

Meeting Their Needs

Baby bucks, car seats, and love - oh my!

Nora was 37 years old the first time she walked through the doors of Pathways Pregnancy Clinic. Nora described her life before her pregnancy as being full of adventure and love - minus a baby.

When Nora was asked how she felt upon hearing she was pregnant, she stated she was "excited and grateful." She went on to describe how "amazing and beautiful" it was to see her baby for the first time during an ultrasound.

Nora used the many services and resources Pathways offers including the Earn While You Learn program. The program is a series of 215 self-paced DVD lessons on multiple topics including the ABC's of pregnancy, child development, parenting topics, and life-skills. With each completed lesson, clients can collect baby bucks, which in turn can be redeemed in the Pathways Boutique for items such as maternity and baby clothing, diapers, baby food, and more.

Nora took full advantage of the program and was enthusiastic about what she could learn from the lessons. Her enthusiasm served her well; she not only worked through the lessons in record time, but she was the first client to utilize Pathways' new car seat incentive program. Nora completed all 60 lessons in the main curriculum pack and her hard work was rewarded with a new car seat.

The car seat and baby items are the kinds of tangible resources Nora received through Pathways, but she also received some unexpected benefits such as support, love, and encouragement. When asked if she had a message for Pathways' donors, Nora expressed how all of the support Pathways provided her during her pregnancy was "truly priceless and much needed in this day and age." She went on to say, "Words don't seem to express how much love I felt coming here."

It is your generosity that makes it possible for women, like Nora, to receive the tangible items needed for their families, as well as needed encouragement, love, and support. Thank you!



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What Is Title X And How Does It Affect Pathways?

A message from our Director

For low-income men and women, publicly funded clinics are an important source of family planning services. These critical services help women avoid unintended, mistimed or unwanted pregnancies as well as give them access to critical preventive care and STI screening and treatment.

The statute governing Title X requires program funds to serve low-income populations at low or no cost, provide clients with a broad range of effective family planning methods and services, and ensures that the services are voluntary. It also stipulates that funds may only go to entities where “abortion is not a method of family planning.” Regulations that have been in effect interpret this provision to mean that Title X projects are prohibited from using Title X funds to pay for abortions and must keep any abortion-related activities financially separate from their Title X activities.

Earlier this year, new regulations for Title X grants were published in the Federal Register. The regulations make many changes to the requirements for Title X projects that will significantly reshape the program and provider network available to low-income people through Title X. Specifically, the regulations prohibit federal Title X funds from going to any family planning site that also provides abortion services.

The new final regulation requires that Title X funded activities have full physical and financial separation from abortion-related activities. In addition to separate accounting and health records, providers need to have separate treatment, consultation, examination and waiting rooms, office entrances and exits, workstations, signs, phone numbers, email addresses, educational services, websites, and staff. This new requirement essentially disqualifies any provider from receiving Title X funds if they also offer abortions.

This may seem like a giant win for the pro-life cause, but these new regulations have been legally challenged by 23 states, a number of family planning organizations, state officials, and the American Medical Association on the basis of constitutional and statutory claims. There is a long road of legal battles ahead for the foreseeable future.

What does this mean for pro-life, faith-based pregnancy centers? In essence, it opens the door for these centers to receive federal dollars to provide pregnancy testing, ultrasound exams, STI/STD testing and treatment, and information on abstinence and natural family planning without having to also provide referrals for abortion and abortive methods of contraception. While this appears to be an opportunity to level the playing field to reach and provide valuable services to women in need, there are strings attached that are just as prohibitive for pro-life, faith-based clinics as they are for abortion providers.

Faith-based organizations that want to utilize Title X funds must separate their services physically, just like abortion providers. Faith-based education, counseling, and conversation would have to be provided at an entirely separate location from any Title X funded services. This means that a client seeking help at a Title X funded pregnancy clinic would be able to receive the medical services offered at the clinic, but they would not be able to receive any religious based services at the clinic. Offering prayer or answering a client’s questions regarding spiritual matters would be prohibited.

So, where does Pathways land in this debate? While we are thrilled to see that abortion providers will no longer receive federal money for abortion services, that abortion is no longer being defined as a family planning method, and that doors are opening for clinics like ours to have access to more options for funding, we will not be applying for or accepting Title X funds. Pathways has been and will remain funded 100% by our generous donors and private grants.

We remain steadfast as a faith-based organization, offering our services to men and women in need in our community in a loving and welcoming environment. We will continue to provide outstanding evidence-based medical care and advice with compassion and without judgement or pressure. We will open our arms and our hearts to any person seeking care at our clinic, and above all else, they will be shown Christ-like love and acceptance regardless of their decision.



In His Service,

Kimberli 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 take the next step and grow in your support for Pathways.

Help Keep Our Clinic Looking Beautiful -

We are looking for a volunteer (or group of volunteers) who would be willing to give a couple hours of their time each week to help keep our clinic clean and beautiful for our clients. Ideally we would like to have someone come in during non-clinic hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings, but there is some flexibility on days and times.

To find out more, or to volunteer for this position, please contact our Clinic Manager, Angie Gantar, at 360-834-2829.



A Client Shares...

"They gave me SO much info based on what I said and I was interested in, as well as things they thought I would benefit from that I didn't know were available.

I am not religious at all (not anti-religious) and they made sure I knew that EVERYONE here gets treated the same; with great care. "

- Andrea, Pathways Client

upcoming events

JULY 26 & 27, 2019
ALL DAY
CAMAS DAYS BOOTH
DOWNTOWN CAMAS

AUG 17, 2019
11AM - 4PM
FAMILY FUN DAY
REFLECTION PLAZA

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Volunteer Highlight - Diane Child

After we moved to Camas, I would often drive by Pathways' little brown building in Camas and feel a desire to go in and volunteer. Once I retired, that desire grew stronger until one day I just walked into the new clinic in Washougal and asked to volunteer.

I see women come into Pathways with different levels of anxiety about their pregnancy and I see how our wonderful Pathways people lovingly work to help them. We pray for these women and I see God's hand at work at Pathways.

My favorite experience at Pathways is to see the joy and amazement on the face of a woman who is looking at her baby on the ultrasound screen. This is such a valuable tool and our nurses do a wonderful job making each woman feel comfortable! Our nurses explain what they see on the screen and what is happening in their body. This helps clients to see that it's a real baby!

I don't think I can count the ways that God has blessed me during the time I have been at Pathways. I have a new joy and peace of mind that I didn't have before as I drove by the old Pathways building!

I am seeing a new pro-life awakening in our country and I acknowledge God's hand in that. Pathways is on the front line of the battle to protect the most defenseless members of society and God's littlest souls. I'm so grateful to be a part of that.

Diane has been volunteering at Pathways for nearly 2 years now as a Client Advocate. She lives in Camas with her husband, Ron, and attends Grace Foursquare Church. Diane has 5 children, 16 grandchildren, and their first great-grandchild will be arriving soon!



Our Mission:

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.