

HB 291-Limited Scope Pregnancy Services Act

Sponsored by Representative Joni Gutierrez

This act defines Limited Scope Pregnancy Services Centers and mandates that Limited Scope Pregnancy Services Centers provide full notice and disclosures of the services they do and do not provide.

YWU understands that all women have the right to reproductive health care, and that women of all ages deserve access to medically accurate, quality and affordable care. YWU demands that a woman's socio-economic status should not impact her rights to information and full range of options necessary to make healthy decisions for herself and her family.

Limited Services Centers mislead women seeking help in pregnancy; these centers attempt to be the first contact a woman makes when she thinks she might be pregnant so they can make sure abortion is not an option she considers.

- HB 291 requires these Centers to disclose that they **do not** provide comprehensive birth control or abortion services, that they **do not** provide referrals for those services, and that they **do not** provide medical care for pregnant women.
- HB 291 requires that all reproductive health information provided in these Centers be objective, and medically/factually accurate.

YWU recently held a community strategy session, this is what our families want you to hear:

- Low income women, young women and women of color are specifically targeted and vulnerable to these Centers that offer "free" services; these centers influence women's decisions by providing biased and limited information.
- Full disclosure and transparency is key, young women in particular may not have a safe space to access accurate information and full range of medical options, this increases the possibility that women may turn to unsafe, unregulated reproductive health alternatives.
- Given accurate and unbiased information, women will make ethical, safe decisions about their reproductive health that are in the best interests of themselves and their families. **Support HB 291 and Trust Women**

Threats to Reproductive Rights & Justice

We ask that you withhold support for these harmful pieces of legislation that will negatively impact women and families:

- Parental notification for abortion, the "Parental Notification Act"
- Unconstitutional ban on abortion at 20 weeks, the "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act"
- Ban on abortion coverage in any plan purchased through Health Insurance Exchange (State Implementation of Health Care Reform)

Our Families want you to hear:

- Women of color are deeply affected by any restrictions to abortion access - because women of color are disproportionately poor, they are less likely to be able to pay for reproductive health care out-of-pocket, which makes them less likely to have access to contraception and puts them at greater risk for seeking alternative, unsafe abortion methods.
- All women of all ages have the human right to full information, resources, and services to make the healthiest decisions about their relationships, sex, pregnancy and parenting.

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Young Women United is a community organizing project by and for young women of color in Albuquerque. YWU believes the voices and leadership of young women of color carry the power to create better communities for all people.

We believe in creating healthier ways to live, work, play, and pray!

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