

Anna recently came to the clinic as a "walk-in" client. She was looking to verify dating of her pregnancy and seeking a referral for abortion. However, we were unable to provide a pregnancy test or ultrasound for her at that time as we didn't have a nurse in the clinic that day. She agreed to schedule an appointment to come back for a pregnancy test on our next available date.

Anxious to receive this information, Anna stated that she was planning to visit an abortion clinic to see if they could get her in that afternoon. Luckily, they were also unable to see her that day. She kept her appointment with us and came in for her pregnancy test. We were also able to provide her with an ultrasound directly following her positive pregnancy test result.

Although Anna was undecided about her pregnancy decision, she was inquisitive during the ultrasound. She asked questions about fetal development and even requested ultrasound pictures of her baby. Following her ultrasound, we had the opportunity to share information with her about additional services offered at Pathways like Earn While You Learn, birthing classes, and breastfeeding consultation. Anna also accepted a tour of the clinic and our Boutique.

On her exit survey, Anna indicated that she was interested in our Earn While You Learn classes and rquested prayer for health and strength. When given her discharge packet before leaving, which includes information about pregnancy, next steps, and our new prenatal vitamins, she stated that she was excited to receive the vitamins and get started on them early.

Since Anna's visit to the clinic, our clinic staff has reached out to her to follow up and see how she is doing. She is still undecided about how to proceed with her pregnancy. However, despite the pressure that she is facing from the baby's father to have an abortion, she remains open to follow contact from our clinic.

Anna's story is not over yet, but we remain hopeful that the seeds that we have planted will flourish and grow. Seeds that have been planted because of the generosity and kindness of supporters, like you. Thank you for being a light in the darkness to Anna, and to countless other clients just like her.

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Will Roe v. Wade Last?

A message from our Director

The confirmation of the latest Supreme Court Justice is prompting speculation that Roe v. Wade may actually be overturned.

While this sounds like the answer to what we in the Pro-Life movement have been praying for, those of us in the Pacific Northwest may still have a battle to wage.

If a challenge to abortion rights does advance, advocates say it's more likely to take the form of a court case making its way through the justice system than a dramatic reversal of law, leaving abortion rights to be determined by individual states. In some states, that



means abortion bans, or so-called "trigger laws," would criminalize the procedure. 14 states have laws on the books that could ban most abortions overnight. Many more have conservative-leaning legislatures that would be unlikely to protect abortion in the absence of a federal law.

But in Washington, something else would come into play: a 27-year-old state law intended to defend abortion rights from challenges at the national level. Initiative 120 declared that a woman has a right to choose physician-performed abortion before fetal viability. This law was passed narrowly in 1991 by a vote of the people.

But Initiative 120 did more than legalize abortion at the state level. It included an economic-equality provision to ensure that women could access the procedure regardless of cost. This is the reason that Washington allocates state Medicaid funding for abortion, in stark contrast to the federal Hyde Amendment that restricts the use of public dollars for most abortion care.

In early 2018 Washington further expanded access to abortion through the Legislature's passage of the Reproductive Parity Act, which mandates that insurance companies that cover maternity care services also cover abortion.

It is important to keep in mind, while abortion may be criminalized in more conservative states, the fight will not be over for them either. Abortion has been around far longer than it has been legal. The current societal acceptance of abortion coupled with the belief that it is part of a woman's reproductive rights will most assuredly lead back to abortion providers operating under the radar and without any regulations.

So, what does this mean for Pro-Life advocates and Pregnancy Medical Clinics like Pathways? It means we must be ever vigilant in our fight to protect the innocent. Now, more than ever, these women need to be treated with compassion, love, and respect. They need to hear truth about their options. We must continue to provide them with the evidence and truth of the Life they are carrying. We must continue to support them through their decision and provide them with the resources they need to be successful parents.



In His Service,

Kimber i Swenson

Executive Director

Pathways Pregnancy Clinic

Ways To Help

Are you looking for ways to be more involved with the ministry of Pathways? Here's one way that you can you can take the next step and grow in your support for Pathways.

Help with Childcare for The Incredible Years -

We will be offering another Incredible Years Toddler series at Pathways starting in February, and we need volunteers to help care for the participants'

children while they are in "class".

Do you have a heart for children and available time on Tuesday mornings from 10am-noon? If so, please contact our Clinic Manager, Angie Gantar, at (360) 834-2829 to find out more about how you can help.



A Client Shares...

"Thank you so much for giving us mothers an opportutnity to have free resources and support to help get us through motherhood and pregnancy.

Every time I come to this clinic the staff are always so friendly and welcoming. I always feel comfortable. Thank you guys for providing great service and care."

- Destiny, A Pathways Client

upcoming events

Jan 20th, 2019
Sanctity Of
Life Sunday
Local Churches

June 1st, 2019 Run For Life Lacamas Park Camas, WA

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Fresh Opportunities to Build Confidence

Earn While You Learn (EWYL) is a program designed to help educate and empower our clients to become the best parents that they can be. Through this program, expectant mothers can "earn" baby clothes, maternity clothes, diapers, formula, and many other necessities by learning. Clients complete a variety of parenting and/or life-skills lessons, are presented through videos, discussion questions, and homework. For each completed lesson, the client earns "Baby Bucks" to use towards items from our Boutique.

This program provides our clients with a sense of accomplishment. Instead of a hand out, they're getting a hand up by <u>earning</u> the items they need for their child. All while building their self-confidence. Our client, Ashley, recently shared, "I love the Earn While You Learn program. I can bring my kids and learn how to be the best mom I can be and earn the necessities I need." Not only did the EWYL lessons help to equip Ashley with education, but she was also able to take pride in the work that she was doing to <u>earn</u> the necessary items for her children. That's the goal of EWYL. To equip and empower our clients to have a better life for themselves, and for their children.

It has been the dream of several of our staff & volunteers to be able to purchase updated EWYL curriculum for our clients, and now that dream is coming true! In November, we started a fundraising campaign to update 4 of our educational packs. However, God had a different plan. He has provided the funds for us to be able to upgrade our FULL curriculum. The full curriculum is 9 packs, which includes 43 modules for a total of 215 lessons. Now we will also have additional resources for men as the full curriculum includes 2 packs that are targeted for men; Authentic Manhood and Practical Fatherhood. God is good!



Pathways Pregnancy Clinic is a pregnancy and family resource center that empowers individuals to make healthy, life-affirming decisions by offering education, resources, and support.