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AT HOME ABORTION... Is It Safe? Can It Be Reversed?

**Saturday, October 21, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

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ABORTIONS 2.0

Sarah Bowen, BS, Promise Life Network

Sarah Bowen is the Executive Director of Promise of Life Network, a life-affirming ministry including a pregnancy medical center with several locations in Pennsylvania. She began there as a college intern and has been the executive director since 2014. Sarah and her husband have six sons. Her first book, *Courageously Pro-Life*, and other resources for pregnancy centers, are available on her website, sarahm-bowen.com.

Leann Clink, BSN, RN, Spero Center

Leann Clink is the Director of Nursing at Spero Center in Port Huron. She has specialized primarily in Maternal/Infant Nursing. At Spero Center, she performs the limited OB ultrasounds and actively works to build bridges in the community as well as within the medical pregnancy center community. Leann is married and has seven children.



ABORTION PILL REVERSAL: GIVE YOURSELF AND BABY A SECOND CHANCE

Amanda Chiu, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, Heartbeat International

Amanda Chiu received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Detroit Mercy in 2018 and her Master of Science in Nursing from Spring Arbor University in 2022. She is certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

The public is encouraged to attend!
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Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Diane Trombley, RN, BSN

Dear Colleagues,

Nowadays, it seems we need to read the news with a dictionary at our side. Although with the efforts to change the language regarding women, birth and dignity, the “new speak” currently being used by our governmental leaders, we may not be able to find the new words in even the most recent edition of Webster.

Today, according to efforts from the current administration and several pro-abortion organizations, we no longer have “women”—we have “egg producers.” We no longer have “breast feeding,” we have “chest feeders” or “body feeders.” We no longer have “moms and dads” we have “parenting persons.” The list goes on, with ever more unusual terms for women, men, babies, parents, reproduction and—careful—sex.

This message is not about trans, binary, non-binary, hetero or non-hetero people (I should probably have said “individuals” and not people). Instead, it is about the concerted effort to define women right out of our society. These terms, and their many synonyms appear to have one goal—erase the BIOLOGICAL FACT that human beings have two genders and, in this process, the role of women is also being erased.

There is a video available on YouTube in which a biological man has transitioned to a woman and now seeks a doctor who will implant a donated uterus, ovaries and fallopian tubes into his body, allow enough time for healing and then this person plans to have intercourse with as many persons as possible in order to become pregnant so as to be the first “trans man” to have an abortion.

These are truly times when I think we have entered an alternate universe.
Love Life! Diane



“...I fear the power of choice over life or death at human hands...”

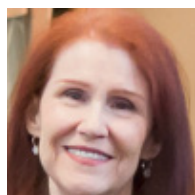
I see no human being whom I could ever trust with such power—not myself, not any other. Human wisdom, human integrity are not great enough. Since the fetus is a creature already alive and in the process of development, to kill it is to choose death over life.

At what point shall we allow this choice? For me the answer is—at no point, once life has begun. At no point, I repeat, either as life begins or as life ends, for we who are human beings cannot, for our own safety, be allowed to choose death, life being all we know.”

*Pearl S. Buck. Foreword to Robert E. Cooke and others, ed.,
The Terrible Choice: The Abortion Dilemma (New York: Bantam Books, 1968), ix-xi, x.*



Pro-Life and Other Resources for Help and Information to Protect Human Life



There are many pro-life organizations that can help you or someone you are trying to help find information, referrals and/or other help with crucial decisions about vulnerable lives from conception to death.

Nancy Valko, RN, ALNC, has put together an extensive and very helpful list of these organizations. See the list by entering this title into a search: Pro-Life and Other Resources for Help and Information to Protect Human Life, July 18, 2023. See also Nancy’s blog: A Nurse’s Perspective on Life, Healthcare and Ethics, at: NancyValko.com.

Abortion Pills Don't Just Kill Babies, They're Injuring Thousands of Women

Erin Hawley

In a victory for women's health, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled August 16, in *Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration* that the FDA must restore critical safeguards for chemical abortion drugs and end illegal mail-order abortions. Although the case remains stayed until the Supreme Court decides to grant or deny any request to hear it, this is a crucial step in protecting women from the dangers of chemical abortion.

In addition to ending the life of an unborn child, chemical abortions can cause serious health risks to women. As the court noted, FDA's own data shows that "thousands of women, and as many as hundreds of thousands, have experienced serious adverse effects as a result of taking the drug, and required surgery or emergency care to treat those effects."

In particular, the most updated medication guide suggests that between 2.9% and 4.6% of women visit the emergency room after taking chemical abortion drugs.

Yet after approving chemical abortion drugs in 2000—under a regulation that required the FDA to find that pregnancy is a serious or life-threatening illness no less—the FDA stripped away every meaningful safeguard. A scared teenager facing an unexpected pregnancy can go online, fill out a form, have mifepristone shipped to her door and ingest the drug all alone, outside the care of a doctor.

The court's decision reinstated crucial safeguards and returned chemical abortion to the original 2000 safeguards, including the seven weeks' gestational limitation, necessary office visits, non-fatal adverse event reporting, and physician dispensation.

And these dangerous drugs may no longer be shipped by mail. This decision vindicates the handful of brave doctors experienced in caring for pregnant and post-abortive women who are plaintiffs in the case and have been speaking up on behalf of girls and women for years. For decades, these doctors have called attention to the serious risks and complications of chemical abortion, petitioning the FDA to pull chemical abortion drugs from the market, or at the very least, restore necessary safeguards.

Well now, a new era has come. Thanks to the Fifth Circuit's ruling, the FDA will finally be held accountable for its reckless disregard for the law and women's health and safety.

—Excerpt from *LifeNews.com*, August 18, 2023



MI Bill Could Put Pro-Life Conservatives in Prison for 5 Years for "Hate Speech"

Joshua Mercer

The Democrat-controlled Michigan House of Representatives has passed an "anti-hate speech" bill that, if enacted, would make it illegal for a person to make any individual "feel terrorized, frightened, or threatened." HB 4474, also known as the "Michigan Hate Crime Act," would replace and expand upon the state's current Ethnic Intimidation Law, which has been on the books since 1988.

As the *Daily Wire* reports: Under the bill's framework, "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" are included as classes protected against intimidation. If passed, the hate speech legislation would make violators guilty of a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

—Excerpt from *LifeNews.com*, June 29, 2023



Upcoming Events

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Saturday, September 9
White Chapel Cemetery, Troy – 1:00 p.m.
For information, call RTL - LIFESPAN 734-524-0162

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, FALL CAMPAIGN

September 27 – November 5
Find a location, visit: 40daysforlife.com

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1 – 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Call RTL - LIFESPAN 734-524-0162 for a Life Chain near you

CIDER WALK

Saturday, October 7 – 1:00-3:00 p.m.
St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church, Livonia
For details, call RTL - LIFESPAN 734-524-0162

RTL - LIFESPAN LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 28 – 10:00 a.m.
Keynote Speaker: Frank Pavone, President, Priests for Life
For details, call RTL - LIFESPAN 734-422-6230

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Pennsylvania ends decades-long funding for crisis pregnancy centers

Editor's Note: The Governor of Pennsylvania is clearly not "pro-choice" but is clearly pro-abortion.

Daniel Payne

The state of Pennsylvania announced this month that it would be ending its partnership with a non-profit group that helps fund crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state. The state Department of Human Services said in a press release that its contract with Real Alternatives "will come to an end by Dec. 31, 2023," after nearly 30 years.

Real Alternatives says on its website that it routes funding to a "network of social service agencies, pregnancy support centers, maternity residences, and adoption agencies that offer comprehensive, life-affirming alternatives to abortion to women dealing with unplanned pregnancies." Among the services offered by the program include counseling, food, shelter, childbirth classes, and other amenities. The organization says it has helped hundreds of thousands of pregnant women and mothers since 1996.

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro in the release tied the decision explicitly to support for abortion. "Pennsylvanians made clear by electing me as governor that they support a woman's freedom to choose, and I will be steadfast in defending that right," he said. A representative with Shapiro's office did not respond to a request for comment on the decision. Real Alternatives also did not respond to a query seeking comment, including on whether the state's cancellation would affect its pregnancy outreach operations.

Pennsylvania DHS Secretary Val Arkoosh said in the state's press release that the contract cancellation was "a huge step forward" for the state. Pro-abortion activists regularly criticize crisis pregnancy centers for what they claim are deceptive and manipulative practices; Arkoosh has been an outspoken proponent of abortion in the past.

In a statement after the state announced the contract termination, Real Alternatives said it was "shocked" to learn of the cancellation, claiming that Shapiro "has been terribly misinformed about the need for the program and its success."

"There has never been a complaint from the 350,000 women we have served" in nearly 30 years, the group said.

"Presently, 83 centers throughout the commonwealth provide compassionate caring support services to 13,500 women a year, from the moment they find out they are pregnant through 12 months after the birth of the baby," the statement said.

The organization claimed its medical referral program in the last fiscal year alone saved the state nearly \$400 million in medical costs.

"[We] have been commended for [our] work by two Pennsylvania governors, three secretaries of the Department of Public Welfare, one United States vice president, and one assistant secretary of the U.S. Health and Human Services in charge of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families," the group said.

The state in its announcement said it would soon begin "soliciting applications for women's health providers across the state to address women's health needs" as a replacement for the Real Alternatives program.

—Catholic News Agency, August 18, 2023

