

PENNSYLVANIA PREGNANCY WELLNESS COLLABORATIVE

Statement of Purpose

The Pennsylvania Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative (PPWC), Inc is a statewide network of pregnancy support organizations. As a private non-profit 501(c)(6) corporation, the PPWC provides advocacy and educational support for member organizations, enabling and assisting them in their mission to support pregnant women and their families in need in Pennsylvania.

The network currently consists of Pennsylvania pregnancy resource organizations providing direct services to pregnant women and their families. These services may include pregnancy decision coaching, referrals, prenatal and parenting education, material support, and ongoing support to help meet the emotional and physical needs of pregnant women and assist them and their families in preparing to parent their baby or place their baby for adoption. Members may also provide post-abortion support and education.

In addition to pregnancy services, education, and material support, many of our members also provide limited medical services under the direction of a Medical Director and are free of charge for qualified individuals*. The exams can vary, but may include pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasound, well woman annual exams, abortion pill reversal treatment, fertility education and instruction, and sexual risk education by trained nurses or other duly certified providers. Some member organizations also provide sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, treatment, and prevention education. Members may also provide Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) education in public and private schools in accordance with State standards.

**Qualified individuals may be determined by insurance status and/or ability to pay. It is understood that many clinics provide all services free of charge. Some medical clinics accept Medicaid and private insurance for those who carry that coverage and still offer charity care as per the requirements of their 501c3 status.*

Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe in God the Father, whose creation reveals His unparalleled power and whose love extends to every person even before each is born.
3. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death on the cross in our place, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His future personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that human beings are created in God's image, but because of human sin against God, that image was defaced and fellowship with God was broken.
5. We believe that God has demonstrated His love for lost and sinful humanity, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We believe that the Holy Spirit convinces us of sin and leads us to experience God's salvation through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who alone reconciles us to God and who is restoring God's image in us.

6. We believe in the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live godly lives and to express our personal faith in good works.
7. We believe in life after death of both the saved and the lost; the saved to dwell in God's presence forever, and the lost to exist without God.
8. We believe that the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and uniquely authoritative Word of God, and our guide in faith and life.
9. We believe in the Body of Christ, which by the Holy Spirit is bound together in spiritual unity and sent out in gifted diversity to accomplish Christ's mission in the world.

Statement of Principle

All services are provided with this basis:

1. Children are a gift of God, human life begins at conception also known as fertilization, all humans are created with the right to life and we are called to aid the least among us.
2. Both the born and the unborn are endowed by our Creator with an inalienable right to life, and in all pregnancies, a solution should be sought which equally values the mother and unborn child and allows them both to live.
3. We should do all things for the glory of God.
4. Each of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace. In serving others, we should do so with the strength God provides.
5. We are called to educate with compassion, gentleness, and respect, keeping a clear conscience and always telling the truth. We are to love one another as Jesus Christ loved us. This love is patient and kind, not insisting on its own way, not arrogant, not rude, but rejoicing in the truth.
6. We never recommend, facilitate, or refer for abortion or abortifacients. We never recommend, facilitate, or refer for contraceptives. Women should be informed of the abortifacient nature of contraceptives as applicable.
7. Women and men shall be taught the virtues of sexual integrity in keeping with the Biblical view of sexuality.
8. We are called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by showing love, integrity, care, and compassion to those around us.

I, _____, agree with the Statement of Purpose, Faith, and Principle as presented by the PPWC.

Signature _____ Date _____

Commitment of Care & Competence

1. Clients and patients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability, or other arbitrary circumstances.
2. Clients and patients are treated with kindness, compassion, and in a caring manner.
3. Clients and patients always receive honest and open answers.
4. Client and patients' pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
5. Client and patient information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Releases and permissions are obtained appropriately. client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
6. Clients and patients receive accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and related concerns.
7. We do not offer, recommend, or refer for abortions, abortifacients, or contraceptives.
8. We are committed to offering accurate information about related risks and procedures.
9. All our advertising and communication are truthful and honest and accurately describe the services we offer.
10. We provide a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients and patients.
11. We are governed by a board of directors and operate in accordance with our articles of incorporation, by-laws, and stated purpose and mission.
12. We comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements regarding employment, fundraising, financial management, taxation, and public disclosure, including the filing of all applicable government reports in a timely manner.
13. Medical services are provided in accordance with all applicable laws, and in accordance with pertinent medical standards, under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician. *
14. All our staff, board members, and volunteers receive appropriate training to uphold these standards.

**Not all pregnancy centers offer medical services.*

I also acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the PPWC Commitment of Care & Competence and will at all times uphold it.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Member Acknowledgement and Pledge

I acknowledge that the Pennsylvania Pregnancy Wellness Collaborative (PPWC) is a Christian organization which requires that all members and staff subscribe to its Statement of Purpose, Statement of Faith, Statement of Philosophy or Principle as required by their respective member organizations, and which further requires that all members uphold Christian morals and standards within their daily lives.

Accordingly, I pledge as follows:

1. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord.
2. I have read the Statement of Faith of the PPWC, and I am in full agreement.
3. During the time I am a member of the PPWC, I agree to regularly attend a Christian church.
4. During the time I am a member of the PPWC, I will consistently seek to live my life in a way that upholds Christian morals and standards.
5. Recognizing the commands of the Bible and the fact that pregnancy help is committed to promoting a message of sexual abstinence, I will, while a member of the PPWC, refrain from engaging in any sexual relationships outside the bonds of Christian marriage.
6. I believe in the sanctity of human life as taught in the Bible. Therefore, I reject abortion as an acceptable option for any woman facing an unplanned pregnancy.

I also acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the PPWC Statement of Principle and will at all times uphold it, as well as all policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors.

I accept the responsibility to act as an advocate on behalf of the members to whom I represent; to give accurate information, support, and spiritual guidance.

Signature _____ Date _____