abortion Hurts Our Relationship with God

Like any sin, abortion inhibits our ability to foster a relationship with our Creator. See Ministering to the Post-Abortive Individual on pg. 3.4 for resources on finding spiritual healing from abortion.

Testimony from Anna, Missouri: "I would wake up in the middle of the night crying

and feeling lost. Soon after that I would have anxiety attacks and fear dying and going to hell. I had no relationship with God other than the occasional church visit or desperate prayer once in a while. For many years I suppressed the memories and refused to think about it, until I felt the need to tell my grown children my secret."

Testimony from Nona, Texas : "Emotionally, I spiraled into very destructive behaviors —drugs, alcohol, and promiscuous sex — almost immediately following the abortion. I was completely spiritually void, rebelling against my Christian upbringing. I also became emotionally numb, with not much regard for living at all. As I was going through the motions, trying to fill this huge void within me, I attached myself to an abusive relationship less than a year after the abortion."

Testimony from Becky, Maryland: "I have had three unplanned pregnancies. I aborted my first baby at 8 weeks and the second at about 20 weeks. [Then,] I miscarried at 20 weeks... I didn't believe I had any right to grieve the loss of this baby, let alone the two I aborted. For 30 years, I carried the guilt of abortion and was convinced God wanted to punish me."

To see all the ways in which abortion hurts, visit www.prolifemichiana.org/abortionhurts.

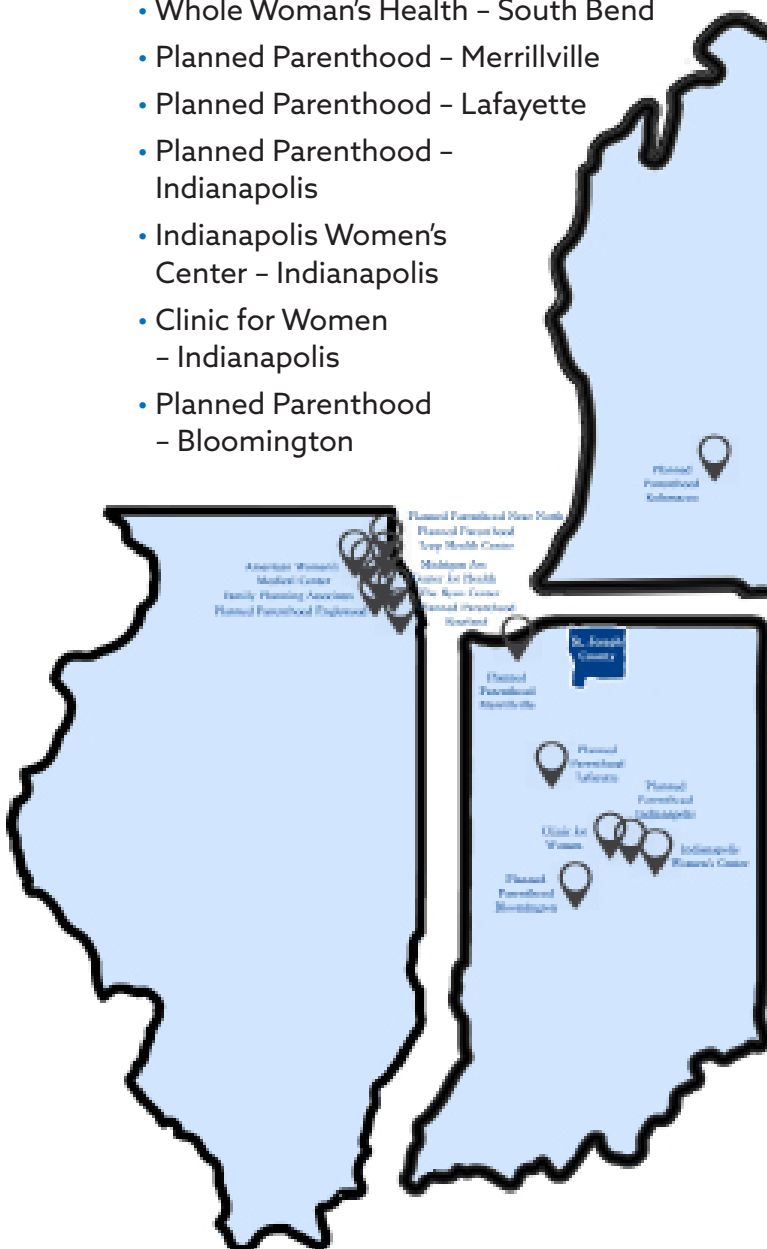
Abortion: The Local Clinics

When there wasn't an active abortion clinic in north central Indiana, the rate of abortions performed on residents dropped drastically. Although having no active abortion clinic in a particular area deters

residents from having abortions, hundreds still make the choice each year to travel to other active clinics in the region in order to have abortions. The accompanying graphic shows the active abortion facilities in Indiana as well as common locations where residents of north central Indiana travel to have abortions.

Clinics in IN:

- Whole Woman's Health – South Bend
- Planned Parenthood – Merrillville
- Planned Parenthood – Lafayette
- Planned Parenthood – Indianapolis
- Indianapolis Women's Center – Indianapolis
- Clinic for Women – Indianapolis
- Planned Parenthood – Bloomington



Clinics in Michigan:

- Planned Parenthood- Kalamazoo

Clinics in Chicago: over 7 clinics

Clinics in Our Community – Planned Parenthood

There is a Planned Parenthood in Mishawaka. The clinic does not perform actual abortions. They participate in the initial appointment with lab work, ultrasound, and counseling.

Women are then sent to Merrillville for the abortion appointment.

Planned Parenthood was founded, according to their website, on "the revolutionary idea that women should have the information and care they need to live strong, healthy lives and fulfill their dreams."

In reality, they have a dark and corrupt history. Planned Parenthood (originally the American Birth Control Federation) founder, Margaret Sanger, was a eugenicist and has been connected with the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi eugenics movement.¹⁴

Her radicalism on procreation was so extreme she believed childbearing should be legally restricted: "No woman shall have the legal right to bear a child, and no man shall have the right to become a father, without a permit for parenthood."

She promoted birth control with the intention of eliminating the "undesirables" of society (poor, disabled, those with mental health issues, etc).

Sanger also started the infamous Negro Project, a program which promoted birth

control methods to Black Americans. Sanger clandestinely wrote of her intentions: "The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don't want the word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."¹⁵

Planned Parenthood argues that they have no racist roots. However, in 2018, Live Action released undercover footage which exposed Planned Parenthood allowing donors to donate funds specifically for abortions for Black American women with the intention that this will limit the birth of Black American babies. Additionally, 79% of Planned Parenthood surgical abortion centers are in minority communities.¹⁶

Planned Parenthood has also been involved in multiple other scandals, such as covering up the sexual abuse of minors. While Planned Parenthood claims these are isolated incidents, the similarity of the incidents suggest a nationwide policy. In 2015, Planned Parenthood was also caught illegally selling tissue from aborted fetuses. Reports indicated abortionists used special techniques to ensure they could harvest the organs to maximize profit.¹⁶

What services does Planned Parenthood offer?

Planned Parenthood performs over 300,000 abortions every year (about a third of annual U.S. abortions). This is over 900 abortions per day.

Planned Parenthood also offers:

- STI/STD testing and treatment
- contraception
- cancer screening and prevention
- other women's health services

Notably, Planned Parenthood does not offer mammograms.

Many of these services are necessary, but we do not need a corrupt organization like Planned Parenthood to provide them. Community health centers outnumber Planned Parenthood Clinics 20 to 1. Planned Parenthood serves 2.7 million clients a year, while Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) serve 21.1 million. These FQHCs could easily serve these 2.7 million Planned Parenthood clients.

See HerMichiana on page HM.1 for a list of local health care resources.

Planned Parenthood has also steadily decreased non-abortion services provided. The following have decreased from 2009¹⁷:

- Breast cancer screenings by 62%
- Pap tests by 72%
- Prenatal care by 81%
- Colposcopy procedures by 65%.

The number of abortions performed continues to rise each year.

Whole Woman's Health Alliance

In 2017, the non-profit abortion chain Whole Woman's Health Alliance (WWHA) applied for a license to perform chemical abortions in South Bend. The Indiana State Department of Health denied them on the basis that they do not possess "a reputable



and responsible” character. WWHHA clinics, and the clinics of their management company, Whole Woman’s Health, LLC, have had numerous health code violations on inspection reports.

Whole Woman’s Health Alliance reapplied for a license in early 2019. After the IN Department of Health requested additional information for this application, WWHHA went to IN Federal District Court to request an injunction to open without a license. Federal Judge Sarah Evans Barker granted the injunction, allowing WWHHA to open their abortion business without a license. They are located on Lincolnway West and are performing chemical abortions up to 10 weeks.

WWHHA’s mission is to shift the stigma surrounding abortion and provide quality “abortion care.” Their marketing is dangerous propaganda which attempts to normalize abortion. They pass out bumper stickers that say, “Honk if you’ve had an abortion!” and offer workshops explaining the abortion process.

WWHHA argues that abortion is common, necessary, and health care.

The fact that an action is common does not mean it is moral. Rape, murder, and theft are common, but their commonality doesn’t change the fact that they are morally disordered.

Abortion is not necessary in our community. On page HM.1, we provide over 200 resources on HerMichiana.org which enable women in crisis to be supported by choosing life. Even if support were not available, the taking of an innocent human life is never justified. We would not condone a mother smothering her one year old due to a lack of financial support. The only difference between killing a one year old and killing a fetus is that a fetus is younger and smaller.

Abortion is not health care. Health care practices, by definition, are “efforts made to maintain or restore physical, mental, or emotional well-being.” Elective abortions do not restore health. They instead undo the natural process of pregnancy (which is a sign of reproductive health). Abortion starves, dismembers, and poisons. It is the antithesis of health care.

Did you know in the United States there are:

- Nearly 500 abortion clinics, most run by men. Abortions are expensive and are very lucrative for the clinics and doctors.
- Nearly 3,000 pregnancy care centers, most run by women and which provide care at no cost for women.
- More than 300 maternity homes, almost all run by Christians. Where are Planned Parenthood maternity homes? Where are their supply boutiques?

Pro-life is pro-woman.