

A CAMPAIGN BY THE ABORTION CARE NETWORK:

# KEEP OUR CLINICS

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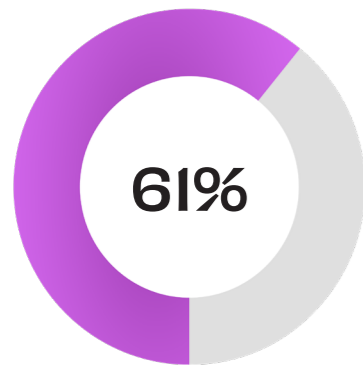
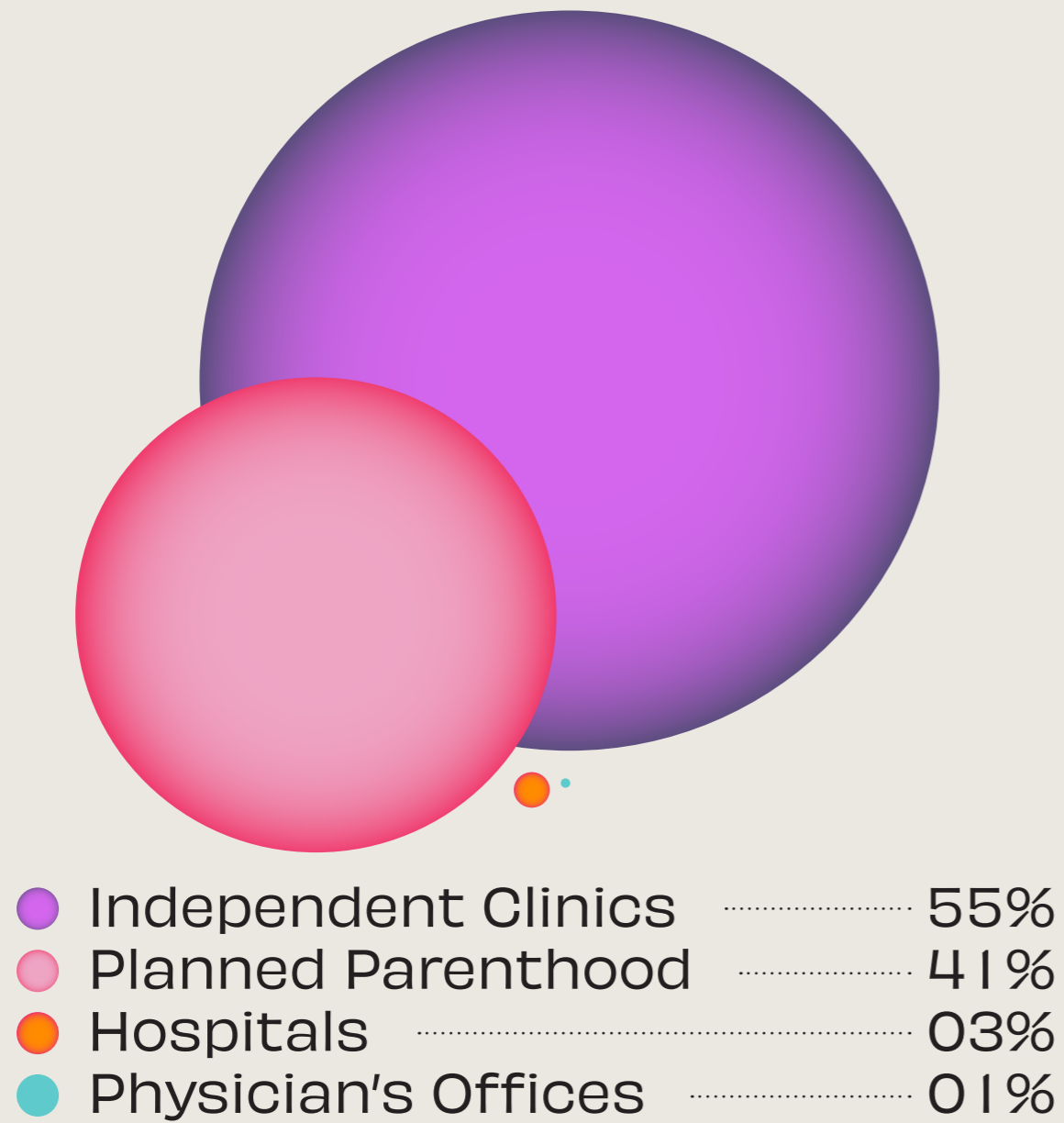
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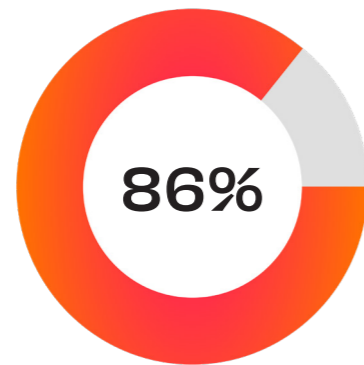


## ABORTION CARE THROUGHOUT PREGNANCY DEPENDS ON INDEPENDENT CLINICS.

ABORTION PROCEDURES BY PROVIDER TYPE



Of all U.S. clinics that provide care after the first trimester are **independent**



Of all U.S. clinics that provide abortion at or after 22 weeks of pregnancy are **independent**



Of all U.S. clinics that provide abortion at or after 26 weeks of pregnancy are **independent**

## WHAT IS AN INDEPENDENT CLINIC & WHY DO THEY MATTER?

Much like your local pediatrician or dentist, an independent abortion clinic is a single or small group of clinics that are community-based. These clinics are often located in small towns, rural areas, and politically hostile states, and in some cases are the only remaining abortion clinic in their state or area.

It may surprise you to know that collectively these community-based clinics provide the majority of abortion care in the United States – with 3 out of every 5 abortions in the U.S. performed at an independent clinic. Additionally, independent clinics provide more comprehensive care and account for the vast majority of clinics providing care as pregnancy progresses. Without independent abortion care providers, patients who have the most barriers to accessing abortion care would often have no options at all.

In addition to the essential care they provide, independent clinics are also constantly defending reproductive rights in the courts and in communities to ensure that services are legally and practically available to people who need them. Unfortunately, independent providers are also the most vulnerable to anti-abortion attacks and legislation intended to close clinic doors or push abortion out of reach. Independent providers and clinics are nimble, bold, and responsive to the needs of their communities; however, these clinics are closing at an alarming rate – decreasing by 32% in the last decade. *Ensuring the sustainability of independent clinics is one of the most critical health care issues we are facing as a country.*

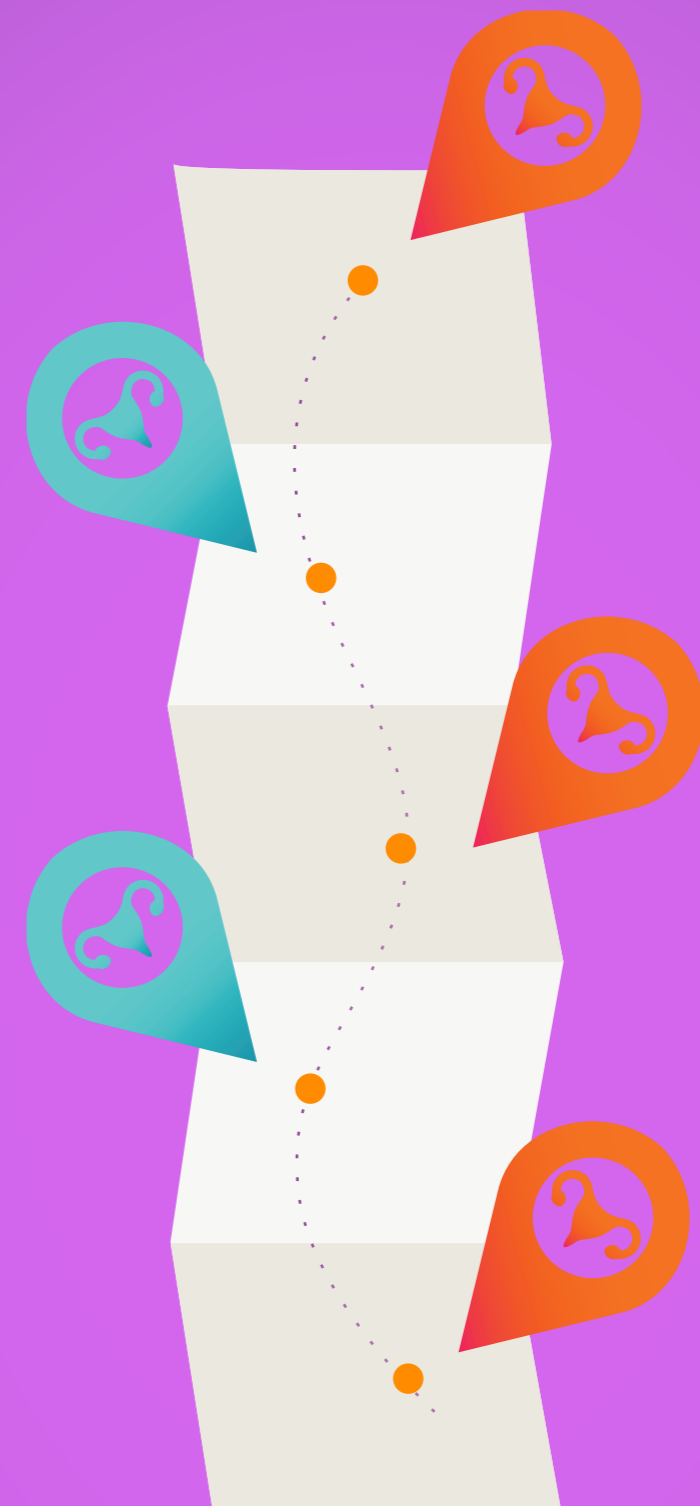
# WHO IS ACN & WHAT IS KEEP OUR CLINICS?

## WHO IS ACN?

Abortion Care Network (ACN) is the fiercest champion for independent abortion clinics across the nation. Founded in 2008, we are the only national membership association for independent clinics and their allies. Independent clinics are crucial to ensuring patients can access the care they need and deserve today and into the future, which is why ACN plays a leading role in supporting the sustainability of these community-based clinics and the wellbeing of their staff. In fact, independent clinics who are ACN members are 8 times more likely to keep their doors open than their non-member peers.

## WHAT IS KEEP OUR CLINICS?

In 2020, ACN launched the Keep Our Clinics program to help correct the historic underinvestment in independent clinics. Despite independent providers essential role in providing and protecting abortion care throughout American history, most people don't even know these clinics exist. Furthermore, these clinics lack the institutional support, visibility, name recognition, or fundraising capacity of national health centers, nonprofits, and hospitals, making it especially difficult for them to secure the resources needed to keep their doors open. To help raise awareness and critical resources for the most important health care providers most people don't know about, we created the Keep Our Clinics campaign. ACN covers all administrative costs so that 100% of donations from this campaign go directly to independent clinics.



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## WHY IS THIS CAMPAIGN SO NECESSARY NOW?

The primary goal of abortion restrictions is to close clinics. And we know, when clinics close they rarely reopen again. With the Supreme Court overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, we must act swiftly to keep independent clinics open in states where abortion is severely limited as well as expand care in states where abortion will remain available.

In states where abortion may no longer be available or severely limited, our communities need these trusted sources of reproductive health care to support miscarriage management, post-abortion care visits, out-of-state abortion care navigation, and to continue serving as plaintiffs in court cases. The closure of these clinics and the loss of the expertise of clinic staff in the South and Midwest will greatly harm communities working to rebuild abortion access and is not only an abortion access issue, but also a racial and health care equity issue.

Furthermore, we need to support clinic expansion in states where abortion will be protected. In addition to purchasing buildings and equipment and hiring additional staff, clinics will need increased funding for security and legal fees as they face new legal challenges and take necessary risks in an environment of increasing extremism.

Your gift to Keep Our Clinics will help us keep clinics open in states, no matter how politically hostile, supporting patient access to abortion care today, tomorrow and for future generations to come.



**THE NUMBER OF BRICK-AND-MORTAR INDIE CLINICS IN THE U.S. HAS DECREASED BY ABOUT ONE THIRD SINCE 2012.**

**65 INDIES HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE OR STOP PROVIDING ABORTIONS SINCE THE SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED ROE V WADE IN JUNE OF 2022.**

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# FUNDING & NEEDS

WHAT ARE OUR FUNDING NEEDS AND WHAT HAVE WE FUNDED SO FAR?



**TO DATE, OVER \$8 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED & RELEASED TO INDIE CLINICS TO:**



**Pay the essential workers on staff** who are keeping abortion accessible



**Cover mounting legal fees** to fight essential court battles



**Make necessary security improvements** that will help keep both patients and staff safe from anti-choice extremists



**Support physicians traveling to provide abortion care** in some of the most hostile states



**Pay rent and purchase necessary equipment** needed to expand patient care



## HOW FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED TO PRESERVE ACCESS



Legal Costs 18%



Replacing Supplies & Equipment 14%



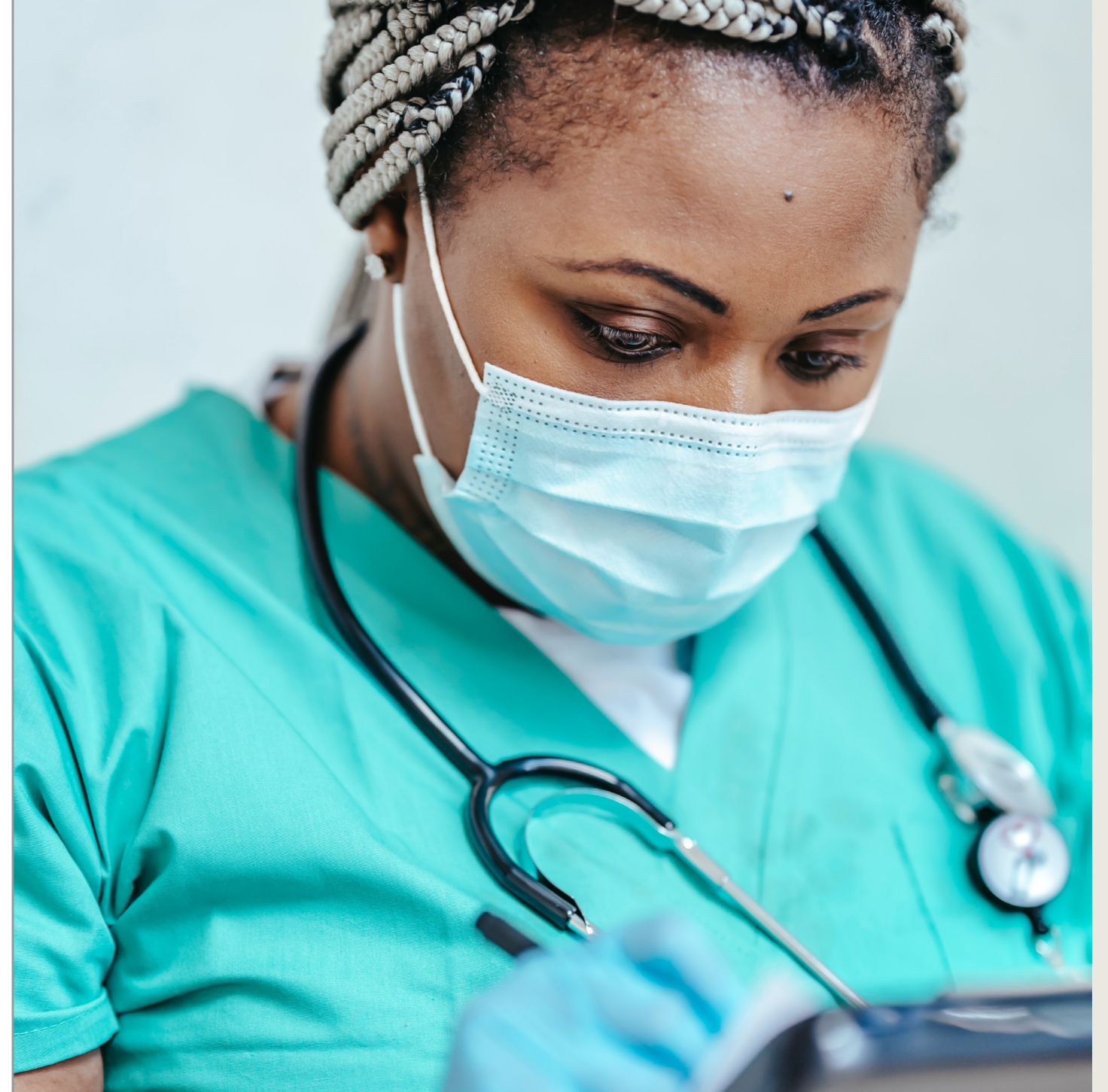
Security Improvements 29%



Building Repairs 11%



Rent, Staff, etc. 28%



# Over \$8,000,000

raised & released to date

Funds have been awarded to clinics in 39 states





# WHEN YOU GIVE TO ABORTION CARE NETWORK

When you donate to ACN, you allow us to **support independent clinics** by:



**Offering Technical Assistance:** ACN provides individualized clinic support to our members on issues relating to scenario planning, operations, communications, staff development, equitable workplace cultures, fundraising and more.



**Supporting the resilience and sustainability of independent clinics and their staff:** In partnership with volunteer therapists, social workers, and other healing practitioners, ACN offers tools and programming to preserve and promote mental health and wellness of all clinic staff.



**Offering training, professional and leadership development** for a future pipeline of expert abortion care providers and professionals. Training is offered in person, onsite, online and in ongoing virtual groups.



**Increasing Indie visibility in the public conversation.** Elevating and amplifying the voices of independent provider from diverse backgrounds in the press, on social media and in public campaigns helps keep clinics open, shift abortion stigma and helps providers more effectively reach people who need abortion care.



**Building connections between independent providers** with one another and movement allies. ACN acts as a connector across clinics, physician's offices, hospitals, lawyers, abortion funds, policy advocates and other allies to create space to dream and build a more equitable abortion ecosystem.



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# WHEN YOU GIVE TO KEEP OUR CLINICS

When you donate to Keep Our Clinics, the funds go directly to the clinics to help with expenses for **preserving access to abortion, legal assistance, and education and advocacy.** This includes:



**Help clinics pay the staff** who are keeping abortion accessible during the pandemic and beyond



**Help pay the escalating legal fees** needed to fight essential court battles to keep abortion safe, legal, and accessible



**Help clinics make security improvements** that will keep patients and staff safer from harassment and potential violence



**Support physicians who must travel** long distances to provide abortion care in some of the most restrictive states and regions



**Help with expenses like rent and equipment** needed to expand patient care

**Keep Our Clinics is the only national fundraising campaign dedicated exclusively to independent abortion clinics.** All funds donated to Keep Our Clinics go directly to independent clinics to help them keep the doors open and the lights on so that they can continue to provide compassionate and dignified abortion care.



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