



# NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina

## CPCs in NC

### An Overview of Crisis Pregnancy Centers in North Carolina

**“Crisis Pregnancy Centers”** are facilities run by anti-choice organizations that use deception, intimidation, and manipulation to persuade women not to have abortions.

#### **CPC Tactics**

CPCs frequently make the following false statements to women who visit their facilities:

- Abortion causes breast cancer
- None of the common methods of birth control effectively prevent pregnancy
- Miscarriage is so common that abortion probably won't be necessary

#### **North Carolina CPC Statistics**

A comprehensive study conducted by NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina Foundation between October 2010 and July 2011 revealed the following:

- There are 122 CPCs in North Carolina.
- The vast majority are not medically licensed, lack medically trained personnel, and provide medically inaccurate information.
- There is at least one CPC with a 25-mile radius of every college campus in the state
- More than 75% of the state's CPCs are located in communities with higher-than average populations of color

#### **Legal Status of CPCs**

- Because CPCs provide their services free-of-charge, there is currently no avenue for legal recourse against their misleading advertisements and deceptive practices
- North Carolina is in the midst of a legal battle over the production of “Choose Life” license plates, which would channel state funding to CPCs
- The so-called “Women's Right to Know” Act will require the state to maintain a registry of places where women can obtain free ultrasounds; because many CPCs provide free ultrasounds—even though they lack the medical training to do so—they will be included in the registry, encouraging more women to visit these centers