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Executive Summary

Planned Parenthood presents itself as a leading healthcare provider for average Americans, and the organization frames virtually every “service” it offers in benevolent terms. For example, a search on the word “[healthcare](#)” on Planned Parenthood’s website returns 898 results,¹ while a search on the word “[care](#)” returns a massive 10,000 results.²

Planned Parenthood has built a [billion-dollar empire](#)³—bankrolled in large part by the American taxpayer—by killing preborn children and endangering the health of the women and children it claims to serve. Every year, hundreds of millions of our tax dollars are funneled into an organization that is not just corrupt, but lethal. Planned Parenthood is the single greatest threat to the life of every preborn American child—and it’s time we faced that reality with the urgency it demands.

This practice must end immediately.

Planned Parenthood has killed tens of millions of American children in the womb in the [most brutal](#) ways imaginable.⁴ Since 2000 alone, it has killed over [seven million](#) defenseless preborn babies in this country via suffocation, starvation, and dismemberment.⁵ After robbing them of their fundamental right to life, Planned Parenthood has sold many of these children’s body parts and tissues in apparent violation of federal law—all to serve the mission it cares about the most: profit.

Planned Parenthood has injured and even [killed mothers](#) in the process of aborting their children.⁶ Women like Cree Erwin-Sheppard, Tonya Reaves, and Holly Patterson were taken from their families, friends, and communities far too soon because they entrusted themselves to Planned Parenthood’s “care.”

Planned Parenthood also harms the health of its clients by peddling irreversible “gender-affirming therapies” that [destroy](#) natural biological functioning, including fertility, and offer [no long-term benefits](#) to recipients.^{7, 8} On several documented occasions, Planned Parenthood has sold vulnerable individuals these drugs without properly informing them of the risks involved and often without an in-person consultation. For example, at just 18 years old, [Helena](#) was prescribed “four times the typical starting dose” of testosterone “without ever seeing a doctor,”⁹ while [Cat Cattinson](#) was prescribed testosterone after a 30-minute phone call with a doctor she had never met or even seen before.¹⁰

Planned Parenthood also hurts people by aiding abusers. Multiple court cases and undercover investigations have [documented](#) the organization’s willingness to help child abusers and human traffickers conceal their crimes.¹¹ The same sources have also demonstrated Planned Parenthood’s pernicious disregard for the victims of these crimes. [Denise Fairbanks](#), for example, was just 16 years old when her father, who had been raping her, took her to Planned Parenthood for an abortion to destroy the evidence of his crime.¹² Denise told Planned Parenthood staff that she was being raped by her father. But those employees failed to report the crime to authorities, even though multiple laws and federal [regulations required](#) them to do so.^{13, 14}

Another way in which Planned Parenthood perpetrates psychological harm is by [training children](#) to engage in reckless and harmful sexual activities,¹⁵ both directly and by means of its various sex-education [materials](#) and [partnerships](#).^{16, 17} For example,

animated sex-ed websites AMAZE and AMAZE Jr.—which are produced by the [Planned Parenthood-affiliated](#) organization Advocates for Youth¹⁸—[teach](#) children as young as four years old that sexual behaviors, including sexual activities with adults, the use of pornography, and masturbation, are normal and completely harmless.¹⁹

But in spite of the clear damage Planned Parenthood has inflicted upon the health of citizens across our nation, a massive share of its funding has come directly from American taxpayers. For [Fiscal Year 2023](#), Planned Parenthood received nearly \$700 million in taxpayer money, and since 2000, nearly 10.7 billion taxpayer dollars have been funneled to the organization.²⁰ Planned Parenthood has received most of this money through [Medicaid and Title X](#),²¹ even though it routinely [violates the rules](#) and regulations of those programs and has been repeatedly exposed for [defrauding taxpayers](#) by filing false and exaggerated claims.^{22, 23}

Planned Parenthood’s reckless misuse of taxpayer money must be permanently halted. This can be done in two ways: first, through executive action by the president, and second, through legislation—specifically by means of the budget reconciliation process in Congress—to ensure that taxpayers never again subsidize Planned Parenthood’s abuses.

The following report provides extensive, though not exhaustive, documentation of Planned Parenthood’s abuses. Its unlawful and evil actions should unequivocally and permanently disqualify it from receiving American taxpayer funding.

– LILA ROSE

Founder and President of Live Action

Planned Parenthood’s History

Planned Parenthood was [established](#) in 1916 to curtail procreation by the “feeble-minded” and “unfit,” including racial minorities and the poor.²⁴ Its founder, Margaret Sanger—who was later [described](#) by Planned Parenthood employees as a racist white supremacist²⁵—was [motivated](#) by her belief in [eugenics](#).^{26, 27} Although Sanger advocated for [forced sterilization](#) of populations she deemed “unfit,”²⁸ Planned Parenthood did not [embrace](#) abortion as a ‘proper medical procedure’ until [1968](#).^{29, 30}

Planned Parenthood did not begin committing abortions until the [1970s](#).³¹ Then-[President](#) Dr. Alan F. [Guttmacher](#)^{32, 33}—a former vice president of the American Eugenics Society—[introduced](#) abortion to Planned Parenthood.³⁴ Guttmacher [believed](#) “unlimited abortion” was the best means of reducing “population growth.”³⁵

According to the [New York Times](#) (NYT), Planned Parenthood of New York had just 42 locations in 1966.³⁶ New York liberalized its abortion laws in 1970, and on July 1 of the same year, Planned Parenthood opened its first abortion facility, the [Planned Parenthood Center of Syracuse](#).³⁷ By [1971](#)³⁸—[just five years](#) after the NYT report³⁹—Planned Parenthood had 100 centers throughout New York City alone.

By 1978, Planned Parenthood [elected](#) its first Black female president,⁴⁰ [Faye Wattleton](#), who [told](#) the media she was “putting the world on notice” that the organization was going to be much more aggressive on so-called “abortion rights.”^{41, 42} Wattleton also [vowed](#) to restore abortion access to the poor under Medicaid.⁴³ For her service and dedication, Wattleton [received](#) Planned Parenthood’s Margaret Sanger Award in 1992.⁴⁴

Despite Sanger's [eugenicist beliefs](#) and [Ku Klux Klan connections](#),^{45, 46, 47} Wattleton once [referred](#) to her as “[t]he great heroine of our time,”⁴⁸ telling Hubbard News in 1979 that Sanger would be proud of Planned Parenthood's progress.

Bad Stewards: Abuse of Taxpayer Funds

Planned Parenthood accepts hundreds of millions of dollars every year from American taxpayers, yet it refuses to abide by the rules attached to that money. It even attempts to swindle taxpayers outright by submitting fraudulent medical claims and inflated invoices. Furthermore, there is good reason to suspect that, despite its loud claims to the contrary, Planned Parenthood has misused taxpayer money in order to expand its abortion empire.

Directly Proportional: Taxpayer Funding and Abortions

Planned Parenthood [insists](#) it does not use federal funds for abortion.⁴⁹ However, as many [sources](#) have noted,⁵⁰ funding is [fungible](#).⁵¹ The argument that Planned Parenthood is playing a shell game with taxpayer money to get around provisions like the [Hyde Amendment](#) is supported by statistical data:⁵² as Planned Parenthood's federal funding has skyrocketed, so has the number of abortions it has committed.

Fiscally speaking, Planned Parenthood started small. In [1950](#),⁵³ media reports claimed Planned Parenthood's budget was a mere \$168,000. Its most recent [annual report](#) (Fiscal Year 2022-23),⁵⁴ however, listed net assets as exceeding \$2.5 billion, demonstrating [explosive growth](#).⁵⁵

Much of that growth has been subsidized by American taxpayers through programs like [Medicaid and Title X](#).⁵⁶ In the past quarter century, taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood has increased by [245%](#).⁵⁷

In [1970](#),⁵⁸ the United States House of Representatives approved the [Family Planning Services and Population Research Act, Title X of the Public Health Service Act](#),⁵⁹ authorizing federal funding for family planning services to low-income women. One of the chief [co-sponsors](#) of the Title X statute was Rep. George H.W. Bush (R-Texas),⁶⁰ who later became our nation's 41st president. Information has surfaced indicating that [Congressman Bush's](#) push to fund federal family planning was actually initiated by Planned Parenthood and the Guttmacher Institute,⁶¹ a [former](#) “[special affiliate](#)” and research arm of Planned Parenthood.^{62, 63}

The same year Title X was enacted, the NYT [reported](#) Planned Parenthood's budget totalled \$8 million.⁶⁴ By the next year, the NYT [wrote](#):⁶⁵ “Planned Parenthood's budget for this year is \$20 million[.]” By 1989, Planned Parenthood's budget had [increased](#) to \$321 million,⁶⁶ \$34.8 million of which was from federal family planning funds.

Data provided by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reveals the extent to which American taxpayers have subsidized Planned Parenthood in more recent years:

- From [2016-18](#),⁶⁷ Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) received [\\$1.6 billion](#) in federal taxpayer dollars from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),⁶⁸ averaging \$533 million per year—\$304 million through

grants or cooperative agreements and \$1.3 billion from Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP.

- From [2019-21](#),⁶⁹ PPFA received [\\$1.78 billion](#) in federal taxpayer funding.⁷⁰

As of FY [2022-23](#),⁷¹ Planned Parenthood's annual federal funding reached a record high of almost \$700 million, according to its own annual report.

As Planned Parenthood's taxpayer funding has swelled, so has its share of the abortion market. [According](#) to the NYT,⁷² in 1989 "Planned Parenthood clinics performed 122,000 [abortions], about 7.6 percent of the estimated 1.6 [million] abortions in the country." By contrast, the NYT noted that Planned Parenthood's abortion market share "was 5 percent in the mid-1980s."

According to the [Charlotte Lozier Institute](#) (CLI):⁷³

An examination of Planned Parenthood's annual reports for 1995 to 2014—years when HHS did not require Title X projects to be physically and financially separate from abortion—reveals how integral abortion is to Planned Parenthood. While abortions performed at non-Planned Parenthood centers decreased by more than 50% during those years, Planned Parenthood abortions increased 142%, growing Planned Parenthood's market share of abortions from 10% in 1995 to 35% in 2014.

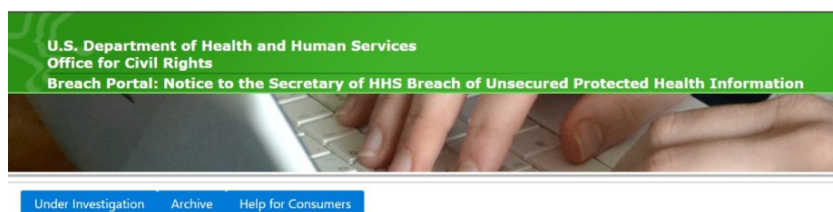
In FY 2022-23, the annual number of abortions committed by Planned Parenthood reached a record high of 392,715—even though total clients decreased—and its share of the American abortion market stood at [40%](#).⁷⁴

Regulatory Violations

HHS [oversees](#) the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS),⁷⁵ the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and the [Office of Population Affairs](#) (OPA),⁷⁶ which governs [Title X](#).⁷⁷ According to the HHS Administrative and National Policy Requirements [handbook](#),⁷⁸ funding recipients must abide by the [Privacy Act as well as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act](#) (HIPAA).⁷⁹ The [2024](#) Title X handbook likewise makes it clear that funding recipients must protect patient privacy.⁸⁰

However, Planned Parenthood has on numerous occasions demonstrated [careless disregard](#) for the regulations by which it is legally required to abide in order to receive federal funding.⁸¹ It [has](#) repeatedly [violated](#) HIPAA [regulations](#),^{82, 83, 84} and its [negligence](#) has resulted in [massive privacy breaches and abuses](#).^{85, 86}

OCR has reported multiple Planned Parenthood privacy breaches,⁸⁷ including "hacking incidents," "Unauthorized Access/Disclosures," as well as an "Improper Disposal" of private client information.



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Breach Report Results							
Expand All	Name of Covered Entity	State	Covered Entity Type	Individuals Affected	Breach Submission Date	Type of Breach	Location of Breached Information
>	Planned Parenthood Los Angeles	CA	Healthcare Provider	409759	11/30/2021	Hacking/IT Incident	Network Server
>	Planned Parenthood of Metro Washington	DC	Healthcare Provider	142982	11/20/2020	Hacking/IT Incident	Network Server
>	Planned Parenthood of the Heartland	IA	Healthcare Provider	515	06/29/2018	Unauthorized Access/Disclosure	Paper/Films
>	Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho	WA	Healthcare Provider	10700	08/26/2016	Unauthorized Access/Disclosure	Email
>	Planned Parenthood of the Heartland	IA	Healthcare Provider	2506	07/01/2016	Unauthorized Access/Disclosure	Paper/Films
>	Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio	OH	Healthcare Provider	5000	02/05/2015	Improper Disposal	Paper/Films

Screen capture of Planned Parenthood privacy breaches from OCR's website

Specific incidents can be found by searching the [OCR portal](#) and include the following:⁸⁸

- A Seattle-based [lab](#) that worked directly with Planned Parenthood centers across multiple states suffered an extensive data breach affecting 1.6 million people.⁸⁹ The lab was used [exclusively](#) by Planned Parenthood,⁹⁰ and the breach has been [described](#) as “one of the most significant healthcare data breaches in 2025 yet.”⁹¹
- A hacking/IT incident [compromised](#) the data of 18,003 Planned Parenthood of Montana clients (2024).⁹²
- Planned Parenthood [Bedford Heights](#) was [fined](#) thousands of dollars by the Ohio Department of Health for dumping private patient information in the trash along with the remains of aborted children (2022).^{93,94}
- Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles (PPLA) reported a “[hacking incident](#)” affecting 409,759 clients.⁹⁵ According to the [HIPAA Journal](#),⁹⁶ PPLA [reached](#) a “\$6 million settlement to resolve all [related] claims” (2021).⁹⁷
- Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., [admitted](#) that a hacking incident affected 500 of its [clients](#) (2021).^{98, 99}
- Planned Parenthood Great Plains [posted a notice](#) regarding a [security breach](#) at Blackbaud,^{100, 101} a data management and cloud computing software [vendor](#),¹⁰² which compromised [donor](#) and client [data](#) for multiple Planned Parenthood [affiliates](#) (2020).^{103, 104, 105}
- A hacking/IT [incident](#) at Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, D.C., involved 142,982 clients (2020).¹⁰⁶
- Planned Parenthood of the Heartland reported a [privacy breach](#) involving 515 patients at its Bettendorf center in Iowa (2018).¹⁰⁷
- [Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho](#) notified patients about a data security “[error](#)” involving 10,700 patients (2016).^{108, 109}
- Planned Parenthood of the Heartland [reported](#) a breach affecting [2,506 individuals](#) at its facility in [Dubuque](#), Iowa,^{110, 111, 112} which had been closed. [Thousands](#) of private medical [records](#) were [left](#) inside the building for months while it was being shown and eventually sold (2016).^{113, 114, 115}
- In Cincinnati, the Planned Parenthood Elizabeth Campbell Center, a Planned

Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region affiliate, left a closet containing private medical logs unlocked. The logs were later placed in a dumpster and emptied by the trash collector. 5,000 clients were [affected](#) (2014).¹¹⁶

- Planned Parenthood in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania, sent a patient's bill to the wrong person, [violating](#) federal [Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information](#) (2014).^{117,118}

In total, these breaches have affected over two million Planned Parenthood clients.

Medicaid Fraud

Official government reports and other sources have documented repeated instances in which Planned Parenthood has been caught defrauding American taxpayers.

The Office of Inspector General's (OIG) website highlights several [violations](#).¹¹⁹

- Planned Parenthood Great Plains and Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood Great Plains [paid](#) \$18,808.92 for allegedly violating the [Civil Monetary Penalties Law](#),^{120, 121} which relates to Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse (2017).
- The Texas Health and Human Services Commission "[claimed](#) Medicaid reimbursement of at least \$129,000 for family planning services provided by [Planned Parenthood of North Texas](#) that did not comply with Federal and State Medicaid requirements" (2015).^{122, 123}
- [Planned Parenthood Health Systems, Inc.](#) in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, agreed to pay \$1,572,752.80 for allegedly violating the Civil Monetary Penalties Law (2004-2015).¹²⁴
- Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast (PPGC) in Houston [paid](#) \$4.3 million "to resolve civil claims that it billed for items and services related to birth control counseling, STD testing, and contraceptives when they were not medically necessary or were not provided" (2013).¹²⁵
- Separately, PPGC agreed to [pay](#) \$1.4 million in a Texas Medicaid billing fraud case (2013).¹²⁶

Many [former Planned Parenthood employees](#) have publicly [accused](#) the agency of fraud.^{127, 128}

In 2015, former Planned Parenthood manager Sue Thayer [testified](#) before a congressional committee.¹²⁹ She accused her former employer of filing "false claims totaling about \$28 million with Iowa's Medicaid program for (1) illegally dispensing 'medically unnecessary' quantities of oral contraceptive pills and birth control patches to C-Mail Medicaid patients and doing so without a prescription; (2) fraudulently billing the Iowa Medicaid program for abortion-related services; and (3) coercing 'donations' from Medicaid patients."

The same year, seven former Planned Parenthood employees [informed](#) the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations that Planned Parenthood should be investigated for a number of potentially criminal and fraudulent acts.¹³⁰ These former employees submitted a formal [letter](#) stating:¹³¹

[W]e are of one mind that the extent of these problems with [Planned Parenthood]

is not fully understood by the American people. ... [W]e can personally attest [that Planned Parenthood] has operated as a law unto itself, gladly accepting tens of millions of dollars of taxpayer support while using the rubric of “reproductive rights” to claim exemption from the normal standards of accountability that every other recipient of public funds is expected to meet.

In addition, a [2017 report](#) published by CLI and Alliance Defending Freedom identified waste, abuse, and potential fraud totalling at least \$8.5 million across multiple locations:¹³²

- California (two audits of two affiliates): \$5,213,645.92
- Connecticut: \$18,791
- Illinois: \$387,000
- Louisiana (two audits of one affiliate): \$6,147.18
- Maine: \$33,294.83
- Nebraska: \$3,537
- New York (seven audits of four affiliates): \$1,615,083.25
- Oklahoma: Overbilling rates have been documented as 14.1%, 18%, and 20.3%
- Texas (two audits of two affiliates): \$538,703.10 - \$658,735.97
- Washington (three audits of two or three affiliates): \$640,595.88
- Wisconsin (27 audits of one affiliate): \$95,466.04

Despite these violations and others not specifically mentioned here, Planned Parenthood continues to be subsidized to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars every year by the same people it has spent decades unapologetically swindling: namely, American taxpayers.

Good Stewards: FQHCs

Planned Parenthood’s legitimate healthcare services and clients have [declined](#) over the years,¹³³ while the number of its regulatory violations and other abuses has grown. On the other hand, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), which also receive federal taxpayer funding, have increased the total number of both healthcare services provided and clients served. FQHCs have [25 times](#) as many locations as Planned Parenthood.¹³⁴ In 2023 alone, they [served](#) over 15 times as many adults and nearly 10 times as many women as Planned Parenthood.¹³⁵

FQHCs do not commit abortions and provide valuable, legitimate healthcare services. Funding currently earmarked for Planned Parenthood should be rerouted to FQHCs, which exist to protect health and affirm life.

Cash, No Matter What.

“The Planned Parenthood motto is: Care, no matter what,” [according to its website](#).¹³⁶ “Your health and well-being are Planned Parenthood’s top priority.”

Unfortunately, the corporation’s track record debunks this claim. The evidence shows that Planned Parenthood is willing to do virtually anything for money, no matter who gets hurt.

A more fitting motto would be: “Cash, no matter what.”

Fetal Tissue Trafficking

Recently, the Trump administration [paused](#) Title X funding to nine Planned Parenthood [affiliates](#) due to “possible violations” of federal civil rights laws and recent executive orders.^{137, 138} At an ambassadors’ meeting, President Trump spoke with the press about this action, and a reporter [asked](#):¹³⁹ “[I]f Planned Parenthood is defunded, would you look into the harvesting of baby organs that they’ve done throughout the years and maybe go after some criminal prosecution?” President Trump assured the reporter that his administration would “look into it.”

Fortunately, Planned Parenthood’s fetal tissue trafficking activities have already been thoroughly [investigated](#) and [extensively documented](#) by undercover journalists David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt of the Center for Medical Progress.^{140, 141}

The Human Capital Project

Section 498B of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. § 289g-2) [states](#):¹⁴²

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly acquire, receive, or otherwise transfer any human fetal tissue for valuable consideration if the transfer affects interstate commerce.

In addition, Section 498A of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. § 289g-1) [stipulates](#):¹⁴³

[H]uman fetal tissue may be used [for research purposes] only if the attending physician with respect to obtaining the tissue ... makes a statement ... in writing and signed by the physician, declaring that ... no alteration of the timing, method, or procedures used to terminate the pregnancy was made solely for the purposes of obtaining the tissue[.]



Screen capture from undercover CMP video.

In 2015, the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) began releasing [footage](#) it obtained during a 30-month undercover investigation into Planned Parenthood's participation in the market for aborted fetal body parts.¹⁴⁴ CMP investigators' findings provide damning evidence that Planned Parenthood has a very lucrative habit of ignoring the above-cited federal laws.

“I Want a Lamborghini”: Procurement for Profit

In the [second CMP](#) video,¹⁴⁵ [Dr. Mary Gatter](#), then-president of the Planned Parenthood Medical Directors' Council,¹⁴⁶ sat in a restaurant with undercover journalists posing as employees of a fetal tissue procurement company. They haggled over prices for various aborted fetal organs, and Gatter made several statements evidencing violations of Section 498B of the PHS Act by Planned Parenthood.

Section 498B permits “reasonable payments” to cover expenses associated with obtaining fetal tissue, and Planned Parenthood [representatives](#) have repeatedly [claimed](#) that [fees](#) charged by the organization for fetal body parts merely cover costs and do not amount to [actual profit](#).^{147, 148, 149, 150}

Gatter's statements, however, defy that narrative. She describes previous dealings with fetal tissue procurers in which Planned Parenthood charged for body parts even though it incurred no additional costs in obtaining them. “It was logistically very easy for us,” she says, adding: “We didn't have to do anything. So there was compensation for this.”

“The money is not the important thing,” she continues, before later stating that the money “has to be big enough that it's worthwhile for me.” At the end of the conversation, after tentatively agreeing to \$75-\$150 per specimen, Gatter states: “Let me just figure out what others are getting, and if this is in the ballpark, then it's fine, if it's still low, then we can bump it up. I want a Lamborghini.”



Screen capture from undercover CMP video.


In the [third video](#),¹⁵¹ Dr. [Savita Ginde](#), then-vice president and medical director of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains (PPRM),¹⁵² stated her preference for a “per-item” fetal body part pricing structure rather than a flat fee, “because we can see how much we can get out of it”—evidencing both her desire to maximize profits and her willingness to violate Section 498B.



Screen capture from undercover CMP video.


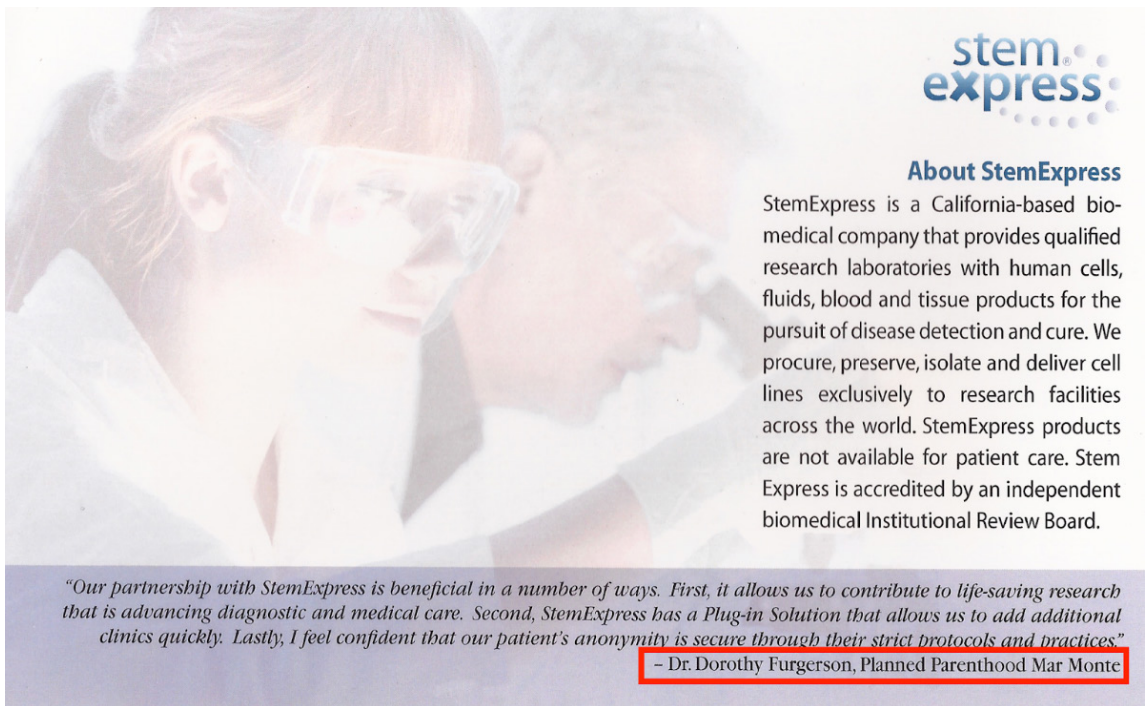
In the [fifth video](#),¹⁵³ then-Director of Research for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast (PPGC) [Melissa Farrell](#) confirmed that fetal tissue sales “contribute[] so much to the bottom line of our organization,”¹⁵⁴ and said that “everyone” involved with fetal tissue procurement at her affiliate “realizes” the potential financial gain involved.

StemExpress, which has since been rebranded as [CGT Global](#),¹⁵⁵ was a for-profit biomedical company that purchased fetal parts from Planned Parenthood and resold them to medical researchers. It created a [flyer](#),¹⁵⁶ obtained by CMP journalists, advertising the “financially profitable” nature of fetal tissue harvesting and encouraging abortion facilities to “Join the StemExpress partner program that fiscally rewards clinics for contributing to the advancement of life-saving research[.]” This is an open admission of Section 498B violations. Dr. Dorothy Furgerson of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte is quoted on the flyer endorsing her affiliate’s partnership with StemExpress.



Your clinic can advance biomedical research.

Financially Profitable • Easy to Implement Plug-in Solution • Medical Director Oversight • IRB Certified Consents



About StemExpress

StemExpress is a California-based biomedical company that provides qualified research laboratories with human cells, fluids, blood and tissue products for the pursuit of disease detection and cure. We procure, preserve, isolate and deliver cell lines exclusively to research facilities across the world. StemExpress products are not available for patient care. Stem Express is accredited by an independent biomedical Institutional Review Board.

"Our partnership with StemExpress is beneficial in a number of ways. First, it allows us to contribute to life-saving research that is advancing diagnostic and medical care. Second, StemExpress has a Plug-in Solution that allows us to add additional clinics quickly. Lastly, I feel confident that our patient's anonymity is secure through their strict protocols and practices."

- Dr. Dorothy Furgerson, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte

Advancing BioMedical Research Together

Join the StemExpress partner program that **fiscally rewards clinics** for contributing to the advancement of life-saving research — with a solution that is easy to incorporate into your clinic practices. StemExpress is a California-based biomedical company that provides human tissue products ranging from fetal to adult tissues and healthy to diseased samples to many of the leading research institutions in the world. Our IRB approved protocols and consents protect you as well as donor's privacy in accordance with HIPAA guidelines.

Partnering with Obstetrical-Care Clinics

Cell-free fetal DNA circulates in maternal blood throughout pregnancy. Noninvasive, stem cell free methods to obtain fetal DNA are being used for earlier detection of genetic diseases as well as reproductive decision-making. Research pioneers who develop noninvasive diagnostic technologies rely on the blood samples that are collected from hospitals and clinics throughout the United States.

Easy to Implement Program + **Financial Profits**

StemExpress promotes global biomedical research while also providing a financial benefit to your clinic. By partnering with StemExpress, not only are you offering a way for your clients to participate in the unique opportunity to facilitate life-saving research, but you will also be contributing to the **fiscal growth of your own clinic**. The stem cell rich blood and raw materials that are usually discarded during obstetrical procedures can, instead, be expedited through StemExpress to research laboratories with complete professionalism and source anonymity.

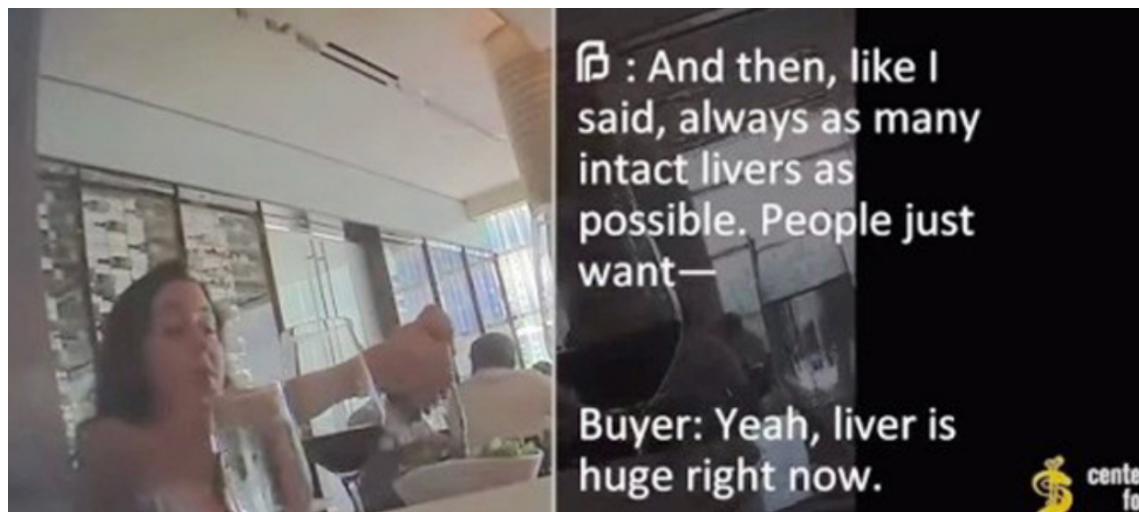


Images from StemExpress promotional flyer.

Altering Abortion Procedures to Obtain Intact Tissues

In the [first video](#) released by CMP,¹⁵⁷ [Dr. Deborah Nucatola](#), then-senior director of medical services for PPFA,¹⁵⁸ casually drinks wine and eats salad while describing the ways in which Planned Parenthood abortionists violate Section 498A of the PHS Act to get specific “intact” body parts:

We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I'm not gonna crush that part, I'm gonna basically crush below, I'm gonna crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact. And with the calvarium [head], in general, some people will actually try to change the presentation so that it's not vertex. ... So if you do it starting from the breech presentation, there's dilation that happens as the case goes on, and often ... you can evacuate an intact calvarium at the end.



Screen capture from undercover CMP video.

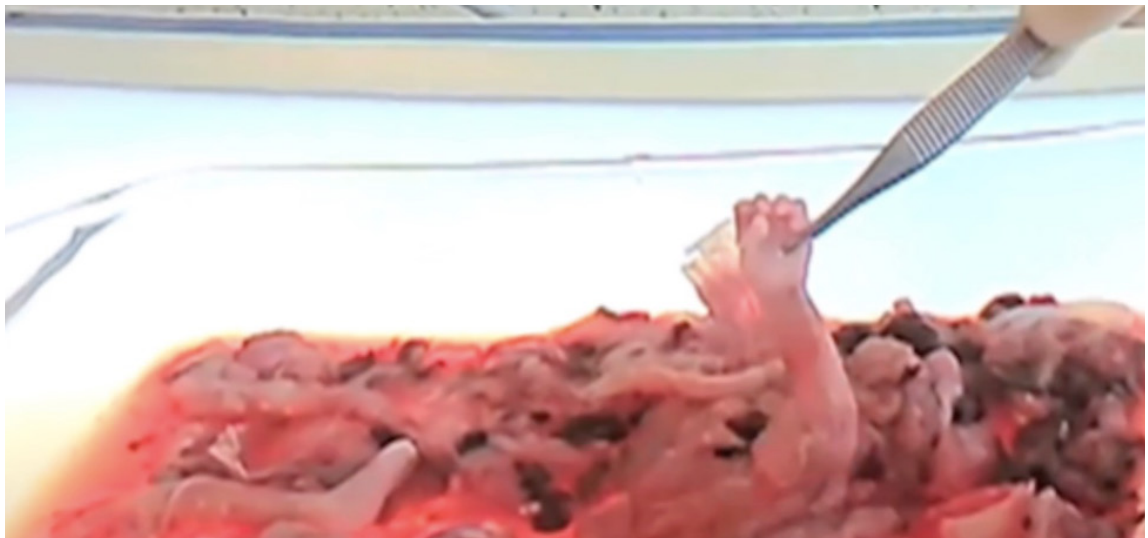
In the [second video](#),¹⁵⁹ Dr. Mary Gatter also discussed altering abortion procedures to maximize intact fetal body part procurement in violation of Section 498A: “If our usual technique is suction at 10 to 12 weeks, and we switch to using IPAS [manual vacuum aspiration] or something with less suction in order to increase the odds that it will come out as an intact specimen, then we’re kind of violating the protocol that says to the patient, ‘we’re not doing anything different in our care of you.’”

Section 498A is the “protocol” she referred to “violating.”

“I wouldn’t object to asking Ian, who’s our surgeon who does the cases, to use an IPAS ... to increase the odds that he’s going to get an intact specimen,” Gatter added. Though she expressed awareness of federal laws forbidding this behavior, she disregarded these prohibitions, calling them “a specious little argument” against her planned illegal activity.

Likewise, in the [fifth video](#),¹⁶⁰ Melissa Farrell discussed violating Section 498A. She stated that when researchers request specific fetal organs and tissues, PPGC abortionists tailor abortion procedures to obtain those particular parts. “We bake that into our contract and our protocol,” Farrell told undercover journalists, adding, “so we deviate from our standard in order to do that.”

When the journalists specifically asked if PPGC abortionists can “get creative” and “adjust the procedure” to satisfy particular requests, Farrell replied that they “can make it happen,” adding: “Some of our doctors in the past have projects and they’re collecting the specimens, so they do it in a way that they get the best specimens, so I know it can happen.”



Screen capture from undercover CMP video.

“The Headlines Would Be a Disaster”: Implausible Deniability

In spite of subsequent denials of wrongdoing, comments made by Planned Parenthood employees and associates documented in the CMP videos clearly indicate that these individuals knew they were breaking the law and had taken steps to avoid exposure because they understood the potential criminal and public-relations implications of public discovery.

For example, in the [third video](#),¹⁶¹ Ginde revealed her awareness of the details of Section 498B and explained that she had taken precautions to avoid getting caught: “Putting it under ‘research’ gives us a little bit of an overhang over the whole thing,” Ginde remarked. She also stated that PPRM’s attorney “[had] it figured out ... because we talked to him in the beginning, you know, we were like, ‘We don’t want to get called on,’ you know, ‘selling fetal parts across states,’” adding, “I’m confident that our Legal will make sure we’re not put in that situation.”

Similarly, in the [tenth video](#),¹⁶² Dr. [Carolyn Westhoff](#), then-senior medical advisor for PPFA,¹⁶³ referring to trafficking in fetal body parts, stated: “Obviously, we would have the potential for a huge PR issue in doing this.”

In the same video, Deborah VanDerhei, then-national director of Planned Parenthood’s Consortium of Abortion Providers, admitted she had been working on ways to sell fetal body parts behind the American public’s back, stating: “I have been talking to the executive director of the National Abortion Federation. We’re trying to figure this out as an industry, about how we’re going to manage remuneration, because the headlines would be a disaster.”

She also referred to active efforts to avoid leaving a paper trail, stating: “It’s an issue that you might imagine we’re not really that comfortable talking about on email.”

Also in video ten, Vanessa Cullins, then-vice president of External Medical Affairs for PPFA, expressed awareness of the potential implications of selling fetal body parts, telling an undercover journalist: “This is important. This could destroy your organization and us, if we don’t time those conversations correctly.”

Planned Parenthood officials went to [great lengths](#) to discredit the CMP videos after the fact,¹⁶⁴ saying the videos were “heavily edited,” “highly doctored,” or even “fake” and tying up investigative journalists David Daleiden and Sandra Merrit for nearly a decade in multiple lawsuits. However, Planned Parenthood’s elaborate smokescreen has itself been repeatedly [discredited](#).¹⁶⁵

Multiple independent analyses—including one [commissioned](#) by Planned Parenthood¹⁶⁶—confirmed the videos were not manipulated or doctored. In addition, Planned Parenthood officials who appeared in the videos later [admitted](#) under [oath](#) that they [spoke the words](#) captured in the videos and that they [broke federal laws](#).^{167, 168, 169, 170}

As Daleiden [noted](#),¹⁷¹ deception and denial “is a pattern on the part of Planned Parenthood. ... They lie to the public, they lie to public officials, and they do so to cover up their egregious activities in their own organization. And they continue to receive massive taxpayer subsidies to keep it going. So they need to be held to account for that.”

Aiding Abusers

Planned Parenthood has repeatedly failed to abide by mandatory reporting laws regarding child sexual abuse. It seems to prefer profiting from helping abusers cover up their crimes to helping end the abuse itself.

Federal Regulations

Both Medicaid and Title X [require funding recipients](#) to comply with state and federal laws regarding reporting abuse.¹⁷² Title X is [administered](#) by OPA under HHS.¹⁷³ OPA's [December 2024](#) Title X handbook states:¹⁷⁴

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no provider of services under title X of the PHS Act shall be exempt from any State law requiring notification or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest.

In addition, CMS [regulations](#) “require all facilities and their practitioners to comply with the mandatory reporting laws for abuse and neglect applicable to their State, including compliance with timeliness requirements.”¹⁷⁵

Repeat Violations

By its own employees' [admissions](#),¹⁷⁶ Planned Parenthood is regularly called upon to “clean up” the aftermath of child sexual abuse, but court records provide evidence that the organization has repeatedly violated federal regulations by [failing](#) to [report](#) that [abuse](#):^{177, 178, 179}

- **Arizona: Shawn M. Stevens**, 23, [impregnated](#) his young victim twice and sought abortions for her at Planned Parenthood.¹⁸⁰ [Court records](#) indicate that after he took the 12-year-old for her first abortion,¹⁸¹ Planned Parenthood returned her to her abuser. She suffered six more months of abuse and ended up pregnant again by age 13. A second abortion was sought at Planned Parenthood, after which authorities were notified. Stevens was reportedly sentenced in 2000 to five years in prison and lifetime probation. In 2002, a [judge found](#) Planned Parenthood negligent in the case.¹⁸² The corporation attempted to make excuses, claiming, “no reporting would have been required if she had been eight months older.”
- **California: Edgar Ramirez** raped his 13-year-old daughter, [impregnated](#) her,¹⁸³ and took her to Planned Parenthood for an abortion in 2010. According to [court documents](#),¹⁸⁴ rather than suspecting abuse when a 13-year-old child presented as pregnant, the abortionist committed the procedure and advised the victim not to have sex for three weeks. Ramirez [resumed](#) having sex with the child anyway.¹⁸⁵ Within months, she became pregnant again, leading to a second Planned Parenthood abortion, at which time the abortionist implanted an IUD to prevent additional pregnancies. Ramirez wasn't arrested until after the child reported the abuse to the police of her own accord. Ramirez was [convicted](#) of attempted murder, committing a lewd act on a child under the age of 15, possession of obscene matter depicting a minor, and two counts of continuous sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 14.¹⁸⁶ He was [sentenced](#) to life in prison.¹⁸⁷
- **Colorado: Timothy David Smith** [impregnated](#) his 13-year-old stepdaughter,¹⁸⁸ then took her to Planned Parenthood to cover his crime. A [lawsuit](#) filed against [PPRM](#) showed that none of the [four staffers](#) with whom the victim interacted inquired about the circumstances of her pregnancy or verified her relationship with Smith,^{189, 190, 191} and no one at Planned Parenthood spoke to the victim about potential sexual abuse. During a deposition, one employee said, “[B]eing 13 and pregnant alone is not a red flag” for possible abuse. The abuse did not end until months after the abortion, when the victim reported it to her mother.
- **Indiana: Christopher Jewell** abused his stepdaughter for over three years while

she was aged 13 to 16. The victim said he sexually assaulted her between 30 and 50 times and [took](#) her to Planned Parenthood to get birth control pills [without](#) her mother's knowledge.^{192, 193} Jewell was not arrested for these crimes but was later arrested for taking his underage victim for a tattoo. While he was incarcerated, the victim told her boyfriend and mother that Jewell sexually abused her, and it was finally reported to authorities. Jewell was charged with multiple offenses and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

- **Ohio:** [John Haller](#), an adult soccer coach,¹⁹⁴ victimized a 13-year-old child who became pregnant at age 14. Haller was 21 at the time and posed as the victim's stepbrother when he [took](#) her to Planned Parenthood for an abortion.¹⁹⁵ Planned Parenthood [settled](#) a related lawsuit.¹⁹⁶
- **Washington:** [George Edward Savanah](#) sexually abused his 14-year-old daughter,¹⁹⁷ impregnated her three times, and took her to two different Planned Parenthood facilities for abortions. The first abortion at Planned Parenthood took place in 2007, and the third abortion occurred in 2012. For five years, the victim was abused, and Planned Parenthood failed to report it. The victim's pregnancies only came to the attention of the authorities once the victim confided in her aunt, nearly seven years after she was taken for her first abortion.

Sherlock Research contacted relevant agencies in two states to ascertain the number of child sexual abuse reports filed by Planned Parenthood. Sherlock Research found:

- "New York officials, hiding behind 'confidentiality' concerns, refuse to say how many (or how few) times Planned Parenthood personnel and contractors have reported suspected victims of sexual abuse. We were able to obtain police records on virtually all the facilities where Planned Parenthood personnel and contractors have performed abortions, and many of the facilities where Planned Parenthood personnel and contractors have rendered [STD] treatment or dispensed birth control." Over a decade-long span, Sherlock Research said it has found few "police reports made by Planned Parenthood personnel or contractors."
- In addition, Sherlock Research estimated that "staffers of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri are essentially not reporting underage girls as sex offense victims, in apparent violation of Missouri and Illinois law."

In addition to the specific cases cited above, [Life Dynamics](#) conducted its own [investigation](#) into Planned Parenthood's complicity in child sexual abuse in 2002.^{198, 199} That organization concluded: "We have uncovered an overwhelming body of statistical evidence showing that the rate at which [Planned Parenthood] fail[s] to comply with mandatory reporting laws is in excess of 90 percent."

Live Action and Live Action News [have](#) also [documented multiple criminal cases](#) in [which](#) sexually [abused](#) teens were taken to Planned Parenthood facilities^{200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206}—sometimes out of state—to cover the crime of rape.

[Aiding Abusers](#), a Live Action investigative report and docuseries, provides [details](#) regarding several similar criminal cases.²⁰⁷ Two specific cases cited therein concerned teenage girls who were taken to Planned Parenthood by their abusers—one of the girls explicitly told facility employees she was being raped by her father. Planned Parenthood [disregarded](#) its legal duty to report the abuse,²⁰⁸ and was later [sued](#) for its negligence in both cases.²⁰⁹

Similarly, undercover [investigations](#) conducted by Live Action found seven Planned Parenthood facilities in five states that were willing to disregard mandatory reporting laws and help abusers cover their crimes.²¹⁰

A parallel series of Live Action [investigations](#) showed Planned Parenthood [abetting child sex trafficking](#),^{211, 212} finding seven specific facilities in four states and the District of Columbia which expressed willingness to assist traffickers—some employees even coached actors posing as traffickers on how to evade detection and make their operations “look as legit as possible.”

Unfortunately, these cases are not isolated incidents. A 2014 [study](#) on sex trafficking published by Loyola University Chicago’s Beazley Institute noted that [pimps](#) often force trafficking victims to get abortions at Planned Parenthood so they can be quickly put back to “work” on the streets.^{213, 214} The report [states](#) that victims had “significant contact with clinical treatment facilities, most commonly Planned Parenthood.”²¹⁵

One survivor quoted in the report said Planned Parenthood was a preferred location for obtaining abortions “[because they didn’t ask any questions](#).”²¹⁶

More recently, an undercover video showed Planned Parenthood’s [alleged](#) willingness to help an adult male take a 13-year-old girl across state lines for an abortion without parental knowledge or consent;²¹⁷ some describe this as “abortion trafficking.” The investigation took place in Missouri, where [state law](#) stipulates that 13-year-olds can never consent to sex or abortions.²¹⁸

Penalties

According to a [report published](#) by HHS’ Office of Administration for Children and Families,²¹⁹ “All states have laws or policies that stipulate penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect.” Specifically, the report states:

- *92% of states have criminal penalties for failure to report child abuse and neglect, and 27% of states also have civil penalties. In addition, 13% of states have professional penalties, such as having professional licensure suspended or revoked.*
- *58% of states have penalties for all mandated reporters who fail to report child maltreatment, 33% have penalties for all adults, and 10% of states have penalties for some mandated reporters.*
- *All states with universal mandated reporting specify penalties for failure to report. 87% of states without universal mandated reporting specify penalties for all mandated reporters for failure to report child abuse and neglect.*

Healthcare workers are considered [mandated reporters](#) for child abuse in virtually every U.S. state and territory.²²⁰ Planned Parenthood employees fall under this umbrella.

Disregarding mandatory reporting statutes is a legitimate reason to rescind federal funding.

Substandard Care

Planned Parenthood [claims](#) to provide “care, no matter what.”²²¹ However, the “care” that it provides is often substandard, and women sometimes leave Planned Parenthood facilities significantly worse off than when they arrived.

911 Calls

Pro-life advocates often [document](#) 911 calls from Planned Parenthood centers.²²² Details of these calls sometimes reveal medical negligence and show the organization often places secrecy above safety.

In one [call](#) from a California [Planned Parenthood](#) facility,^{223, 224} a staffer stated: “We have a patient here who we were doing a procedure on. She was given fentanyl and midazolam, or Versed, and she is having a slow response to the medication as far as coming out of it.” The dispatcher asked if the patient was awake, and the staffer replied that she was “in and out”—that she was breathing, but that her oxygen saturation was not as high as it should be. The dispatcher requested that a defibrillator be placed in the patient’s room in case emergency personnel needed it, but according to the [computer-aided dispatch printout](#),²²⁵ the facility did not have one.

A Sherlock Research report showed an alarming frequency of 911 calls in New York state: “[W]e obtained ambulance run information from every location in the state where Planned Parenthood staffers perform surgical abortions. There were at least 400 and possibly as many as 500 such calls when a city or county emergency medical service’s people had to go to Planned Parenthood facilities in New York over the decade 2010-2019, and maybe a handful resulted in lawsuits.”

Americans United for Life’s (AUL) [“Unsafe”](#) report from 2021 likewise noted:²²⁶ “the ‘Margaret Sanger’ (now renamed because of Sanger’s racist beliefs) Planned Parenthood business in New York sent women to the hospital nine times in 2019.”

Health Code Violations

In 2024, Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey [accused](#) Missouri-based Planned Parenthood facilities of multiple “statutory violations,”²²⁷ including health code violations. Bailey’s March 2024 [letter](#) called for Planned Parenthood to be defunded for what he described as “lawbreaking,”²²⁸ adding:

First, in 2018, Planned Parenthood’s facility in Columbia was shut down after staff admitted to using moldy abortion equipment on women for months. On September 26, 2018, health inspectors conducted an unannounced visit to the facility. They found equipment containing a “blackish gray substance” that Planned Parenthood’s own staff identified as “mold,” as well as another substance Planned Parenthood’s staff identified as “most likely bodily fluid.” Court documents reveal a picture of the moldy equipment, which is included on the following page. Clinic staff admitted that they had “identified the problem” of mold “a couple of months previously,” but that the physician, Colleen McNicholas, had “continued to use the machine on patients after they identified the issue.” At the time, the clinic performed “an average of 14 cases per month,” meaning that this moldy

equipment had been used on potentially as many as 40 or more women. Despite this violation, Planned Parenthood rewarded McNicholas, promoting her to “Chief Medical Officer” of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri nine months later.



Moldy equipment at Missouri Planned Parenthood facility.

AUL’s [“Unsafe”](#) report also noted multiple state health agency citations against Planned Parenthood facilities.²²⁹ Regarding one such situation, it wrote:

[An] inspection report from the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) ... showed a blatant disregard by Planned Parenthood of Delaware for sanitary and other medical standards, including the competency of staff. Two former Planned Parenthood nurses have been publicly complaining about the ‘meat-marketstyle, assembly-line abortions’ they witnessed at Planned Parenthood’s Delaware clinic, and about lax regulation and a lack of government oversight of abortion businesses in Delaware. After months of going back and forth with the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, we finally received 2 state inspections that were completed in 2013 and 2014. The 2013 inspection report cited numerous ‘unsafe and unsanitary’ conditions, as well as over one-hundred expired supplies.

“Planned Parenthood in Crisis”

A February 2025 NYT [article](#) titled “Botched Care and Tired Staff: Planned Parenthood in Crisis” detailed “scores of allegations ... that accuse Planned Parenthood of poor care.”²³⁰

According to the article, a former Planned Parenthood employee claimed “that clinics were operating like ‘a conveyor belt’ for patients. [The former staffer] said that employees sometimes administered expired pain medication or the wrong medications as they scrambled to move people in and out. She said it was not uncommon for patients to be taken to the wrong room and prepped for the wrong procedure.”

The NYT article detailed several specific incidents of substandard care:

Several weeks after the procedure, [the abortion client] was still bleeding heavily and suffering from painful cramps. She took another home pregnancy test, and when it came back positive, the clinic staff assured her that they had seen the aborted fetus and there was nothing to worry about. It was only after she went to an emergency room that she discovered the problem: The baby was still in her womb.

Twelve weeks after the failed abortion, Ms. Alston went into labor and delivered a baby who quickly died.

The article went on to state:

In a case settled in California last year, a woman accused the organization of improperly implanting a birth control device in her arm and causing nerve damage.

A Nebraska clinician in 2022 did not realize that a woman was four months pregnant when she inserted an IUD. Several hours later, the patient was rushed to an emergency room and gave birth to a stillborn fetus.” ...

Many clinics are in dire need of upgrades and repairs. In Omaha last year, sewage from a backed-up toilet seeped into the abortion recovery room for two days, according to interviews with staff members and photographs and text messages shared with The Times. Employees shoved exam table pads under the bathroom door to block the leak. Patients vomited from the stench. ...

In one incident, a young woman who received an IUD was told ‘it would be rough, and just ride it out,’ according to a written complaint emailed to the office of the Planned Parenthood affiliate’s president. She said she suffered months of sharp pain and bleeding, but the phone system routed her mother’s calls for help to automated phone tree messages, according to the complaint. A new doctor found that Planned Parenthood had botched the procedure. The affiliate continued to bill the family, even though they had paid their balance, according to the complaint, which cited conversations with one of the affiliate’s billing employees.

Lawsuits

Planned Parenthood has been sued repeatedly for substandard care and medical negligence.

One [lawsuit](#) against Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, Inc. (PPSNE) [alleged](#) a midwife inaccurately told a pregnant woman she had miscarried at six weeks and gave her the abortion pill regimen to help her pass the fetal remains.^{231, 232} The woman was actually pregnant with a 22-week-old baby boy. The child died, and the mother required a transfusion due to significant blood loss.

A similar [lawsuit](#) against Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic [accused](#) the facility's abortionist of miscalculating the age of a woman's preborn child as just six weeks,²³³ ²³⁴ then prescribing abortion pills. After a painful labor process, the woman delivered a "fully formed" 30 to 36-week-old baby boy into a toilet.

Another [lawsuit](#) alleged that Planned Parenthood botched a woman's abortion and abandoned her afterward.²³⁵ For three months, she experienced pain and blood loss, finally realizing she was still pregnant—although Planned Parenthood continued to insist her abortion had been successful. At 23 weeks, she went into labor at a local hospital and was told her child was stillborn. After obtaining her medical records, however, she discovered her baby had survived for nearly an hour after birth.

Another suit [alleged](#) PPSNE failed to notice a client was 14 weeks pregnant before [inserting](#) an IUD.^{236, 237}

According to Sherlock Research, women who experience botched abortions may not sue, because "often women and girls are pressured by abortion facility employees into signing waivers of their right to make abortion providers pay for competent corrective treatment and/or their right to sue in case of malpractice. Women and girls, afraid and under pressure, often sign such waivers without realizing they are usually unenforceable."

The earlier-cited NYT [article](#) likewise noted that "Planned Parenthood routinely requires patients who receive settlements to sign nondisclosure agreements."²³⁸

Sherlock Research Findings

Sherlock Research has delved into various aspects of Planned Parenthood's negligent "care," citing numerous specific examples of related lawsuits:

- **Shanice T:** "In her complaint, Shanice charged Monica Dragoman performed an abortion on her at Planned Parenthood's Margaret Sanger Center in Manhattan so negligently in 2018 that she suffered a perforated uterus, an injured bowel, and other wounds. The case was stipulated (settled) in 2022." (Source: Kings County Supreme Court Case No. 501982/2021)
- **Jodi-Ann P:** "In her complaint, Jodi-Ann charged Sondra Dantzig and Planned Parenthood of New York City with malpractice in connection with surgery she said they bungled horribly in 2016. She said she went to the Margaret Sanger Center in Manhattan for the abortion and an IUD insertion. Jodi-Ann charged Sondra Dantzig and/or Bernadette Kane and/or other Planned Parenthood personnel perforated her uterus and lacerated her left uterine artery, causing a massive hemorrhage and shock. (Ms. Kane was a nurse midwife. Should she have been performing surgery?) The case was stipulated (settled) in 2017." (Source: Bronx County Supreme Court Case No. 21668/2017E)
- **Roselle O:** "The loved ones of this 17-year-old black girl sued Gerald Zupnick and Planned Parenthood over her death while she was undergoing an abortion under general anesthesia at Zupnick's hands at the Margaret Sanger Center on April 11, 2009. A medical group named Somnia reportedly had a doctor and/or a nurse anesthetist present, so the ... family also sued them. Roselle's loved ones charged Zupnick and the anesthetists were aware her oxygen level was low and she was suffering labored breathing after the abortion, but they did not help her properly and they delayed calling an ambulance for almost a half-hour. The doctors at the

hospital stabilized Roselle, but could not undo the brain damage she had suffered. Roselle lived the last five months of her life in a hospital on a respirator; she died September 8, 2009. Apparently Zupnick settled out of court with Roselle's loved ones. Planned Parenthood's lawyers [also] settled with Roselle's loved ones. Zupnick has been sued eight times for botching abortions, and once for botching an IUD implant. The IUD implant botch and three abortion bumbles that led to malpractice suits against Zupnick took place before Planned Parenthood hired him or signed a contractor agreement with him." (Source: Kings County Supreme Court Case No. 18364/2011)

- **Yara B:** Per her complaint, Yara charged Planned Parenthood physician assistant Jini Tanenhaus and other staffers at Planned Parenthood of New York City with failure to diagnose her cervical bleeding and cervical cancer despite treating her at the Margaret Sanger Center in Manhattan in 2015. In the complaint, Yara's attorney implied Planned Parenthood failed to ensure its licensed staffers (employees and contractors) had appropriate malpractice insurance coverage. Her husband also sued for loss of consortium. Sadly, Yara died while the case was still in court; her husband sued for wrongful death." (Source: New York County Supreme Court Case No. 805156/2017; New York County Supreme Court Case No. 805244/2021)
- **Margo D:** "Relatives of this woman sued Planned Parenthood and other medical people over her death. Her death, they charged, was the result of Planned Parenthood's negligent treatment of her and their dismissive attitude toward her well-being once she was in the hospital with life-threatening gynecological infections ... Due to Planned Parenthood's staffers' negligence, along with the negligence of the other defendants, Margo suffered severe pain and died." (Source: Onondaga County Supreme Court Case No. 2010-005514)

Regarding Planned Parenthood facilities in the State of New York specifically, Sherlock Research added:

- "Women and girls have accused Planned Parenthood staffers of botching abortions and leaving fetal parts inside them. Women have accused these staffers of performing abortions so negligently that the babies survived."
- "Women have accused Planned Parenthood staffers of lacerating or otherwise severely damaging their uteruses, cervixes, and bowels. Some women have had to undergo hysterectomies as a result."
- "Other women said they have been unable to have sex for long periods of time after undergoing abortions at the hands of Planned Parenthood staffers."
- "Many women and girls have evidently had to undergo life-saving emergency surgery or corrective treatment in hospitals after undergoing abortions at the hands of Planned Parenthood staffers."
- "Others weren't so lucky. They died after undergoing abortions or other treatments at the hands of Planned Parenthood staffers."

Sherlock Research checked the New York Office of Professional and Medical Conduct for disciplinary actions against a selection of Planned Parenthood abortionists in that state. Findings indicate that none of the following individuals have been disciplined by state authorities, although all have been sued for malpractice at least once, and sometimes repeatedly:

- Clifford Blumstein
- Sondra Dantzic

- Ila Dayananda
- Gillian Dean
- Monica Dragoman
- Bronwyn Fitz
- Benita Gross
- Vanita Kumar
- Renee Mestad
- Mohammad Momtaz
- Amy Potter
- Timothy Ryntz
- Elizabeth O. Schmidt
- Meera Shah
- Assaf Yosha

In addition, neither Lee Stetzer, who was sued for failure to supervise, nor Gerald Zupnick, who was sued for malpractice 10 times and reportedly killed a teenage patient, have faced any disciplinary action.

“Others Weren’t So Lucky”: Client Deaths

Planned Parenthood’s negligent “care” has been [blamed](#) for the deaths of multiple women,²³⁹ including Cree Erwin-Sheppard, Tonya Reaves, and Holly Patterson.

Cree Erwin-Sheppard

On June 30, 2016, 24-year-old Cree Erwin-Sheppard [suffered](#) a painful death just hours after obtaining a legal abortion at a Michigan Planned Parenthood facility.²⁴⁰

In a chilling [911 call](#),²⁴¹ Erwin-Sheppard’s mother can be heard screaming as she finds her daughter’s lifeless body. “It’s cold—my daughter—she’s dead,” she tearfully told the 911 operator. “She’s cold as ice.”

In a video [interview](#) with Live Action,²⁴² Cree’s brother Tyler stated: “I want Planned Parenthood to be off the table as a choice,” because “They’re ravaging these women.”

“They killed my sister,” he added. “Justice has not been given to my sister. I lost two people that day—not just a sister, but a niece or a nephew as well.”

Tonya Reaves

In 2012, Tonya Reaves, a young Black woman, was left heavily [bleeding](#) after her legal second-trimester abortion at Planned Parenthood in Chicago.²⁴³ Instead of taking her to the hospital immediately, Planned Parenthood staff let her bleed for [over five hours](#) before calling an ambulance.²⁴⁴ Tonya later died at the hospital.

Her abortionists were never arrested or charged with a crime. The [autopsy report](#) documents Planned Parenthood’s tragic negligence.²⁴⁵

Holly Patterson

In September 2003, Holly and her 7-week-old preborn baby died just days after she legally obtained the abortion pill from Planned Parenthood. Holly had just celebrated her 18th birthday. Planned Parenthood's implementation of an [off-label, unapproved method](#) of administering the abortion pill regimen led to Holly's [death](#) from [septic shock](#).^{246, 247, 248, 249}

Holly's father, [Monty Patterson](#), gave an emotional [testimony](#) before a 2006 U.S. House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources,^{250, 251} recounting the details of his daughter's death. "I watched Holly succumb to a massive [bacterial infection](#) as a result of a drug-induced abortion,"²⁵² he stated, adding: "Not a day goes by that I do not recall her brilliant blue eyes, engaging smile, laughter, and sheer gentle beauty."

Discriminatory Employment Practices

Planned Parenthood employees have publicly [exposed](#) a variety of Planned Parenthood's exploitative employment practices,²⁵³ including low wages, discrimination, and violations of various labor laws and regulations, including regulations [specific](#) to Title X and Medicaid/Medicare funding recipients.²⁵⁴ Ex-employees have accused their former employer of:

- [Violating the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#)²⁵⁵
- [Violating the Family Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](#)²⁵⁶
- [Pregnancy discrimination](#)²⁵⁷
- [Sexual harassment](#)²⁵⁸
- [Retaliation](#)²⁵⁹
- [Wrongful termination](#)²⁶⁰
- [Racism](#)²⁶¹

In February 2025, the NYT reported on some of these claims, [stating](#):²⁶²

Scores of former employees have sued Planned Parenthood, raising complaints that include refusing to pay overtime or provide breaks, pushing out employees who needed time off to deal with injuries or newborn babies, and firing people who complained about discrimination or clinic practices. Planned Parenthood said that it does not retaliate against employees. The organization has settled most of these claims.

Racism

In 2021, Planned Parenthood officially [disavowed](#) its founder,²⁶³ Margaret Sanger, for her openly racist beliefs and actions. But employee allegations of a racist corporate culture at the abortion giant persist.

In [July 2020](#),²⁶⁴ hundreds of past and then-current Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY) employees published an [open letter](#) that [alleged](#) the abortion organization was still "steeped in white supremacy."^{265, 266}

Employees at other affiliates told *BuzzFeed News* they had witnessed “[open racism](#),”²⁶⁷ endured “segregated” offices, and experienced overall unequal treatment of Black and minority employees at multiple Planned Parenthood centers across the country.

Planned Parenthood’s present-day “[systemic racism](#)” has been acknowledged by [multiple affiliates](#),^{268, 269} nineteen affiliates operating in 33 states have [issued statements admitting](#) this problem.^{270, 271} Furthermore, an internal audit [confirmed](#) PPFA has a [racism problem](#).^{272, 273}

Specific allegations include:

- **2024:** According to [First Alert 4](#),²⁷⁴ Teona McGhaw filed a lawsuit against Advocates of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region & Southwest Missouri, [alleging](#) she was terminated because she is Black.²⁷⁵ Planned Parenthood disputed the claim, saying it terminated her because she was also serving as president of the National Women’s Political Caucus, and the overlapping roles were a conflict of interest.
- **2023:** Samuel Ricardo Mitchell Jr., a Black pastor and PPGNY’s [chief operating officer](#),²⁷⁶ claimed PPGNY leadership made comments that were “stained with racist overtones.”²⁷⁷ He allegedly experienced religious discrimination and was passed over for promotion in favor of a white staffer.
- **2023:** *The Philadelphia Inquirer* [reported](#) that at least two dozen racial discrimination lawsuits had been filed against various Planned Parenthood affiliates.²⁷⁸ Staffers told the outlet that racism is an inherent part of company culture. One of the [lawsuits](#) alleged a [hostile work environment](#) in which Black employees were treated “with disdain.”^{279, 280} A Black nurse practitioner said her manager threw a patient’s urine sample at her desk and claims she was laid off in retaliation for filing complaints.
- **2022:** Ilana Gamza-Machado de Souza, former senior brand marketing director in Planned Parenthood’s Communications & Culture Department, filed a [discrimination lawsuit](#) alleging that she experienced workplace antisemitism.²⁸¹
- **2007:** Brenda Joyner, a senior diversity executive for PPFA from late 2004 through early 2006, [sued](#) the organization and several of its executives.²⁸² Her suit alleged that management suppressed an internal report documenting race-based pay discrimination. Joyner further alleged she was fired for objecting to the report’s suppression and the punishment of the employees who compiled it and for advocating to end discrimination at PPFA.

Summary

Fetal tissue trafficking, aiding abusers, substandard care, and exploitative employment practices are diverse expressions of a single core attribute: Planned Parenthood prioritizes profit at the expense of anyone and everyone. It does not matter whether its victims are murdered preborn children, abused older children, its own customer base, or even those hired to aid and abet its mission—Planned Parenthood will extract everything it can from everyone unfortunate enough to cross its path.

Poisoning Children’s Bodies and Minds

Children are routinely exploited victims in Planned Parenthood’s relentless pursuit of

profit. But the organization doesn't merely end the lives of hundreds of thousands of children in the womb every year and sell their body parts. It doesn't merely capitalize on child abuse by selling perpetrators abortions and birth control so they can conceal their crimes, then go on committing them.

Planned Parenthood also poisons the bodies and minds of children—the former via so-called “gender-affirming care”; the latter through inappropriate sex education. Both of these efforts are designed to transform kids into long-term, even lifelong, Planned Parenthood customers.

“Gender-Affirming Care”

Planned Parenthood has claimed to be the [second-largest provider](#) of “gender-affirming” hormones in the United States²⁸³ and has been described by [staff](#) as [one of the top U.S. providers](#) of so-called “[gender affirming care](#).”^{284, 285, 286}

In 2022, Planned Parenthood [reported](#) that 41 of its 49 affiliated facilities provided these “services.”²⁸⁷ Just one year later, the organization’s [2022-23](#) annual report [indicated](#) that number had grown to 45 affiliates out of 49.^{288, 289}

Young people are more likely to choose Planned Parenthood for “gender-affirming care” than other demographics. According to [The Free Press](#),²⁹⁰ the organization has “become the country’s leading provider of gender transition hormones for young adults ... Insurance claim information ... shows that at least 40,000 patients went to Planned Parenthood for this purpose [in 2023] alone, a number that has risen tenfold since 2017. The largest proportion, about 40 percent, were 18- to 22-year-olds.”

Furthermore, The Free Press noted Planned Parenthood saw approximately “1 in 6 U.S. teens and young adults who sought gender hormones” in 2023. “Between 2017 and 2023,” the publication added, “affiliated clinics filed gender-related insurance claims for 12,000 youths aged 12–17.”

Terminology and Ideology

[According to Planned Parenthood](#),^{291, 292} “Sex is a label” assigned at birth, whereas “[g]ender is ... a social and legal status, and set of expectations from society, about behaviors, characteristics, and thoughts.”

“Gender identity,” however, “is how you feel inside and how you express your gender through clothing, behavior, and personal appearance.” The organization further claims that gender identity “[i]s a feeling that begins very early in life.”

How early, exactly? “Many people know their gender identity as young as age 2,” according to the organization’s [website](#).²⁹³ Dr. Michelle Forcier, who “worked for a number of Planned Parenthoods for 20 years,” [told](#) the *Daily Wire*’s Matt Walsh that “[t]here’s research and data that shows that babies and infants understand differences in gender.”²⁹⁴

At the same time, Planned Parenthood claims that [gender identities](#) can fluctuate or even [multiply](#).^{295, 296} It [promotes](#) the idea that one’s gender identity can change

according to an individual's 'feelings'²⁹⁷ and that "Feeling like you're multiple genders is totally normal and OK. ... Being multigender is just as normal as being female, male, [transgender](#), or any other gender identity."²⁹⁸

In other words, Planned Parenthood sells drugs that offer no [long-term](#) improvement of mental-health [outcomes](#)^{299, 300} and have [irreversible](#) effects,³⁰¹ even though its own website claims in multiple places that "gender identity" is based purely on feelings, which can and do change, even from [day to day](#).³⁰²

Planned Parenthood sells permanent interventions for situations it admits are temporary.

Uninformed Consent

Planned Parenthood [offers puberty blockers](#),^{303, 304} hormone replacement therapy (HRT) including estrogen and testosterone, microdosing for subtle changes, [androgen blockers](#), progesterone, and even [surgery referrals](#).^{305, 306}

It uses what it calls an "[informed consent model](#)"³⁰⁷ —according to a Planned Parenthood [handbook](#),³⁰⁸ individuals "do not need a diagnosis or therapist's referral to receive care. We will inform you about the effects and discuss risks. You decide what's best for you and your body." Another [brochure](#) distributed by [Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic](#) states:^{309, 310} "[W]e do not require a mental health clearance prior to initiating hormones."

"Most people are able to get a hormone prescription at the end of their first visit," [according](#) to the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood.³¹¹ A [brochure](#) offered by Planned Parenthood Mar Monte makes the same claim regarding same-day prescriptions.³¹²

Former clients have confirmed Planned Parenthood's rushed and negligent approach to selling "gender-affirming" services.

For example, [Cristina Hineman](#), a plaintiff in a [detransitioner lawsuit](#) against Planned Parenthood,^{313, 314} [claimed](#) she received a prescription for testosterone after a 30-minute consultation, during which she did not receive proper informed consent.³¹⁵

Similarly, 18-year-old Helena was [prescribed](#) "four times the typical starting dose" of testosterone after a single Planned Parenthood visit and "without ever seeing a doctor,"³¹⁶ according to the [New York Post](#).³¹⁷

[Cat Cattinson](#) related a parallel [experience](#).^{318, 319, 320} "I talked on the phone for 30 minutes with a [Planned Parenthood] doctor I'd never met in person, and I got prescribed testosterone over the phone."

[Elle Palmer](#) was prescribed testosterone at Planned Parenthood when she was just 16 years old.³²¹ She [testified](#) before a Connecticut Judiciary Committee that she was not advised that "gender-affirming hormone therapy" could result in pre-diabetes, high blood pressure, and early onset osteoporosis,³²² or that it would increase her risk of sterility.

Former Planned Parenthood employee Jamie Reed [admitted](#) in 2023 that the

organization rushes clients through the process of obtaining transgender services to [maximize revenue](#),^{323, 324} [tweeting](#): “Planned Parenthood (and I was a clinical manager at PP years ago) makes money from visits. We used to stack 4 patients an hour. The quicker the ‘assessment’ the more they make.”³²⁵

Targeting Minors

Planned Parenthood [targets minors](#) for gender-affirming care by [disseminating](#) pro-transgender ideology online and in schools.^{326, 327, 328} It has also [stated](#) that it would like to “expand” its “gender-affirming care” services to a greater number of minors.³²⁹

A [video](#) linked on the organization’s [website](#) aimed at teens called “Is This Normal? Puberty in Intersex and Non-Binary People, Explained,”^{330, 331} promotes puberty blockers and hormones. It claims that “puberty blockers ... work like a stop sign, by holding hormones testosterone and estrogen that cause puberty changes, like facial hair growth and periods.”

A kids’ [video](#) series,³³² “The Gender Unicorn,” directs viewers to the TransStudent [website](#) and tells kids that “gender identity” is “who you feel you are ... not what your genitals tell you.”³³³

Another [video](#) for teens,³³⁴ “What Is Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation?” states: “Identity is who you go to bed as. And orientation is who you go to bed with.”

In [schools](#),³³⁵ Planned Parenthood is working to [normalize](#) transgender ideology.³³⁶ [Fox News](#) recently reported that “An elementary school in Washington state reportedly used sex education material from Planned Parenthood that included information about puberty blockers and graphics of pubic hair art.”³³⁷

“Treatment” Protocols for Minors

Planned Parenthood’s national [website](#) states:³³⁸ “If you’re 17 or younger, you need your parent or guardian’s consent to get gender-affirming hormone replacement therapies (HRT) like testosterone and estrogen.”

However, the same site also notes regional policy variations: “[S]ome Planned Parenthood health centers only provide HRT to patients who have parental consent and are at least 16 years old, while others only provide HRT for ages 18+. Other doctors may prescribe hormones to patients who are 12 and up with parental consent.”

Specific policies vary by affiliate:

- [Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida](#) (PPSWCF) previously offered “gender-affirming hormone therapy” to 15-year-olds with “special consents” and “additional paperwork,” stating:³³⁹ “If you are under the age of 14 all of your appointments must be in person.” In 2023, PPSWCF Chief Medical Officer Dr. Robyn Schickler [said](#) that her organization “provides estrogen and testosterone hormone therapy to approximately 1,900 patients a year, including minors as young as 14 with parental consent after an extensive evaluation process.”³⁴⁰

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida

ABOUT US SERVICES PATIENT PORTAL GET INVOLVED

- **Microdosing or intermediate dose hormones**
 - Low dose gender affirming hormone therapy is an option that is often considered when individuals want certain changes but not others or for some folks wanting to maintain an “androgynous” appearance, or those seeking slower or more subtle changes.
 - It can include low dose estrogen-based medications, low dose testosterone-based medications, androgen blockers, and/or progesterone that is customized based on the individual’s goal to achieve one’s authentic self.

We may be able to start or continue gender-affirming hormone therapy and provide referrals for gender-qualified therapy and resources if needed. If you are on hormone therapy, you can utilize the health center for ongoing care and monitoring.

In order to receive gender-affirming hormone therapy you need to be over 18 and capable of providing consent. If you are 17, you will need your parent/guardian to accompany you for your appointment. If you are 15 or younger, additional paperwork is required. Please be aware that there are special consents for these services. If you are under the age of 18 your first appointment must be in person, if you are under the age of 14 all of your appointments must be in person. Contact us at [941-567-3800](tel:941-567-3800) for specific details and to make your appointment.

At your first visit we will assess the following:

Screen capture of PPSWCF’s website prior to recent changes mandated by Florida law.

- [Planned Parenthood Mar Monte](#) offers hormones to minors aged 16-17 with parental consent and unspecified “special consents.”³⁴¹
- [Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic](#), [Planned Parenthood of Maryland](#), and [Planned Parenthood North Central States](#) (in Minnesota only) offer hormones to teens 16 and older with parental consent.^{342, 343, 344}
- In Nebraska, [Planned Parenthood North Central States](#) currently offers hormones only to individuals over the age of 19,³⁴⁵ however, it [previously](#) offered them to teens 16 and older with parental consent.³⁴⁶
- [Planned Parenthood of Illinois](#) offers HRT to teens 16 and older;³⁴⁷ a meeting with Planned Parenthood’s “Behavioral Health team” and parental consent are required for clients under 18.
- [Planned Parenthood of Delaware](#) offers HRT to teens 17 and older with parental consent.³⁴⁸
- [Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts](#) offers HRT to teens 16-17 with parental consent.³⁴⁹ It also offers referrals to other doctors for children under 16 and “surgical support letters” for “gender affirmation surgery.”
- [Planned Parenthood Great Rivers](#) sells hormones to teens aged 16-17 with parental consent and unspecified “additional requirements.”³⁵⁰ Its [website](#) currently states that it “offers some gender affirming surgeries to patients in the St. Louis area and refers to other providers when needed”;³⁵¹ no specific age requirement is stated for this particular “service.” The affiliate [previously wrote](#):³⁵² “If you are less than 16 years old we can refer you to the [Transgender Center at St. Louis Children’s Hospital](#).”³⁵³

- [Virginia League for Planned Parenthood](#)'s [transgender brochure](#) (previously linked on its website) says it “serves patients 16 & older for HRT, with the hope to serve younger patients in the future,”^{354, 355} adding that clients “younger than 16 and interested in HRT [can] call our Transgender Health Line and we will do our best to assist you.”

Many affiliates that do not explicitly sell hormones to minors do provide “consultations,” referrals to other providers offering these “services” to minors, and even drugs to interfere with natural biological processes, such as menstruation:

- [Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood](#) offers “pubertal suppression” to “transgender and gender non-conforming adolescents who are entering puberty and wish to prevent the irreversible and undesirable changes that develop.”³⁵⁶
- [Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest](#) wrote:³⁵⁷ “While patients under 18 cannot receive hormone therapy, they may have a consultation with a provider to understand treatment options and to receive medications to stop their periods (if desired).”
- [Planned Parenthood of Michigan](#)'s website has a list of providers who “may be resources for gender affirming hormone therapy for youth with parental/guardian consent.”³⁵⁸
- [Planned Parenthood of the Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley](#) and [Planned Parenthood Keystone](#) refer minors through their “patient navigators.”^{359, 360}
- [Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey](#) and [Planned Parenthood North Country New York](#) will refer clients under the age of 18 to local healthcare professionals willing to provide HRT to minors.^{361, 362}

In a 2023 [undercover sting](#),³⁶³ Planned Parenthood referred an actor posing as a 14-year-old child seeking “gender-affirming” services to another organization willing to hide the child’s “transition” from her parents.

Gender-Confused Children Are Long-Term Revenue Sources

[Research](#) shows that over 70% of individuals who start “gender-affirming” hormonal interventions will continue taking the drugs for four years or longer.³⁶⁴ Furthermore, “Patients who start hormones, with their parents’ assistance, before age 18 years have higher continuation rates than adults.”³⁶⁵

In other words, if Planned Parenthood can begin to sell children hormones at an early age, these children will likely continue to come back for repeat purchases for many years to come—perhaps even for the rest of their lives. Clearly, it makes good financial sense for Planned Parenthood to target this particular market.

Sex Education: The [School to Planned Parenthood Pipeline](#)³⁶⁶

Planned Parenthood uses its powerful presence in schools across the United States to aggressively market its products and services to children, its intended future customer base. It accomplishes this by providing comprehensive sex education (CSE) materials that sexualize children, normalize and promote risky sexual behaviors, undermine

parental authority, and overtly direct young people to Planned Parenthood for contraceptives, STI testing and treatment, and even abortion.

Planned Parenthood [claims](#)³⁶⁷ to be “the single largest provider of sex education in the United States,” and its influence over sex education extends far beyond its own brand by means of offshoot and affiliated organizations. When one adds to Planned Parenthood itself all of the [associated organizations](#) that produce and distribute sex education materials,³⁶⁸ the massive scope of the abortion corporation’s influence in our nation’s classrooms begins to come into focus.

It is virtually impossible to accurately calculate the total number of American children who are being instructed by the nation’s largest abortion business, because so many schools use materials produced by organizations and individuals with either overt or oblique ties to Planned Parenthood.

All Roads Lead to Planned Parenthood

In addition to Planned Parenthood, there are many other major players in the sex education sphere, including [SIECUS](#) and [ETR](#).^{369, 370} SIECUS was [founded](#) in 1964 by [Mary Calderone](#),^{371, 372} who served as medical director for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America from 1953-64. ETR, on the other hand, [began](#) as the educational arm of Planned Parenthood Santa Cruz,³⁷³ and it continues to publish and distribute curricula and other materials written by Planned Parenthood.

Other organizations involved in sex education include [Advocates for Youth](#) and its animated sex-ed websites,³⁷⁴ [AMAZE](#) (targeting children age 10 and older) and [AMAZE Jr](#) (targeting children as young as four),^{375, 376} which are often used as [supplementary materials](#) in school-based sex education.³⁷⁷ Advocates for Youth’s [Professional Learning Standards for Sex Education](#) was [sponsored](#) by Planned Parenthood,^{378, 379} and a third of the committee members who authored it were Planned Parenthood staff. There is also a significant number of crossover employees between Advocates for Youth/AMAZE and Planned Parenthood.

Furthermore, Planned Parenthood openly partners with Advocates for Youth, SIECUS, and others in the sex education sphere on [initiatives](#) such as “The Future of Sex Education,”³⁸⁰ which claims it “aspires to build a national foundation that empowers policymakers, school administrators, and educators to implement and sustain sex education[.]”

In other words, virtually all roads in comprehensive sex education lead back to Planned Parenthood.

What Is “Comprehensive Sex Education?”

[Family Watch International](#), an international non-profit that advocates for pro-family policies,³⁸¹ has extensively [analyzed](#) over 30 sex-ed curricula commonly used in U.S. schools.³⁸² It has identified [fifteen harmful elements](#) common to CSE curricula.³⁸³ Broadly speaking, these elements share at least one of three major themes: sexualizing children; normalizing and promoting risky, harmful, and age-inappropriate behaviors; and undermining parental authority.

Sexualizing Children

According to [Family Watch International](#),³⁸⁴ CSE primarily sexualizes children by “Normaliz[ing] child sex or desensitiz[ing] children to sexual things.” CSE curricula “[m]ay give examples of children having sex or imply many of their peers are sexually active,” and “[m]ay glamorize sex, use graphic materials, teach explicit sexual vocabulary, or encourage discussion of sexual experiences, attractions, fantasies or desires.”

Children are also taught that they can consent to sex. Planned Parenthood openly [states](#) that “consent” is a key focus of its sex education programs.³⁸⁵ Similarly, Planned Parenthood’s “Get Real” curriculum series, which has separate grade-specific volumes for sixth grade through high school, repeatedly [emphasizes](#) the importance of “consent,”³⁸⁶ while ETR’s “Be Proud! Be Responsible!” curriculum [teaches](#) sexual “negotiating skills” to children as young as 14.³⁸⁷ Some Planned Parenthood-affiliated [sources](#), such as AMAZE, teach that children can consent to sex with adults.³⁸⁸

Notably, children are not [legally](#) capable of consenting to sex.³⁸⁹ They lack the [cognitive](#) and psychological capacities [required](#) to [responsibly](#) provide legitimate consent,^{390, 391, 392} a fact which [mainstream science](#) has long substantiated.³⁹³

Normalizing and Promoting Risky, Harmful, and Age-Inappropriate Behaviors

CSE materials often present virtually every imaginable sexual behavior as both normal and acceptable.

For example, “Get Real” [promotes](#) oral sex, anal sex, and homosexual activity as being equivalent to abstinence,³⁹⁴ since these practices cannot result in pregnancy.

Similarly, a Live Action [investigation](#) exposed Planned Parenthood [advising](#) minor children to visit sex shops^{395, 396}—which legally require customers to be over 18—and to consume pornography. The abortion business also encouraged children to experiment with violent sexual behaviors, such as whipping, choking, and asphyxiation, and stated that sexual practices that leave welts and burns are acceptable.

Likewise, Advocates for Youth’s animated sex-ed websites, AMAZE and AMAZE Jr., [promote and encourage](#) sexual activities of all kinds for children as young as four years old,³⁹⁷ including sexual activities with adults, the use of pornography, and masturbation—which it claims is normal and cannot be done too frequently.

Undermining Parental Authority

Not only does Planned Parenthood encourage children to engage in a wide variety of harmful sexual behaviors, but it also [advises](#) them to hide this activity from their parents.³⁹⁸ Planned Parenthood’s “Get Real” curriculum series emphasizes that children have total [confidentiality](#) in sex-ed classes,³⁹⁹ and tells them they can obtain [contraceptives](#) and STI testing without parental permission;⁴⁰⁰ the latter is taught to children as early as [eighth grade](#).⁴⁰¹

Similarly, many videos on the AMAZE website, including one about the [abortion pill](#),⁴⁰² tell children they can consult a “trusted adult” for advice—but actual parents are very

rarely mentioned. Other AMAZE videos—including videos on the AMAZE Jr. site, which are directed at children ages 4-10—advise children that it's okay to [masturbate](#) as often as they want,⁴⁰³ so long as they do so in private.

Family Watch International has [noted](#).⁴⁰⁴

The questions that beg to be asked are, confidentiality from whom? And privacy from whom? The intent of those promoting CSE is to expose children to sexuality programs without the knowledge or consent of their parents.

This conclusion appears to be supported by CSE advocates. [Advocates for Youth](#), for example, openly [boasts](#) about “fighting harmful ‘parents’ rights[.]”^{405, 406}

Pathways for Teaching Kids About Sex

Planned Parenthood influences the minds of American children using a variety of pathways. Schools across the country use Planned Parenthood's and affiliated organizations' CSE curricula and materials, often as [early](#) as [kindergarten](#).^{407, 408} Sources like AMAZE and AMAZE Jr., however, are freely available on the internet to anyone at any time.

Advocates for Youth recently [claimed](#) that its Planned Parenthood-affiliated curriculum was being used in “more than 500 school districts across the U.S., reaching more than 5 million students.”⁴⁰⁹ Planned Parenthood [claims](#) to reach 1.2 million people annually with its sex-ed materials;⁴¹⁰ however, when one includes all of the children targeted by Planned Parenthood-affiliated organizations, like ETR and SIECUS, that number can almost certainly be multiplied many times over.

The Grand Sex-Ed Scheme

There is an obvious reason behind Planned Parenthood's focus on sex-ed: it's a strategy for securing and increasing future revenue.

Planned Parenthood and affiliated organizations are given a significant amount of [government grant](#) money to provide sex education.⁴¹¹ In this way, there is a clear immediate financial motive to be in the sex-ed business. However, Planned Parenthood is also playing the long game.

A [review](#) of 103 studies on commonly used CSE programs in the U.S. and other nations published by Issues in Law and Medicine (ILM) showed that most programs led to increases in promiscuity and risky sexual behavior along with their attendant consequences,⁴¹² including increased pregnancies and STIs. This makes sense, as [research](#) has evidenced what common sense affirms⁴¹³—namely, that [normalizing](#) any particular behavior is likely to [increase](#) its [frequency](#).^{414, 415, 416} Research has also shown that specifically normalizing sex to children makes them more likely to have more sex at [earlier](#) ages.⁴¹⁷

None of the 103 studies reviewed in ILM showed that CSE programs led to a sustained reduction in STIs or teen pregnancies, which is what Planned Parenthood and affiliated groups [claim](#) to be trying to do.⁴¹⁸

Planned Parenthood-related CSE programs and materials emphasize the use of contraception, even though adolescents have a much [higher rate](#) of contraceptive [failure](#) than adults.^{419, 420} It is [widely known](#) that regardless of contraceptive use,⁴²¹ sex among young people is more likely to result in an unplanned pregnancy or STI. According to the CDC, the teenage demographic has the [highest abortion ratio](#) statistics;⁴²² in other words, compared to their adult counterparts, adolescents are more likely to choose abortion if they become pregnant.

Not coincidentally, Planned Parenthood has made [billions of dollars in excess revenue](#) from sex-related products,⁴²³ such as contraception, and sex-related services, such as STI testing/treatment and abortion.

Given the enormous amount of published research in this area, Planned Parenthood is likely aware that normalizing and promoting sex to school children makes those children much more likely to “need” the goods and services Planned Parenthood provides and profits from—namely, contraceptives, STI testing/treatment, and abortion. Furthermore, Planned Parenthood-affiliated and approved CSE curricula and materials [frequently](#) and [overtly direct](#) children to obtain these products and services from Planned Parenthood.^{424, 425, 426}

Infiltrating schools with ideas and information crafted to increase sexual activities among children simply makes good business sense for Planned Parenthood. The “sex education” it provides is little more than an elaborate ad campaign for promiscuity, disease, and abortion.

Permanent and Total Defunding: The Roles of Congress and the Executive Branch

Planned Parenthood has violated multiple federal laws in addition to various regulations governing recipients of taxpayer funding. It is also the nation’s largest abortion provider. Each year, Planned Parenthood receives hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars despite its direct role in the destruction of preborn lives and its long record of scandals and illegal activities. The American people should never be forced to subsidize the killing of innocent children or any form of criminal activity.

While the executive branch has powerful tools to immediately strip Planned Parenthood of funding and hold it accountable for its various malfeasances, these actions must be reinforced by Congress.

The only way to ensure that Planned Parenthood is permanently defunded without relying on executive actions that can be undone by future administrations is for Congress to pass ironclad legislation that cuts off all federal funding, once and for all.

Congress must take decisive action to enact the permanent legislative defunding of Planned Parenthood, ensuring that no future administration can restore its taxpayer funding. This means eliminating all taxpayer subsidies through Medicaid, Title X, and federal grants, while also preventing Planned Parenthood from accessing funds through loopholes or indirect channels.

A full and final defunding must be a top priority, and Congress must refuse to pass any budget or appropriations bill that allows even a single dollar to be funneled to Planned Parenthood. The House and Senate have a moral duty to act.

At the same time, the executive branch has multiple pathways by which it can eliminate Planned Parenthood's taxpayer funding and investigate its potential crimes. Immediate possible actions include:

- **Title X Rule Enforcement:** HHS can reinstate the Protect Life Rule and require Title X funding recipients to be financially and physically separate from abortion facilities. In President Trump's first term, this rule caused Planned Parenthood to voluntarily relinquish \$60 million in annual funding. Reinstating and strengthening this rule would cut off a significant revenue stream.
- **Medicaid Disqualification:** HHS has the authority to disqualify Planned Parenthood as a Medicaid provider due to repeated violations of federal laws and regulations, including failure to report sexual abuse and Medicaid fraud. States like Texas have successfully removed Planned Parenthood from their Medicaid programs—this can and should be implemented nationwide.
- **Executive Order on Federal Grants:** The president can issue an executive order prohibiting federal agencies from awarding grants to organizations that provide or refer for abortions.
- **Enforcement of Child Protection Laws:** HHS can audit all Title X recipients to ensure compliance with mandatory reporting laws for child sexual abuse. Clinics failing to comply should be stripped of funding and face legal consequences.
- **Fetal Tissue and Trafficking Investigations:** The Department of Justice (DOJ) must reopen and expand investigations into Planned Parenthood's participation in illegal fetal tissue sales and abortion trafficking. Criminal penalties and financial sanctions should be considered.
- **Congressional Collaboration:** The administration must work with Congress to push for a permanent legislative defunding of Planned Parenthood, ensuring that taxpayer dollars never again subsidize its exploitative practices.

These actions, implemented swiftly and decisively, will dismantle Planned Parenthood's financial stronghold and redirect resources to healthcare providers that uphold the dignity and rights of all human beings—born and preborn.

The time to act is now.

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