



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.