

Survey Shows 31 Abortion Centers Closed Over Last 12 Months

While the pro-life movement longs for the day unborn children can be protected under the law from abortions, a new survey of the number of abortion centers nationwide shows it is possible to make a difference now.

Despite the Supreme Court having allowed virtually unlimited abortions throughout pregnancy for any reason via the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions, the pro-life community has been successful in getting abortion centers to close.

Noticing a recent rash of closure and wanting to know concrete figures, pro-life nurse and blogger Jill Stanek asked Operation Rescue for some hard data.

"It has seemed to me an awful lot of abortion mills have been closing lately," Stanek said. "So Cheryl Sullenger of Operation Rescue was kind enough to compile a list for us. OR keeps the most accurate and up-to-date record of active and closed abortion mills I'm aware of."



The pro-life group provided figures showing 31 abortion businesses closed in the last 12 months while 9 new abortion facilities opened – for a net drop of 22 abortion facilities.

Stanek provided new numbers from the pro-life organization of the total number of abortion centers across the country.

"As of now a total of 689 surgical abortion clinics remain in the US, from a high of almost 2,200 in 1991," she indicated. "This number does not include abortion mills that solely commit medical abortions, i.e., distribute the abortion pill, RU-486."

Since 1991, including the 31 Stanek noted, more than two-thirds of abortion centers have closed that were operating nearly 20 years ago.

Earlier this month, Planned Parenthood of Lawrence quietly closed its abortion facility located near the University of Kansas. With the closing, Kansas is now down to three abortion centers left in the state.

The abortion center in Youngstown, Ohio closed after 34 years of doing abortions. The Mahoning Women's Center in Youngstown announced that its last day of doing abortions was in January.

The abortion center run by Arkansas abortion practitioner William Harris closed in July and he passed away in September.

The Michigan abortion business where embattled abortion practitioner Alberto Hodari forced a teenager to have an abortion against her will has closed as well.

And, in one of the bigger victories for the pro-life movement, the abortion center in Maryland where a young woman was killed in a botched abortion has closed for good.

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Pregnancy Tests/1 <sup>st</sup> Visits . . . . .	192
Positive Tests . . . . .	138
Negative Tests . . . . .	47
Referrals (no tests) . . . . .	7
Teens . . . . .	41
Abortion information calls . . . . .	8
Abortion information visits . . . . .	3
Confirmed Babies saved from abortion . . . . .	2
Babies born (completed parenting class) . . . . .	10
Total Client Visits . . . . .	419
Shared Jesus . . . . .	419

*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. ~ Jeremiah 29:11*

Client feedback . . .

- \* My Mentor helped me because she listened to me, and sometimes that was all I needed.
- \* While I always had a good relationship with the Lord, my Mentor helped me make it better, praying and talking with me and giving me encouragement.
- \* My Mentor helped me to stop telling my kids to "go and play" and instead to tell them to "come and play."
- \* I would want to return to this Center because the staff treats you with respect and makes you feel comfortable.

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So, there are 4 programs? Can you tell me about them?



Sure, let's start with the first one, the Hand-in-Hand program.

**HAND-IN-HAND PROGRAM (PROGRAM NARRATIVE)**

This interactive program for first time parents consists of nine visits. After testing positive, ladies are invited to participate in the Hand-in-Hand program. The mother-to-be meets with her client mentor individually at set appointments. Each visit has a clear focus, Bible study, and homework. Clients earn points which can be added up and spent in the baby room during the shopping visit. A free gift for completed homework is also given at each appointment.

- Visit one provides an understanding of the development of the baby. Each new mother-to-be will leave with a pair of handmade booties to cherish until the birth of her baby.
- Visit two's objective is to teach what is necessary to have a healthy pregnancy. Each new mother takes home a sleeper or nightgown to save for the baby. Ten points are earned towards the shopping visit.
- Visit three focuses on the emotional readiness of the soon-to-be-parents. A receiving blanket is given to each new mom who has completed the homework. Twenty-five points are earned.
- Visit four shares information on prenatal discomforts, partner support, and warning signs in pregnancy. Thirty points are earned and moms take home disposable diapers for having completed the homework.
- Visit five works on developing parenting skills and recognizing the importance of a healthy family life and environment. Thirty-five points are accumulated and the gift given is a tub of baby wipes.
- Visit six is to help first time moms realize the financial obligations that come with a baby. A sample budget is completed. A gift bag full of goodies is given and forty-five points are received.
- Visit seven is about setting goals. Fifty-five points are given. New moms choose a gift from the baby room, if homework has been completed.
- Visit eight discusses labor and delivery as well as care for a newborn. Seventy points are earned and a handmade blanket or quilt is given to the mom and for her soon-to-be born baby.
- Visit nine is a fun visit with a time to ask any questions about birth, delivery, or caring for the newborn at home. The last in a series of videos about the first nine months is shown.
- The shopping visit is scheduled for two weeks after the baby is born. All the points accumulated during the program are spent in the baby room.

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