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## Honoring Kentucky's Pregnancy Help Centers



*These groups represent the best of Kentucky – women helping women in their time of need . . . at no cost.*

These two Concurrent Resolutions recognize the “life affirming” compassionate services provided by the approximately 50 pregnancy help center locations throughout Kentucky. Their services are provided free of charge to women, men and families who experience an unplanned pregnancy and they are provided at no cost to the taxpayer.

The pregnancy centers in Kentucky are independent from one another and differ somewhat in services offered, but examples of services provided are: free ultrasounds, free pregnancy tests, free sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing, free counseling, education and referral, as well as support services such as parenting classes and free baby supplies to support the mother and baby once the child has been born.

Centers help clients develop a plan for their pre-born baby which could also include an adoption plan.

Commending the philanthropic entrepreneurship of the centers’ staffs and volunteers, the resolution “disapproves” of actions taken by government or private groups to undermine the mission or religious integrity of the centers or to prevent centers from effectively serving their clients.

*Note:* in recent years, several states or groups have acted to impugn the integrity of the centers or to try to force them to refer to abortion providers.