

*The purpose of this document is to provide correction and clarification of claims made about Planned Parenthood. We believe in honest and open communication and want our communities to know more about our organization, our services, and our mission. We're happy to provide more information and answer questions about this document and our organization.*

*Sincerely,  
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<b>CLAIMS about PLANNED PARENTHOOD</b> Made by Brazos Valley Coalition for Life and Houston Coalition for Life	<b>CORRECTION &amp; CLARIFICATION</b>
1. Planned Parenthood = Abortion.	<p>Planned Parenthood provides high quality, affordable preventive reproductive health care for women and men.</p> <p>In 2008, Planned Parenthood provided more than 94,000 health care visits for birth control, annual well woman exams, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, breast and cervical cancer screenings and more.</p>
2. Planned Parenthood Hurts Women.	<p>At Planned Parenthood, our client's health and safety are our top priorities. PPHSET's health centers are equipped to provide care that any private physician office or outpatient facility can provide.</p> <p>Like all health care providers, PPHSET is frequently audited and regulated by a variety of state health agencies and has consistently met all safety guidelines.</p> <p>PPHSET also meets the stringent medical standards set forth by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and is recognized as an excellent affiliate.</p> <p>When Planned Parenthood's physician and nursing staff assess that a patient's needs are beyond the scope of care our facility can provide, then that patient is transported to a facility that can provide the appropriate care.</p>

<p>3. Planned Parenthood Experiments on Women.</p>	<p>Planned Parenthood respects, trusts and believes in women as equal members of society, and believes that they should be trusted as responsible and moral decision makers.</p> <p>For more than 70 years PPHSET has provided the highest quality of care and products to our clients.</p> <p>The medication abortion pill, mifeprex, sometimes called RU-486, is an FDA approved medication.</p> <p>Since 2000, when the FDA approved medication abortion, 560,000 medication abortions have safely occurred in the United States.</p> <p>In recent years, 6 women have died after using mifeprex, but <b><u>NONE</u></b> of the deaths have been directly linked to the drug or how it is administered.</p> <p>Immediately following the FDA's warning about vaginal use of the drug, Planned Parenthood Federation of America changed its protocol for medication abortion and does not administer the drug in this manner.</p>
<p>4. Planned Parenthood Condoms are Ranked Dead Last.</p>	<p>Planned Parenthood condoms are FDA approved and are very safe and effective.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood is committed to providing the highest quality products to our clients.</p> <p>The <i>Consumer Reports</i> article was a comparison study rather than a safety study.</p> <p>The report clearly states all the condoms passed industry standards for safety and effectiveness.</p> <p>As soon as we learned of these concerns, all styles of Planned Parenthood condoms were sent to an independent testing laboratory for retesting. The results were excellent on all measurements of quality</p> <p>For more than 70 years, we've provided the best contraceptive technology available.</p>

<p>5. Planned Parenthood Distributes Medical Misinformation.</p>	<p>Emergency contraception (EC) pills are regular birth control pills that contain a higher dosage of the hormone found in daily birth control pills.</p> <p>In August 2006, the FDA approved EC for over-the-counter sales to women age 18 and over.</p> <p>EC can prevent an unintended pregnancy primarily by preventing ovulation and by preventing fertilization.</p> <p>EC is <b><i>not</i></b> the abortion pill.</p> <p>EC has absolutely no effect on an established pregnancy.</p> <p>EC cannot and does not cause an abortion.</p>
<p>6. Planned Parenthood Offers No Free Services.</p>	<p>Planned Parenthood provides a wide range of health care at affordable prices.</p> <p>On average, PPHSET's health care services are more affordable than a private health care provider.</p> <p>Prices for our services are determined on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration each client's personal financial situation.</p> <p>PPHSET also provides low-cost or free family planning services and information to women in need. These services include annual well woman exams, birth control, pregnancy testing, breast and cervical cancer screening, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment and more.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood's health care services are presented in an unbiased, nonjudgmental manner by trained medical professionals.</p>
<p>7. Planned Parenthood Celebrates its Racist Roots.</p>	<p>Margaret Sanger was not a racist, a eugenicist or an anti-Semite.</p> <p>Many try to discredit Margaret Sanger, her revolutionary family planning work and the work of Planned Parenthood by using incomplete and inaccurate quotes and information, and by pointing to some of Margaret Sanger's outmoded views.</p>

	<p>Margaret Sanger's chief achievement was broadening women's awareness of their reproductive health, helping develop the birth control pill and founding the American Birth Control League, the organization that became Planned Parenthood.</p> <p>It is for this monumental health achievement that Planned Parenthood bestows a high honor in her name.</p>
8. Planned Parenthood Protects Sexual Predators.	<p>At Planned Parenthood our client's health and safety are of utmost concern.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood follows all federal and state regulations for reporting sexual abuse of our clients.</p> <p>The "news outlet" cited as a source provides news from a distinctly unbiased perspective. WORLD magazine describes its reporting as "trying to give God's perspective."</p>
9. Planned Parenthood Wants to Profit from You.	<p>Planned Parenthood is a nonprofit organization.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit organization.</p> <p>Prices for our medication, products and services are priced, on average, at least one-third cheaper than a private health care provider.</p> <p>Each client's personal financial situation is always taken into account.</p> <p>A core part of our mission is to be there for those in our communities who are disadvantaged and at highest risk for being denied the care to which everyone is entitled.</p>
10. Planned Parenthood Ignores Women's Healthcare.	<p>In 1999, Planned Parenthood embarked on a two-year process to contemplate, deliberate, and define how our organization might have a significant impact on the 21st Century. The result was our Vision 2025.</p>

Vision 2025 is a ***national*** document.

Our mission and vision statements are implemented by our employee policies, procedures, and medical protocols.

One of our top goals is a commitment to our clients and our mission to ensure reproductive health care for all people.

We believe in trusting individuals and providing them with the information they need to make well-informed decisions about sexuality, family planning, and childbearing.

We committed to continue to be there for those in our communities who are disadvantaged and at highest risk for being denied the care to which everyone is entitled.