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# DEMAND THAT MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE BAN CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS FROM CAMPUS.

DO YOU CARE ABOUT:

- REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
- EQUAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR POOR WOMEN, WOMEN OF COLOR, AND PREGNANT PEOPLE
- ACCURATE MEDICAL INFORMATION

YES? OPEN AND READ [MORE](#)

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**CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS:  
are “anti-abortion non-profits that  
masquerade as abortion clinics.” [1]**

**Scholars have demonstrated the deceptive strategies that CPCs use:**

**MISLEADING INFORMATION**

- 80% of CPC websites contain false or misleading medical information. [2] They suggest that abortion causes breast cancer, depression, suicide, and infertility. It does not.
- Exaggerate risks of abortion and downplay risks of pregnancy/birth. Abortion is 14 times safer than birth. [4]

**CONFUSION**

- Set up near abortion facilities and in buildings that were formerly abortion clinics. [3]
- Have names that obscure their anti-abortion agendas (such as “Options for Women”). [5]
- Pose as medical facilities. Volunteers often wear white lab coats. CPCs increasingly offer ultrasounds, which are “non-diagnostic,” or non-medical. [6]

**AVOIDING GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND DATA PRIVACY**

- CPCs are subject to almost NO gov’t oversight. [7]
- CPCs gather private medical information of their clients, even though they are not HIPAA compliant. [9]
- CPCs are believed to SHARE this private health information with national anti-abortion networks. [8]
- CPCs disproportionately target poor women & women of color. [10]

The CPC in Middlebury is called **The Women’s Center**. It is known for using many of these strategies.

- It is located in a former Planned Parenthood office.
- It includes false and misleading information about abortion and pregnancy on its website.
- It advertises itself as a “confidential” and “medical” resource. However, it is not required to be HIPAA compliant.
- Frames abortion as a traumatic event that causes Post Abortion Stress Syndrome (which is not medically recognized—in fact, 95% of abortion patients say it was the right decision). [11]

There are **more CPCs than abortion clinics in Vermont.**

**DO NOT go to the  
Women’s Center for  
accurate information on  
reproductive medical care.**

Looking for clear, confidential, medical information about your reproductive health options? Refer to PARTON, PORTER, or PLANNED PARENTHOOD (Burlington).