# 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 (30 centers) throughout IN provide lifeaffirming comprehensive, compassionate, caring counseling, and support to Hoosier women experiencing unexpected pregnancies.
  - Centers consist of 4 Catholic Charities sites, 25 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 8.7% in FY23-24.
  - Over 16,474 women served last fiscal year throughout Indiana.
- 2. Program funded with Indiana Department of Health and Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Family money.
  - Over 125,796 women served in 10+ years (Oct. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2024).
  - In FY23/24, CDC estimated cost savings for program clients receiving proper prenatal care = \$352,145,364
  - In FY23/24, CDC estimated cost savings for program clients' children up to date immunizations = \$41,177,420
  - In FY23/24, 12,596 (95.9%) program clients received proper prenatal care thereby lowering low birth-weight babies and infant mortality.



## **INFANT MORTALITY**

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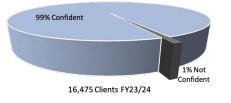
## Measurable Program Outcomes

- 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 \$27,957 in each instance could be saved by preventing low birthweight in infants. In FY 23/24 alone, program counselors assisted 12,596 in obtaining proper prenatal care for their infants. That savings could potentially be \$352,145,364!
- CDC states immunizations save \$31.57 per dollar spent in medical and societal costs. The cost of immunizations is approx. \$1,023.80 per child. In FY23/24, 1,274 program clients' children's immunizations were up-to-date. That translates into a potential cost savings of \$41,177,420!

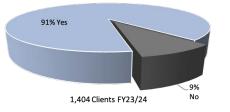
Client Visited or Plans to Visit Healthcare Provider for Prenatal Care 96% Yes

13.137 Clients FY23/24

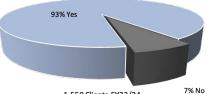
Client Feels Confident and Capable of Self-Sufficiency After Program Support



#### Client Has Child's Immunizations Up to Date



**Client Has Taken Child to Pediatric Appointments** 



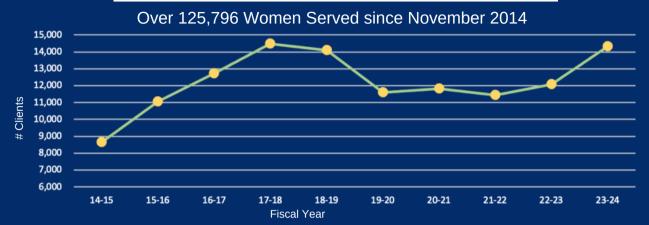
## **Program at a Glance**

- 1. In mid-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!
  - 2014 created program and services began mid-year.
  - 2015 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 2015 to 2023, the infant mortality rate in Indiana has dropped from 7.3 per 1.000 live births to 6.5 per 1,000 live births.
- 2. Eight (8) Real Alternatives funded Service Providers (30 sites) throughout Indiana
  - Sites consist of 25 pregnancy centers, 4 social service agencies, and 1 maternity residence.
  - Approximately 203 caring and compassionate counselors
  - Clients seen from 90 Indiana counties
  - 125,796 women seen at 335,053 visits (through December 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



1.550 Clients FY23/24





# \$41 million

FY23/24 **TAXPAYER SAVINGS** for 1,274 program clients' children's up-to-date immunizations

85%

of women served in FY23-24

who were pressured by others

to abort chose childbirth after

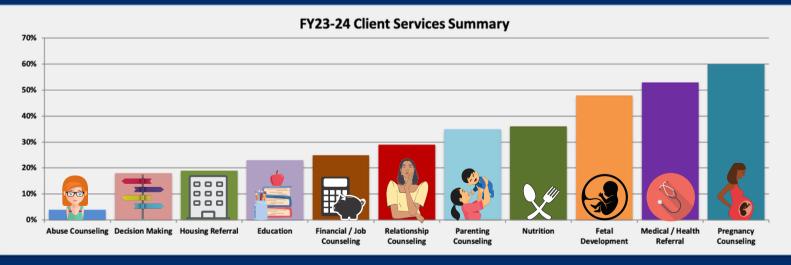
program services

# \$352 million

FY23/24 TAXPAYER SAVINGS for 12,596 program clients who received proper prenatal care

# 44%

of women served in FY23-24 who were abortion minded chose childbirth after program services



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