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Links to all above sources can be found at our website:
<http://www.cpcwatch.org>

Mission Statement

CPC Watch operates on one simple principle: how can we claim that women are "free to choose" their reproductive destinies when fake clinics are pushing false information to tens of thousands of women all over the country?

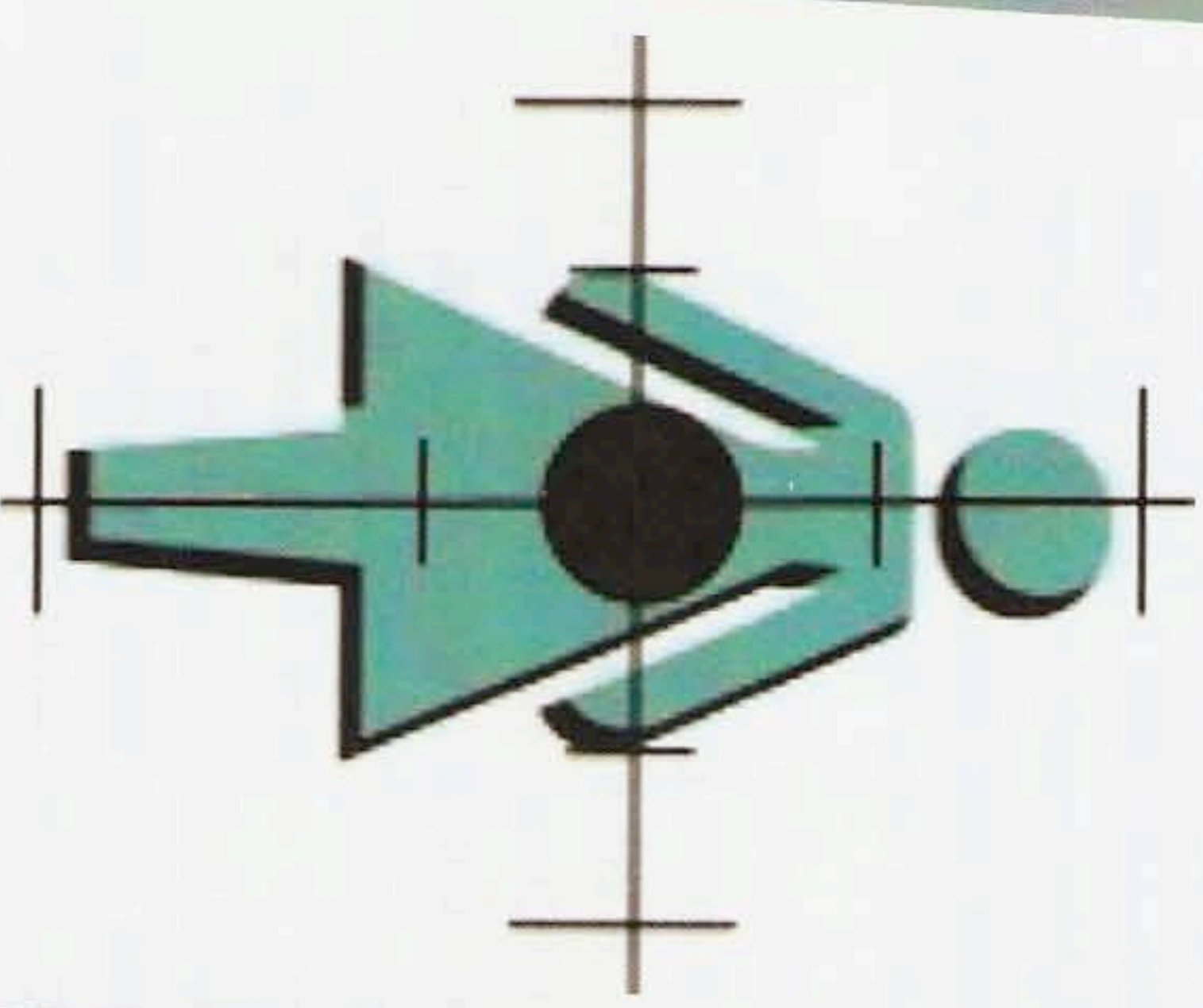
CPC Watch is a grassroots effort tied together by its website, cpcwatch.org, an online resource for comprehensive reproductive information. Our mission is to expose the lies put forth by fake clinics, provide information about CPCs, list known CPCs, list the "warning signs" of a CPC, and provide the locations and contact information for legitimate healthcare providers where women can trust they're receiving the very best, unbiased medical information regarding their reproductive options.

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Targeting the Vulnerable



How deceptive "crisis pregnancy centers" work to the detriment of a woman's well-being and reproductive health.

What Are CPCs?

Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) are fake clinics that use deceptive tactics to lure vulnerable women into their doors. Once inside, women are subjected to an array of false and misleading information regarding their reproductive options. They are often set up near high schools, college campuses, and in working class neighborhoods in order to target women who are less likely to have a primary care physician.

CPCs are not medical clinics. Many staff no medical professionals at all. A 2006 report found that 87% of all CPCs provide false or misleading information regarding reproductive options.¹ We have also received reports of women being harassed with phone calls and personal visits at home or at work long after visiting a CPC. Other women report that the results of their pregnancy tests were presented ambiguously or even falsely to delay her decision.²

Don't let your health and well-being be compromised for someone else's agenda!



Fact vs. Fiction

CPC Myths and the Facts that Debunk Them

Myth: *The Silent Scream*, a video commonly shown in CPCs, is accurate.

Fact: The content of *The Silent Scream* has repeatedly been discredited as medically inaccurate.³

Myth: A fetus at 12 weeks gestation can feel pain.

Fact: From a statement released by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, "We know of no legitimate scientific information that supports the statement that a fetus experiences pain early in pregnancy."³

Myth: Induced abortion increases a woman's risk for developing breast cancer.

Fact: No study to date has shown any link between induced abortion and a heightened breast cancer risk.⁴

Myth: Induced abortion can create future fertility problems.

Fact: There is no scientific evidence to support any such claim.⁵

Myth: Abortion causes severe mental trauma, such as Post Abortion Stress Syndrome.

Fact: "Post Abortion Stress Syndrome" is not a condition recognized by the American Psychological Association or the American Psychiatric Association.⁷ In fact, a recent APA panel convened to reassert that there is no link between abortion and mental illness.⁸

There are, however, many objective resources available should a woman need to speak with someone following an abortion, and most abortion clinics have counselors on staff for that purpose. See www.4exhale.org for more information.

Myth: Making abortion illegal will reduce the number of abortions.

Fact: A recent study by the World Health Organization along side the Guttmacher Institute concluded that abortion rates are similar in countries where the procedure is illegal as in countries where it is not.⁹ Illegal abortion, however, is often dangerous and can be life-threatening.

Myth: Abortion is an unsafe procedure with many dangerous complications.

Fact: Less than 1% of all abortion patients experience a major complication. The rates of complications are small, and are in fact much smaller than complication rates with childbirth.⁶ Illegal abortion, however, can be dangerous, which is why it's so important to keep abortion safe and legal.

Myth: Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics target women to profit off of their abortions.

Fact: The cost of abortion has remained lower than the average cost of other similar medical procedures. The cost of abortion has risen less than the cost of inflation, making it one of the few medical procedures that has actually gotten less expensive in the last 15 years.²