

Respect Life Issues & Services

On January 22, 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal on demand. The Pro-Life Committee and Task Force feel it is necessary to provide some facts about abortion in this country.

Medical facts and church beliefs:

Human life starts at conception. Human DNA is formed at the first cell division. Life is the first inalienable right under the constitution.

Abortion statistics:

3000 babies are killed every day in America through various forms of abortion. (1)

12 or more babies are killed every day in Iowa through abortion. (2)

4000 abortions are performed in Iowa every year. (2)

50 million babies in America have been killed since Roe v Wade. (1)

Over 25% of all pregnancies in America have ended with abortion. (1, 2)

98% of all abortions are personal choice. (1)

Abortions are the fifth leading cause of maternal death. (1)

Abortion methods:

Surgical abortions (including late term abortion, which is still allowed in Iowa)

RU486 abortion pill (includes Telemed abortions via Internet, where Iowa is a trial state) (2)

Morning after pill, this can be an emergency contraceptive or an abortifacient depending on timing. (2)

Effects of abortions on women's health: (2)

60% reported thoughts of suicide. 28 % actually attempted suicide.

80% have feelings of self hatred. 55% expressed guilt from an abortion.

49% resort to drug abuse. 39% increase use of alcohol. 14% addicted to alcohol.

44% complained of nervous disorders. 36% had experienced sleep disturbances.

25% visited to psychiatrists. 11% were prescribed psychotropic medicine by their family doctors.

50% of teenage women had worsening psychosocial functioning.

30% – 50% reported experiencing sexual dysfunctions.

33% have intense longing to become pregnant again.

The risk of breast cancer is 3 times higher for women who have had an abortion.

Planned Parenthood:

Planned Parenthood provides about 25% of all abortions in America. (1)

Planned Parenthood kills about 800 babies per day in America. (1)

Planned Parenthood receives \$350 million federal aid from your income taxes yearly. (1)

Planned Parenthood receives \$1.9 million annually in federal grants. (3, 12/11)

Planned Parenthood annual budget is \$1billion. (3)

Iowa now has 20 Planned Parenthood facilities. This is more than the surrounding six states. (3, 12/11 & 5)

Planned Parenthood has plans to open facilities in six Iowa towns, and **one of those is Marshalltown.** (4)

Sources (1) Pro Life Action League, 2010

(2) Iowa Right to Life web site

(3) Iowa Right to Life newsletters

(4) Marshalltown Times Republican

(5) Planned Parenthood web site

Counseling						Medical			Infant care			Post abortion Healing	
Pregnancy & Prenatal	Adoption	Financial & housing	Social agencies	Parenting & family	Abortion risks	Pregnancy tests	3-D ultrasounds	STD testing & treatment	Clothing	Education	Lifelong care	Retreats & counseling	Personal witnessing

Birthright *	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes			Yes	Yes			
Catholic Charities	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes					Yes		Yes	
Choices Medical Clinic	Yes			Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes					Yes	
Child Abuse Prevention & Stork's Nest*	Yes								Yes					
Gabriel Project	Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes			
Lutheran Family Services	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes					Yes			
Primary Health Care*							Yes		Yes					

Project Rachel													Yes	Yes
Rachel's Vineyard													Yes	Yes
Safe Haven*												Yes		
Silent No More														Yes

*Indicates services available in Marshalltown. All other services are available within a one hour drive.

Available Pro-Life Services

Agency	Contact Information
Birthright www.birthright.org	8 North First Avenue, Marshalltown, IA 50158 641-753-0030 National Hotline: 1-800-550-4900
Catholic Charities www.catholiccharitiesUSA.org	1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003 563-588-0558 or 800-772-2758 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014 515-296-2759 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309 515-237-5082 800-227-3002
Choices Medical Clinic www.choicesclinic.com www.informedchoices.org	1355 50 th Street Suite 400, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 515-440-2273 821 South Gilbert Street, Iowa City 319-337-0575

Lutheran Family Service www.lfsiowa.org	7177 Hickman, Suite 3, Des Moines, IA 50322 515-251-4900, hot line (800) 622-7285
Project Rachel www.hopeafterabortion.com	Dubuque Diocese Project Rachel/Catholic Charities 800-772-2758 Des Moines Diocese Catholic Charities/A New Beginning 515-237-5082 or 800-CARE-002 National 800-5WE-CARE
Rachel's Vineyard www.rachelsvineyard.org	Cedar Falls 515-306-7838 National 1-877-HOPE4ME
Silent No More www.silentnomoreawareness.org	Roxie Richard 515-890-9698 National 1-800-707-6635
Gabriel Project www.thegabrialproject.wordpress.com www.christthekingparish.org	Christ the King Catholic Parish 5711 SW 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50315-5006 515-284-5683 St. Thomas Aquinas, Ames ??
Child Abuse Prevention Services (The Storks Nest & Crisis Child Care) www.caponline.us	811 E. Main St., Marshalltown Iowa Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-362-2178 800-470-7658 641-752-1730
Primary Health Care www.phcinc.net	412 E. Church St. Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 641-753-4021 641-754-5336
Safe Haven www.dhs.state.ia.us/safehaven	MM&SC 3 S. 4 th Ave. Marshalltown 1-800-369-2229