

LIFE CHOICE PREGNANCY CENTER

Our organization began as The Pregnancy Counseling Center in 1974 in a tiny office on Baseline street in San Bernardino. We incorporated as Mountain Right to Life, Inc in 1987 and in 1999 became a California licensed community medical clinic. From that small house we moved to another, and then finally to a prime location on Hospitality Lane. We saw thousands of women over the number of years at that location. In 2004, we lost our lease in that complex due to pressure on the landlord from his largest tenant, Family Planning Associates, Inc. What we thought was a problem turned out to be a blessing. At our present location at 114 E Airport Dr we are situated between Planned Parenthood and Family Planning, Inc. The new location has enabled us to increase services, and our property owner is supportive of what we do. It is because of this we expanded our facility from the original 1700 square feet to 4 suites totaling just under 6,000 square feet – with plenty of warehouse space to store donated goods for our clients.

Initially, like many Pregnancy Resource Centers we opened to be a counterbalance to legalized abortion. Our intention was to provide information and support to women and their families who face an unplanned pregnancy. We were open just a few hours a week. As time passed the demand for other help and support grew, so we began to provide material goods to women who came to us. These items came through donations from people and organizations in the community. We developed a “points program” to enable moms, dads and families to get the things they needed in a way that developed a sense of responsibility and accountability. We have increased our hours of operation to be more accessible to women and families who work or who are in school, and are always looking to expand to meet the needs of our clients.

As the need grew, we began to lend books to provide information for our clients on various topics (Childbirth, parenting, nutrition), and then began to offer free pregnancy testing and various means of support through referrals, follow-up phone calls, friendship, Christian mentoring, and sexual integrity education.

With time, women’s needs have changed and so we have evolved our ministry to meet those needs. One of those needs was implementing a Post Abortion healing group when we realized the great need in the community for women and men to find healing and wholeness after an abortion in a safe and nurturing environment. As the attacks have come from the pro-abortion camp, we updated our business name to Life Choice Pregnancy Center, so there will be no chance of anyone thinking we are posing as licensed “counselors” and to indicate there is only one choice for life.

We collaborate with other community organizations and agencies to provide comprehensive material needs, professional counseling and medical care. We have begun to see we do not need to use our valuable assets to duplicate services offered elsewhere. What we want to do is continue to do what we do best – provide a safe environment and support to enable a woman with an unplanned pregnancy to make healthy choices for herself and her child. To do this effectively for today’s women we offer limited, diagnostic ultrasound under the supervision of a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer and a Dr of Radiology. Developing our ultrasound program is a prime service, family bonding process and educational tool.

Another desperate need we see daily is for women of all ages to see themselves as valuable. As a result of living in our sex-oriented society, females in general have accepted that their worth is derived from their physical appearance and how sexually desirable they are to men (or same sex relationships). Because of what we have seen and heard, we are convinced that we need to offer more than just a “don’t do it” approach to our clients. We must show them why engaging in premarital and extra marital relationships is physically, emotionally, intellectually socially, and spiritually damaging. We share the truth of God’s Word as well as scientific evidence, with those who see the need to make lifestyle changes, but who have been unsuccessful in doing so alone and in their own strength. We tell them that God, their Father is ready to empower them for a life change!! Studies prove that people who engage in multiple sexual encounters especially in the teen years not only jeopardize their physical health, but their emotional and psychological health too.

There are approximately 600 abortions performed in our end of town each month. To meet the needs of these women we continue to expand our hours and services. At this time, we log an average of 300 client visits each month during the 6 days and nearly 40 hours per week our center is open. We currently have over 50 volunteers who put in over 400 hours per month seeing clients, making follow-up phone calls, helping with special events, cleaning, organizing and doing clerical work. The need is great for all women and men to train as Advocates to work one-on-one with our clients. Men need help too, and our goal is to provide wide-ranging services for them as well.

As we grow, we will continue to do what we do best: tell the truth to anyone who will listen that all life is God-breathed and therefore sacred and is to be defended, supported and valued by any means possible.

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