



PREGNANCY CENTER STANDARDS OF AFFILIATION

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1. The primary mission of the pregnancy center is to share the compassion, love, and truth of Jesus Christ — both in word and deed — with those facing pregnancy or sexually related issues. The pregnancy center is equally committed to sharing the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ with those it serves. Commensurate with these purposes, all board, staff, and volunteers of the pregnancy center have made a profession of faith to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.
2. All board members, staff, and volunteers of the center agree with Care Net's *Statement of Faith* and uphold all of the principles and requirements set forth in Care Net's *Commitment of Care and Competence*.
3. The pregnancy center does not perform or refer for abortion and provides a written disclaimer to this effect to clients requesting services.
4. The pregnancy center offers services free-of-charge at all times.
5. The pregnancy center does not recommend, provide, or refer single women for contraceptives. (Married women seeking contraceptive information should be urged to seek counsel, along with their husbands, from their pastor and/or physician.)
6. All client materials containing medical content are approved by a physician prior to use by the center.
NOTE: *Care Net's medical resources have been approved by its Medical Advisory Board and need no further approval.*
7. The pregnancy center adopts policies and procedures to ensure that all abortion education is presented in a caring and compassionate manner with due respect for the emotional sensibilities and desires of each client. The use of explicit abortion images is generally discouraged; however, center personnel will always give specific content warnings and obtain written client permission prior to showing any graphic depictions of abortion or its results. No client will ever be pressured or coerced to view abortion education materials.
8. All pregnancy centers offering medical services shall:
 - a. Function under the authority and direction of a licensed physician who is in good standing with the physician's state licensing board.
 - b. Only utilize trained and licensed medical professionals to perform medical procedures, including ultrasounds.
 - c. Carry sufficient medical liability coverage for the center and all medical personnel (unless they have their own coverage).
9. The pregnancy center recognizes the validity of adoption as an alternative to abortion, but is not biased toward adoption when compared to the other life-saving alternatives. Pregnancy centers interacting with independent adoption agencies shall assure that referrals are made in a manner that fully protects the interests of clients and avoids any conflicts of interest. Adoption agencies may only be established under the auspices of centers if they meet strict standards to assure that pregnancy clients shall be served without any conflicts of interest.

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10. The board hires and oversees a director who implements board policy and manages center operations. This director is paid according to applicable state and federal labor laws.
11. The board members and the director agree to participate in continuing training and education, as necessary, so they can effectively carry out their duties.
12. While affiliated with Care Net, the center will submit to Care Net on an annual basis, and in accordance with such deadlines established by Care Net, the following: Certificate of Compliance, Pregnancy Center Statistical Report, and annual affiliation fee.
13. As a Care Net affiliate, the center has been granted a limited license to use the Care Net logo. If the center uses the Care Net logo, its usage is in accordance with all requirements set forth in the current version of the Care Net Identity and Logo Usage Guide.
14. Centers may not incorporate under the Care Net name; however, centers may apply to Care Net for a limited license to use the Care Net name as a DBA (Doing Business As). If the center has Care Net in its name, the center has applied to Care Net for use of this name.