

Reproductive Health Services

Options Counseling and Abortion Care
4251 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

We are committed to all legal and medical options – parenthood, adoption or abortion – for women facing an unintended pregnancy. Abortion services at Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region are provided by our affiliated corporation, Reproductive Health Services (RHS). Committed to a woman's right to choose safe, legal abortion at a reasonable cost and in a supportive and confidential setting, RHS is staffed by Board Certified Specialists in Obstetrics and Gynecology, licensed counselors and educators who provide the highest quality of support from the first moment a woman calls and throughout the entire day of her procedure.

Medical Abortion

Mifepristone, also known as the abortion pill or RU-486, is a medical abortion option that is available up to 56 days from an individual's last menstrual period. An early and safe option for women, mifepristone is a medicine that ends an early pregnancy.

Surgical abortion

Available up to 22 weeks from an individual's last menstrual period, surgical abortions are performed through aspiration or dilation and evacuation, depending on the length of the pregnancy.

After 24 weeks of pregnancy, surgical abortions are only performed for serious health reasons.

Fetal and Maternal Indication Program

A special counseling program for patients who need services after prenatal diagnostic testing reveals a fetal abnormality, The Fetal and Maternal Indication Program assesses the type of procedure based on length of pregnancy, maternal health and fetal diagnosis. When severe developmental/genetic defects exist in a pregnancy, this program provides a woman and her family with the privacy, compassion and attention necessary during this difficult time. Each patient receives an individual clinical assessment.

Counseling and Education Services

Counseling and education specialists are available to all women and their families before and after an abortion. Specialists assist each woman in understanding the impact of her pregnancy based on her current life situation, help identify and explore all options available so that she can make the best possible decision, offer the opportunity to get additional counseling through referral to other agencies and provide information regarding her reproductive health care, birth control methods, pre-natal care, and other related health issues. For women living outside the St. Louis area, counseling and education are available by phone.