

# Providing and Promoting Abortion

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Right to Life of Michigan also agrees every child should be wanted and loved. In fact, every child could be wanted and loved. Each year more than 2 million families are waiting to adopt infants and young children of any race. There are also waiting lists for families wanting to adopt children with special-needs. However, each year more than 1 million abortions are performed in the United States.

Planned Parenthood's Vision for 2025 includes a number of goals including Goal 2: "Planned Parenthood will ensure access to reproductive and sexual health care for all." One of the ways Planned Parenthood worked to fulfill that goal in 2004 was by providing "early medication abortion to more than 95,000 women" through the abortion drug cocktail commonly called RU-486.

Planned Parenthood talks of choices for women, but one choice that isn't addressed is the option of adoption. According to the 2007-2008 Annual Report of PPFA none of the more than 860 Planned Parenthood "health centers" provided any true assistance regarding adoption. In 1997, 9,381 women were referred to other agencies for adoption assistance. By 2007, that number had dropped to 4,912 women.



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# A “Profitable” Non-Profit Organization

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The thrust of “family planning” programs is to promote general reproductive health and prevent pregnancies. However, hundreds of millions of tax dollars going to Planned Parenthood for these programs subsidize their staff salaries and operational costs, allowing them to carry out their abortion advocacy.

Besides being the nation’s top provider of abortions, Planned Parenthood makes no apologies for its position that abortion should be considered part of comprehensive family planning services.

For them, abortion is considered a method of birth control. It is time to redirect our tax dollars to health providers who are not abortion advocates.

- Planned Parenthood operates as a “non-profit” organization, but consistently takes in more revenues than it spends. Nationally, Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s 2007-08 Annual Report showed a profit (income in excess of expenditures) at **\$85 million**. The same report indicated that net assets for PPFA grew by **\$81.2 million** in one year!
- For 2004, Michigan’s six P.P. affiliates reported a total of **\$1,217,790** in profit, accounting for 6.3% of their total **\$19,253,584** in revenues.
- In August 1999, P.P. of East Central Michigan posted a job vacancy for a “Clinician and Director” at the Shiawassee Planned Parenthood office. The job description included the following: “Major Responsibilities: Management. Direct the operations of the Shiawassee clinic so that services meet the objectives for patient services, and **for financial net gain.**” (Emphasis added)

## Planned Parenthood Operates Advertising and Lobbying Campaigns

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