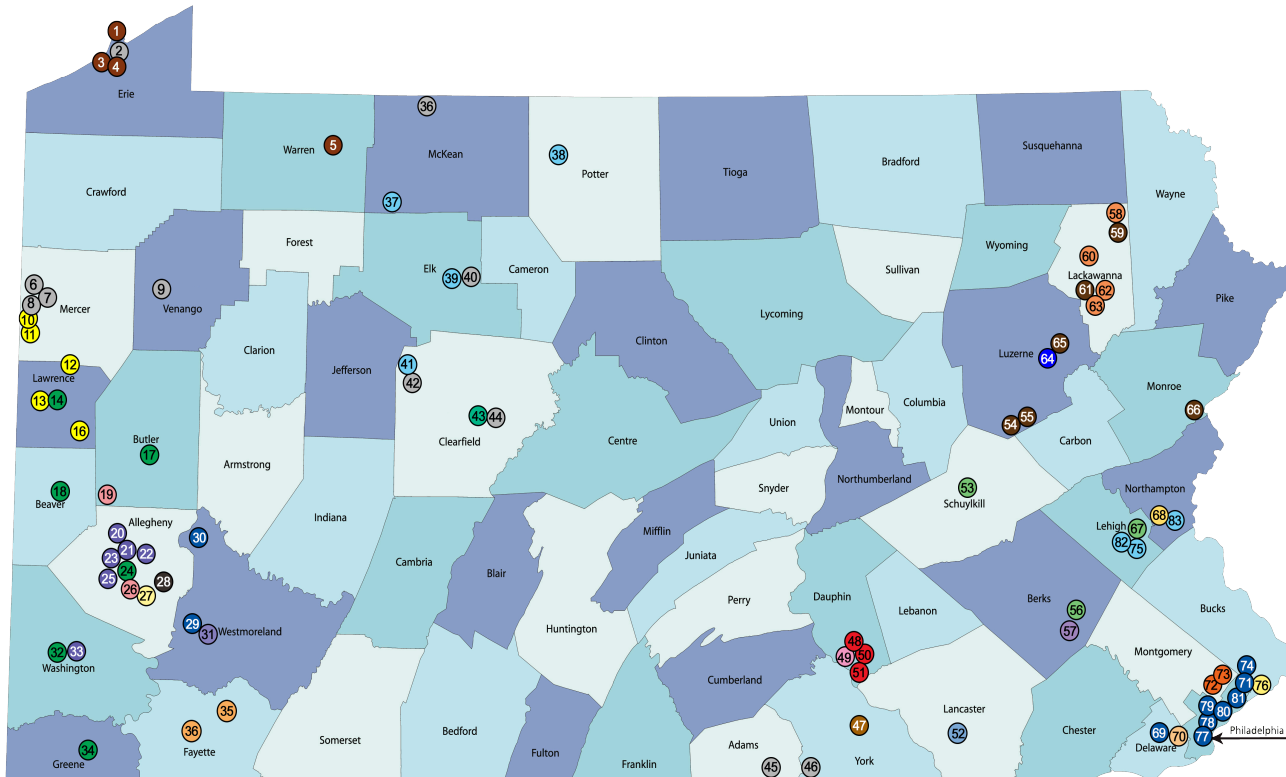


# The Pennsylvania Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program



## Measurable Program Outcomes

- Women increasingly choose childbirth rather than abortion.
- 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. 27+ year statewide government-funded program providing alternatives to abortion!
  - Privatized social services program - DHS hires Real Alternatives to administer statewide program that promotes childbirth rather than abortion.
  - 29 Real Alternatives funded Service Providers (82 centers) throughout PA provide life-affirming comprehensive, compassionate, caring counseling, and support to Pennsylvania women experiencing unexpected pregnancies.
  - Centers consist of 33 Catholic Charities sites, 33 Pregnancy Support Centers, 9 Maternity Homes, 6 Social Service Agencies, and 1 Adoption Agency that provide free support services to women who are pregnant, think they might be pregnant, or have a child under one.
  - Currently funded at \$7.263 million/year
  - Through modern business practices, the program's latest administrative cost is a low 8.8% in FY22-23.
  - Over 10,638 women served last fiscal year throughout Pennsylvania.
2. First and only statewide Faith-Based program funded in PA.
  - Over 354,292 women served in over 27 years.
  - In FY22/23, CDC estimated cost savings for program clients receiving proper prenatal care = \$301,499,000
  - In FY22/23, CDC estimated cost savings for program clients' children up to date immunizations = \$198,489,000

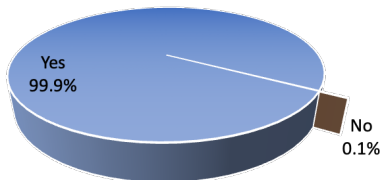
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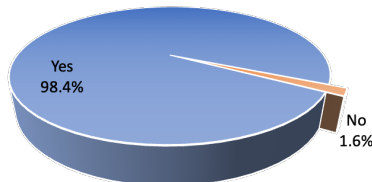
- Women gain increased self-sufficiency
- Improved parenting skills
- Lowered infant mortality, as well as, health and Medicaid costs due to high client prenatal care rates, pediatric care rates, and immunization rates.
- Proper prenatal care vastly reduces possibility of low birthweight infants and subsequent death. CDC states that \$26,941 in each instance could be saved by preventing low birthweight in infants. In FY22/23 alone, program counselors assisted 11,191 clients in obtaining proper prenatal care for their infants. That savings could potentially be \$301,499,529!
- 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, 6,785 program clients' children's immunizations were up-to-date. That translates into a potential cost savings of \$198,489,176!

Client Feels Confident and Capable of Self-Sufficiency After Program Services



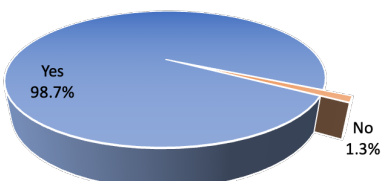
13,459 Clients for FY22-23

Client Visited or Plans to Visit Healthcare Provider for Prenatal Care



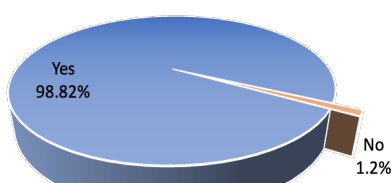
11,378 Clients for FY22-23

Client Has Child's Immunizations Up to Date



6,877 Clients for FY22-23

Client Has Taken Child for Pediatric Appointments



6,939 Clients for FY22-23

### Program at a Glance

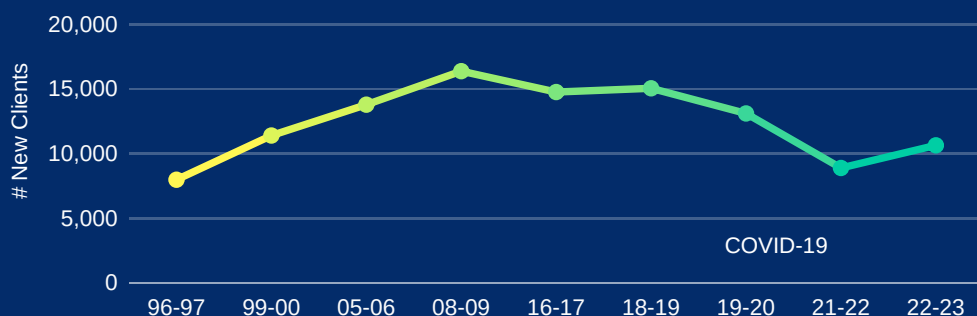
1. In 1995 Pennsylvania created a government-funded program to provide statewide pregnancy support and parenting education services to Pennsylvania women!
  - Program funding increased to the current level of \$7.26 million per year in 2017.
  - **From 2000 to 2020 the infant mortality rate in Pennsylvania has dropped from 7.3 per 1,000 live births to 5.5**
2. Twenty-nine (29) Real Alternatives funded Service Providers (82 sites) throughout Pennsylvania
  - Sites consist of 30 pregnancy centers, 35 social service agencies, 12 maternity homes, and 3 adoption agencies.
  - Approximately 258 caring and compassionate counselors provide services in all 67 PA counties
  - 354,292 women seen at 1,898,249 visits (through December 2023)
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 12 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



# Real Alternatives<sup>SM</sup>

*Empowering Women for Life<sup>SM</sup>*

## Over 354,292 Clients Served in Past 28 Years



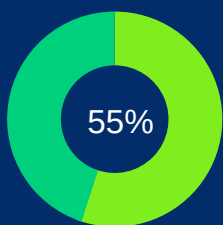
PA Program  
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### \$198 million

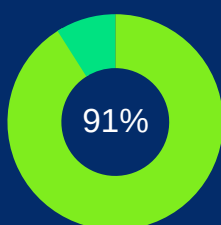
FY22/23 **TAXPAYER SAVINGS** for 6,785 program clients' children's up-to-date immunizations

### \$301 million

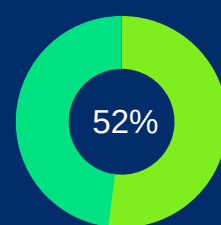
FY22/23 **TAXPAYER SAVINGS** for 11,191 program clients who received proper prenatal care



of women who were abortion minded chose childbirth after program services

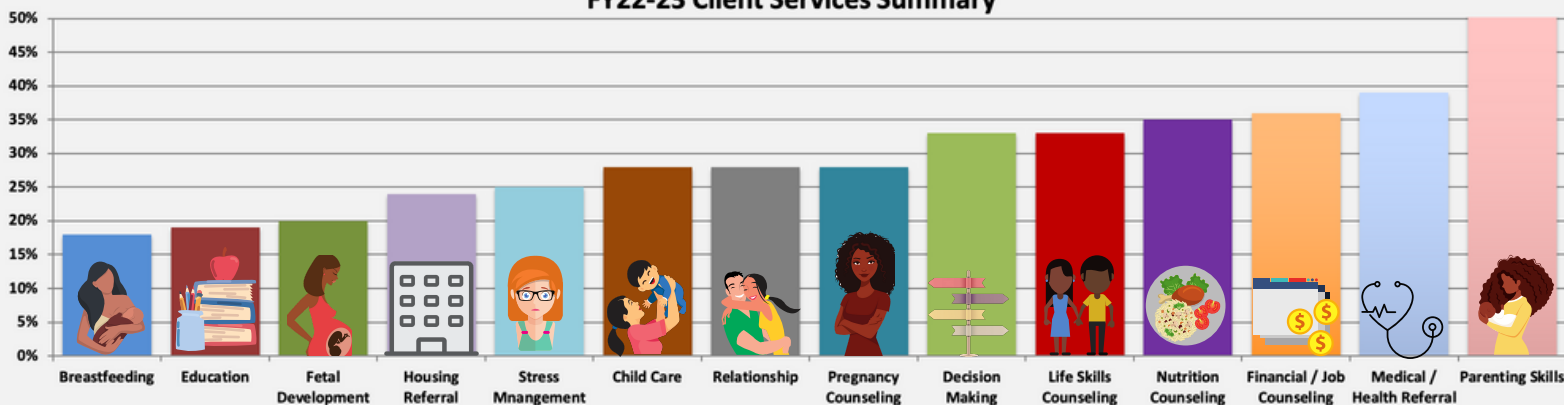


of women who were pressured by others to abort chose childbirth after program services



of women who were abortion minded and pressured by others to abort chose childbirth after program services

### FY22-23 Client Services Summary



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