
Talking About Abortion

New Training Program for Planned Parenthood

Faculty disclosure

- Ms. Randall has no financial affiliations to disclose

Note: Additional disclosure information is located within the program

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the importance of taking a holistic approach to abortion care.
- Describe the challenges related to language and nomenclature when discussing abortion.

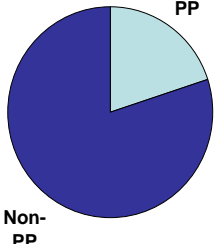
Learning Objectives (cont)

- Identify the gaps in services and factors affecting access to care that women may face when seeking a second-trimester abortion.
- Discuss common clinical practices among national abortion providers, and how these practices relate to the evidence.

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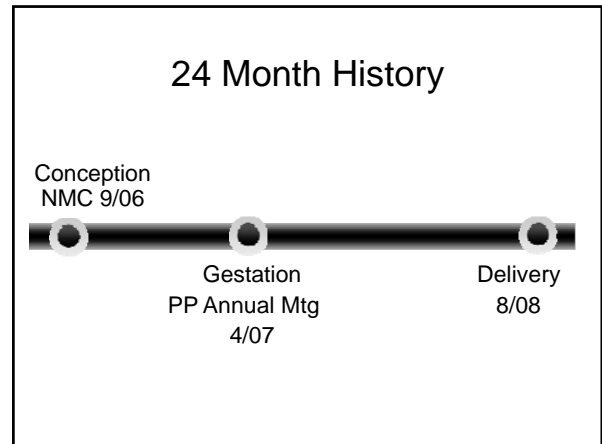
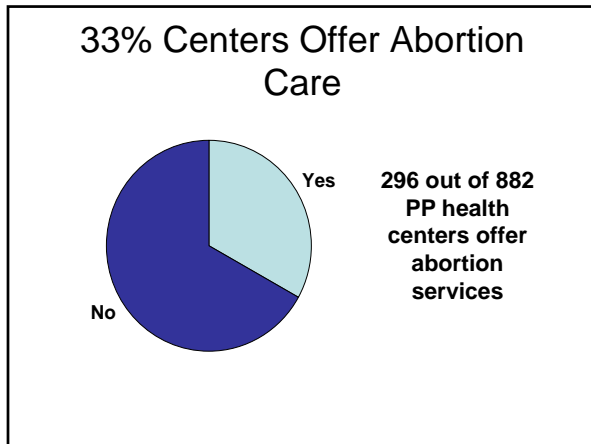
- Standardized training
- Provide context
- Share key messages
- Next steps

PP provides 25% of Abortions in US



Category	Percentage
PP	25%
Non-PP	75%

300,000 of 1.2M women received care at PP in 2007



2007 Vision Statement

- Women will feel **exceptionally cared for and respected.**
- They will get the **emotional support** they deserve, the **information** they need and the **physical care** they expect.

- ### Our Mandates
- 1 Standardized training
 - 2 Materials for staff and clients
 - 3 Quality improvement measures

Philosophy

- Abortion is a major life event
- Staff have important role
 - Normalizing emotional responses
 - Decreasing stigma
 - Referring for additional support, if needed

- ### Module 1: A Safe Place
- 1 Abortion is a common experience.
 - Women are not alone.
 - 2 A range of emotions is normal.
 - Most women do fine.
 - 3 Women have abortions for a variety of reasons.
 - Including because they care.

Module 2: Answering Tough Questions

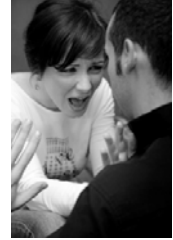


- Am I going to hell?
- Will God forgive me?
- What happens to the baby?

Module 3: Screening for Risk

Risk factors for *potential* poor coping:

- ✓ Coercion or history of abuse
- ✓ Conflict with significant others
- ✓ Lack of support by significant others



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Risk factors for *potential* poor coping:

- ✓ Poor expectation of coping
- ✓ Poor mental health before the abortion
- ✓ Secrecy and silence
- ✓ Stigma and disapproval from social network

Next Steps



Oct – Sept 2008
Introduce training

Dec - April
Create blog for sharing
implementation stories

June 2009
Training required
by PPFA