



H.R. 6945, Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act

Background:

- **Pregnancy centers are non-profit and faith-based organizations that have a pro-life mission and provide services to pregnant women and families** including pregnancy testing, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, prenatal and pregnancy education, ultrasounds, adoption referrals, diapers, baby clothes, linkages to housing, and other material supports.
 - **Over 2,700 pregnancy centers across the country aided nearly two million people in 2024.** Services and material assistance provided by pregnancy centers had an estimated value of over \$450 million annually.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a key federal program in the fight against poverty and provides \$16.5 billion in federal funding to states to further four purposes:
 1. Provide assistance to needy families so that children can be cared for in their own home or in the home of relatives;
 2. End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
 3. Prevent and reduce incidence out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
 4. Encourage the formation of two-parent families.
- **Many states use TANF to support pregnancy centers which meet these purposes by providing material support and assistance to women** in need so children can be cared for in their own home, and by reducing dependence on government assistance.
- Under the Biden Administration, a proposed rule was issued that singled out pregnancy centers and preemptively suggested state spending on these organizations would no longer be allowable. **The Biden rule was never finalized, but there is a need to make sure future Administrations do not pursue similar actions.**

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- **H.R. 6945 amends TANF statute to prohibit discrimination against pregnancy centers** and clarify that use of funds for pregnancy centers is allowable.
- The bill is endorsed by March for Life Action, Americans United for Life, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, Heritage Foundation, and Concerned Women for America.