

The Pregnancy.gov Act

Problem: Nearly 88% of women who had abortions in 2022 were unmarried.¹ Mothers with unexpected pregnancies may be in fear of whether they can get support during pregnancy and after the child is born. There are valuable, privately-run directories available like Standing With You², Her PLAN³, and the EnVision App⁴. But these are independent efforts with limited resources.

<u>Solution</u>: The **Pregnancy.gov** Act would support the creation of a web application — <u>Pregnancy.gov</u> — that provides comprehensive information about within-zip code public and private resources available to families with unexpected pregnancies. Making use of preexisting government resources and programs, <u>Pregnancy.gov</u> would be implemented with no net cost to the federal government, and would leverage the government's resources, preexisting assistance programs and intergovernmental relationships, and credibility intrinsic to a ".gov" address.

The **Pregnancy.gov** Act would also provide a grant program for States to establish or support existing efforts to aggregate relevant resources for the <u>Pregnancy.gov</u> website. Organizations that perform, refer for, or counsel in favor of abortion are explicitly prohibited from receiving grant funding or have any resources included on the <u>Pregnancy.gov</u> website.

No mother should ever have to feel alone. All public (federal, state, and local) and private resources based on zip code should be available in an easy-to-navigate web application, and the **Pregnancy.gov Act** would achieve this by providing timely and accurate informational resources for expectant mothers in areas such as:

- Adoption information and services
- Alternatives to abortion
- Breastfeeding information and protections
- Childcare, family leave assistance
- Clothing, household, baby supplies
- Family planning education
- Financial assistance
- Food and nutrition assistance
- Foster care, short-term care
- Healthy child development
- Housing support
- Legal support

- Mentorship, work, education opportunities
- OB-GYN and other health care services
- Perinatal hospice, pregnancy loss, infant loss resources
- Pregnancy counseling
- Prenatal diagnostic services
- Prepartum and postpartum services
- Primary and dental care
- Information about the reversal of the abortion pill
- Fetal development resources

- Risks of abortion at all stages of gestations
- Services for domestic, sexual violence
- Substance abuse recovery, mental health services
- Support services for abortion survivors and their families
- Transportation support
- Tax preparation
- ¹ Ramer S, Nguyen AT, Hollier LM, Rodenhizer J, Warner L, Whiteman MK. Abortion Surveillance United States, 2022. MMWR Surveill Summ 2024;73(No. SS-7):1–28. DOI: <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss7307a1</u>

² Katie Everett, "Nance Gives Remarks at the 'Standing with You' Press Conference" (Feb. 14, 2022), <u>https://concernedwomen.org/nance-gives-remarksat-the-standing-with-you-press-conference/</u>.

³ Her PLAN (Her Pregnancy and Life Assistance Network), <u>https://herplan.org/</u> (last accessed April 30, 2025).

⁴ EnVision, <u>https://envision.ops1.com/</u> (last accessed April 30, 2025).

