# The Indiana Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program

#### **Measurable Program Outcomes**

- Women increasingly choose childbirth.
- Increased physical and emotional support provided to women.
- Increased knowledge of adoption.
- Improved parenting outcomes.
- Improved reproductive health due to STD education and modification of risky lifestyle behavior through abstinence education.
- Lowered infant mortality, as well as, health and Medicaid costs due to high client pre-natal care rates, pediatric care rates, and immunization rates.



#### Program at a Glance

- 1. Statewide government-funded program in its tenth year, providing free pregnancy support!
  - Privatized social services program IDOH hires Real Alternatives to administer statewide program that promotes childbirth and supports women through 24 months after birth of the baby.
  - 8 Real Alternatives funded Service Providers (32 centers) throughout IN provide life-affirming comprehensive, compassionate, caring counseling, and support to Hoosier women experiencing unexpected pregnancies.
- Centers consist of 4 Catholic Charities sites, 27 Pregnancy Support Centers, and 1 Maternity Residence that provide free support services to women who are pregnant, think they might be pregnant, or have a child under one year old.
- Currently funded at \$6.25 million per year
- Through modern business practices, the program's latest administrative cost is a low 8.0% in FY22-23.
- Over 16,287 women served last fiscal year throughout Indiana.
- Program funded with Indiana Department of Health and Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Family money.
  - Over 119,783 women served in 9.5 years (Oct. 1, 2014 through July 31, 2024).
  - In FY22/23, CDC estimated cost savings for program clients receiving proper prenatal care = \$283,311,556
  - In FY22/23, CDC estimated cost savings for program clients' children up to date immunizations = \$17,757,248
  - In FY22/23, 10,516 (96.2%) program clients received proper prenatal care thereby lowering low birthweight babies and infant mortality.



## **INFANT MORTALITY**

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- Women gain increased self-sufficiency
- Improved parenting skills
- Lowered infant mortality, as well as, health and Medicaid costs due to high client pre-natal care rates, pediatric care rates, and immunization rates.
- Proper prenatal care vastly reduces possibility of low birthweight infants and subsequent death. CDC states that \$26,941 in each instance could be saved by preventing low birthweight in infants. In FY 22/23 alone, program counselors assisted 10,516 in obtaining proper prenatal care for their infants. That savings could potentially be \$283,311,556!
- CDC states immunizations save \$30.41 per dollar spent in medical and societal costs. The cost of immunizations is approx. \$961.99 per child. In FY22/23, 607 program clients' children's immunizations were up-to-date. That translates into a potential cost savings of \$<u>17,757,248</u>!

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Client Has Taken Child to Pediatric Appointments

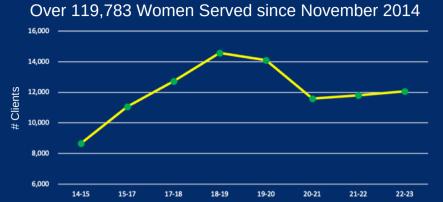


#### **Program at a Glance**

- End of 2014, signed contract to start government-funded program at the then Governor Pence's request to provide statewide pregnancy support and parenting education services to Hoosier women!
  - 2015 created program and services began mid-year
  - 2016 was first full year of services
  - Program funding has remained basically stagnant limiting expansion and advertising of available services
  - Nevertheless, from the first full year of program services in 2016 to 2022, the infant mortality rate in Indiana has dropped from 7.5 per 1,000 live births to 6.75
- 2. Eight (8) Real Alternatives funded Service Providers (32 sites) throughout Indiana
  - Sites consist of 27 pregnancy centers, 4 social service agencies, and 1 maternity residence.
  - Approximately 248 caring and compassionate counselors
  - Clients seen from 90 Indiana counties
  - 119,783 women seen at 315,392 visits (through July 31, 2024)
- 3. Support services to new mothers include counseling, shelter, food, clothing, parenting education, adoption information, and referrals to other community agencies for women who have a child under 24 months old
  - Women are empowered to make choices that greatly improve infant health and survival
  - Service Provider vendors are reimbursed on a fee-for-services basis for approved services rendered
  - Funding is not freely given, it is earned
  - Annual contract compliance monitorings are conducted of every Service Provider







<u>Fiscal</u>Year

# \$17.7 million

FY22/23 **TAXPAYER SAVINGS** for 607 program clients' children's up-to-date immunizations

# \$283 million

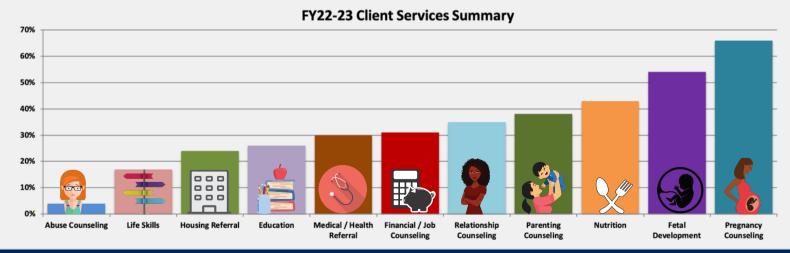
FY22/23 TAXPAYER SAVINGS for 10,516 program clients who received proper prenatal care



of women served in FY22-23 who were pressured by others to abort chose childbirth after program services



of women served in FY22-23 who were abortion minded chose childbirth after program services



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