

Testimony
Health & Human Services Interim Committee Testimony
Representative Weisz, Chairman
June 16, 2010

Chairman Weisz and members of the Health & Human Services Interim Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of Public Assistance of the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide you with information requested on Alternatives-to-Abortion services.

From July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010, 500 women (unduplicated) who received services were reported as being pregnant. Of these women, 337 had a single service visit, while 163 women had more than one service visit.

There are 13 agencies statewide that provide services. The attached brochure provides a listing of the agencies and locations. The following table displays the number of women served by each agency from July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

Region	Agency Name	Number of Service Visits Provided
2	Catholic Charities	21
2	The Village Family Service Center and Lutheran Social Services	34
3	First Choice Clinic	113
4	Saint Gianni's Maternity Home	85
4	The Village Family Service Center and Lutheran Social Services	17
4	Women's Pregnancy Center	142
5	Birthright of Fargo-Moorhead	28
5	Catholic Charities North Dakota	19
5	Christian Family Life Services	22
5	First Choice Clinic	437

Region	Agency Name	Number of Service Visits Provided
5	Perry Center	79
5	Red River Youth for Christ	88
5	The Village Family Service Center and Lutheran Social Services	79
7	Catholic Charities North Dakota	17
7	The Village Family Service Center and Lutheran Social Services	20

Providers may bill for services received by pregnant women or women who think they may be pregnant. Billable services are: pregnancy testing, prenatal education/classes, pregnancy counseling, and parenting education/classes. Services that are provided by professional staff are billed at \$12.50 per unit of service and Para-professional staffs are billed at \$5.00 per unit of service. A unit is 15 minutes.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum of agreement signed by each provider.

Post-abortion counseling services - One case was reported as post-abortion counseling services in 2007 on a request for payment, in the comment section. Payment for services was not made as only services provided prior to birth are billable.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Who is eligible?

Any woman residing in North Dakota who is pregnant or who thinks she may be pregnant is eligible for these services.

What help is available?

The North Dakota Department of Human Services can offer assistance for alternatives to abortion. Free services may include:

- Pregnancy testing
- Counseling
- Pre-natal and parenting education
- Referrals

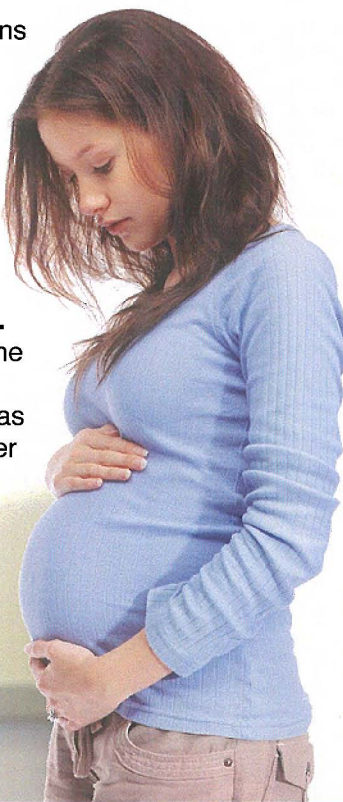
All services will be handled in a confidential manner, and a woman's identity will not be revealed. A woman will be asked to give her birth date and the last four digits of her social security number so the department can gather basic data.

A variety of organizations provide these services across the state.

A list of approved providers by location is printed on this brochure.

Right to request alternative provider.

If a woman objects to the services given by her chosen provider, she has the right to go to another approved provider.



Non-discrimination Policy

An approved provider may not discriminate against a client.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services makes available all services and assistance without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability or status with respect to marriage or public assistance, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and the North Dakota Human Rights Act.

Individuals needing accommodation or who have questions or complaints regarding the provision of services according to these acts may contact the Civil Rights Officer, North Dakota Department of Human Services, Judicial Wing, State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505 (1-800-755-2671 voice or 1-800-366-6888 TTY); or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, Region VIII, Federal Office Building, 1961 Stout St, Denver, CO 80294 (303-844-2028 voice or 303-844-3439 TTY).



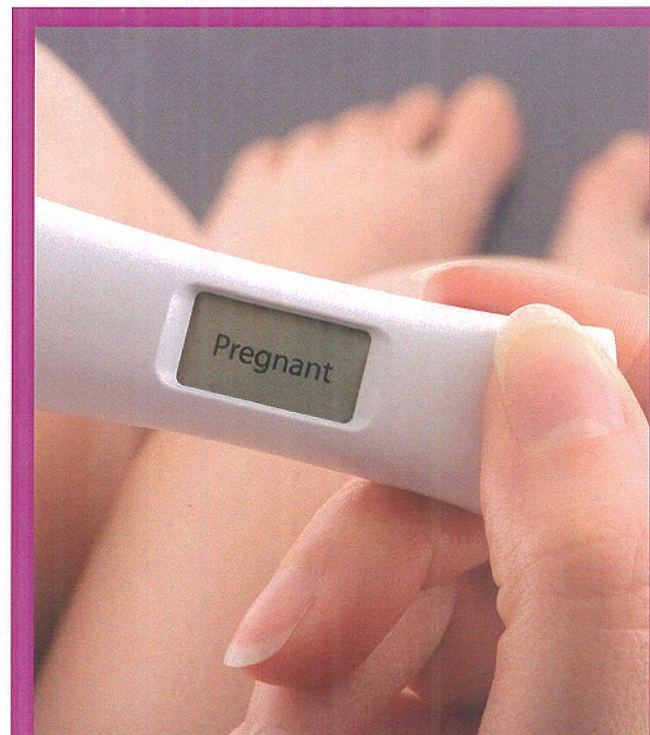
For information, referral, and crisis management services 24 hours a day.



North Dakota Department of Human Services
Public Assistance Unit
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325
Bismarck ND 58505-0250
Phone 1-800-755-2716 Fax 701-328-1060
TTY: 1-800-366-6888 Email: dhseap@nd.gov
www.nd.gov/dhs
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Pregnant?

We Can Help.



**North Dakota Department
of Human Services**

AlternativeToAbortionND.net

North Dakota Alternative-to-Abortion Providers

Who do I call?

To obtain FREE services, contact one of the listed providers.

BISMARCK

Catholic Charities ND

919 S 7th St Suite 607
Bismarck ND 58504-5881
701-255-1793 or 1-800-450-4457
www.catholiccharitiesnd.org

Lutheran Social Services

1616 Capitol Way
Bismarck ND 58501
701-223-1510 or 1-800-627-8220
www.lssnd.org

New Life Crisis Pregnancy Center

1501 N 12th St
Bismarck ND 58501-2713
701-224-0621

The Village Family Service Center

411 N 4th St Suite 10
Bismarck ND 58501-4078
701-255-1165 or 1-800-627-8220
www.thevillagefamily.org

DEVILS LAKE

FirstChoice Clinic-Lake Region

1031 7th St NE 4th Floor Mercy Hospital
Devils Lake ND 58301
701-662-2229

DICKINSON

Lutheran Social Services

Appointment by Telephone
1-800-627-8220
www.lssnd.org

FARGO-MOORHEAD

Birthright of Fargo-Moorhead

715 11th St N Suite 103 C
Moorhead MN 56560
218-291-5799 or 1-800-550-4900
www.birthright.org

Catholic Charities ND

5201 Bishops Blvd Suite B
Fargo ND 58104-7605
701-235-4457 or 1-800-450-4457
www.catholiccharitiesnd.org

Christian Family Life Services

203 8th St S
Fargo ND 58103-1824
701-237-4473 or 1-800-747-2304
www.cflsadooption.org

FirstChoice Clinic

1351 Page Dr Suite 205
Fargo ND 58103-3536
701-237-6530 or 1-888-237-6530
www.firstchoiceclinic.com

Lutheran Social Services

1325 11th St S
Fargo ND 58103
701-271-3284 or 1-800-627-8220
www.lssnd.org

Perry Center Home for Unwed Mothers

2355 Meadow Ridge Pkwy
West Fargo ND 58078-2383
701-241-9289
www.perrycenter.org

Valley Christian Counseling Center

509 25th Ave N
Fargo ND 58102-1938
701-232-6224
www.valleychristiancounselingcenter.com

The Village Family Service Center

1201 25th St S
Fargo ND 58106-2311
701-451-4900 or 1-800-627-8220
www.thevillagefamily.org

YFC Teen Moms

65 3rd St N #C
Fargo ND 58102-4869
701-237-6682

GRAND FORKS

Catholic Charities ND

311 4th St S Suite 105
Grand Forks ND 58201-4782
701-775-4196 or 1-800-450-4457
www.catholiccharitiesnd.org

Lutheran Social Services

412 Demers Ave
Grand Forks ND 58201-4508
701-772-7577 or 1-800-627-8220
www.lssnd.org

Northland Christian Counseling Center

2315 Library Circle
Grand Forks ND 58201-6327
701-795-8550 or 1-877-795-6222
www.northlandccc.com

Women's Pregnancy Center

11 S 4th St Suite 210
Grand Forks ND 58201-4735
701-746-8866 or 1-888-732-4450
www.gfwpc.org

MINOT

Catholic Charities ND

216 S Broadway Suite 103
Minot ND 58701-3852
701-852-2854 or 1-800-450-4457
www.catholiccharitiesnd.org

Lutheran Social Services

1905 2nd St SE Suite 1B
Minot ND 58701
701-838-7800 or 1-800-627-8220
www.lssnd.org

The Village Family Service Center

20 1st St SW Suite 250
Minot ND 58701
701-852-3328 or 1-800-627-8220
www.thevillagefamily.org

MINTO

Saint Gianna's Maternity Home

15605 County Road 15
Minto ND 58261-9476
701-248-3077 or 1-877-701-3077

PARK RIVER

Pregnancy Help Center

Highway 17 E & Kensington
PO Box 626
Park River ND 58270-0626
701-284-6601 or 1-888-280-6303

WILLISTON

Lutheran Social Services

1411 W Dakota Pkwy Suite 2B
Williston ND 58802
701-774-0749 or 1-800-627-8220
www.lssnd.org

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered between _____ (Provider) and the **North Dakota Department of Human Services (NDDHS)**.

NDDHS is responsible for establishing and implementing an alternatives-to-abortion program pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 50-06-26, and has established and designated that program as the Alternatives-to-Abortions Program. The program will provide positive outcome-based information, counseling, and support services with the following requirements and expectations:

1. The Alternatives-to-Abortions Program is available to pregnant women or women who believe they may be pregnant, who reside in North Dakota;
2. Alternatives-to-Abortions services may be delivered until the child is born;
3. Alternatives-to-Abortions services will promote childbirth through providing information, counseling, and education to assist pregnant women to choose childbirth and make an informed decision about adoption or parenting with respect to the child;
4. Alternatives-to-Abortions services eligible for payment are counseling related to a pregnancy or possible pregnancy, educational services relating to a pregnancy or possible pregnancy, adoption counseling, and referrals for related services; and
5. Alternatives-to-Abortions services do not include medical services, but non-medical services may be provided by licensed medical practitioners to Alternatives-to-Abortions clients.

Provider desires to provide Alternatives-to-Abortions services. Consistent with the requirements of the Alternatives-to-Abortions Program, and to meet the requirements of N.D.C.C. § 50-06-26 and this Agreement. Provider agrees to:

1. Screen each potential client to establish that she is pregnant or reasonably believes she may be pregnant;
2. Inform each client that it is her right to secure Alternatives-to-Abortions services from a provider of those services listed in the Alternatives-to-Abortions brochure;
3. Assist NDDHS in gathering data to evaluate the Alternatives-to-Abortions Program by accurately completing each submitted voucher form;
4. Keep confidential the communications between a client and Provider or its employees and agents, except as permitted by law or by the informed agreement of the client;
5. Submit to NDDHS a copy of Provider's liability insurance policy for approval before submitting a voucher form; and Maintain approved coverage in effect at all times Provider is providing services under this Agreement.

Provider agrees not to:

1. Counsel for, refer for, encourage, or perform abortions, or knowingly refer an Alternatives-to-Abortions client to another person or agency for the purpose of receiving counseling for, referral for, encouragement for, or the performance of an abortion; or
2. Discriminate against an Alternatives-to-Abortions client on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to actively participate in a religious practice.

NDDHS agrees to pay Provider for Alternatives-to-Abortions services performed consistent with this Agreement at the rate of \$12.50 for each quarter hour of service furnished by a member of the clergy, a nurse licensed under N.D.C.C. chi 43-12.1, a physician licensed under N.D.C.C. chi 43-17, a psychologist licensed under N.D.C.C. chi 43-32, a social worker licensed under N.D.C.C. chi 43-41, an addiction counselor licensed under N.D.C.C. chi 43-45, a counselor licensed under N.D.C.C. chi 43-47, or a marriage and family therapist licensed under N.D.C.C. chi 43-53; and at the rate of \$5.00 for each quarter hour of service furnished by any other individual.

This Agreement is effective on _____ (or the date entered below by Provider, whichever is later), and remains in effect until _____, unless terminated by Provider or NDDHS.

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of both parties, or upon 30-days' written notice by either party, with or without cause. Failure by Provider to perform the terms of this Agreement may result in the immediate termination of the Agreement.

Service Provider Name

By: _____
Signature

(Date)

North Dakota Department of Human Services

Carol Cartledge, Director
Public Assistance