



# SOUTH DAKOTA

*helping communities flourish*

**Total estimated materials and services valued at \$458,850 to the state of South Dakota, serving 1,689 women, men, and youth.**

**12,652 Total Client Sessions, both in-person and virtually**  
**97.4% Client Satisfaction, nationally**

## \$189,567 IN MEDICAL SERVICES



- **1,248 free pregnancy tests**
- **613 free ultrasounds performed by registered nurses/medical sonographers**
- **80 total STD/STI tests performed by registered nurses (79 patients tested - 100% female)**
- **8 out of every 10 pregnancy center locations in the U.S. are medical**

## \$204,507 IN EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

**1,558 free consultations with new clients (94.3% female, 5.3% male, 0.4% unknown)**

**131 students attended free sexual risk avoidance education presentations**

**595 clients received free parenting education (89.4% female, 10.3% male, 0.3% unknown)**

**21 clients received free after-abortion support & recovery (100% female)**

## \$64,776 IN MATERIAL ITEMS



534

total material  
service clients



1,528 free packs of diapers

894 free packs of baby wipes

2,448 free new & used baby clothing outfits

238 free new car seats

44 free new & used strollers

16 free new cribs

532 free containers of formula

## MADE POSSIBLE BY

26 total paid staff, 27% of whom were licensed medical professionals

205 total volunteers, 8% of whom were licensed medical professionals

### Finding Hope in South Dakota

After experiencing unexpected symptoms and taking several pregnancy tests, Riley wrestled with the discovery that she was pregnant. She decided to share the news with her boyfriend, who quickly shifted the conversation towards abortion. Riley felt protective of the life within her womb, but also anxious and scared. That's when she found Alpha Center online. What follows is Riley's story, in her own words, about her experience at Alpha Center.



Riley and her daughter Eliana Grace.

"I was feeling very apprehensive about my Alpha Center appointment as I wasn't sure how I wanted to move forward, and I didn't want to feel pressured in any way to make a decision. I can thankfully say though, I was welcomed by kind and empathetic staff. After talking a bit about myself, my situation, and my uncertainty, we discussed the options I had. Rather than feeling judged or pressured, I felt supported and encouraged. Alpha Center staff [were] right by my side a couple days later when they completed an ultrasound, and I heard my baby's heartbeat for the very first time ... that was all the validation I needed to make the decision to continue my pregnancy."

Deciding to carry the pregnancy was only the first step, as Riley was still concerned about how she would be perceived by her support system. That's when she decided to start classes at Alpha Center. "I was so thankful I had started the Earn While You Learn program, because there was so much more than weekly education for me. It became a time [when] I could share where I was at in my journey, no matter positive or negative, and have my feelings be [responded to] with validation, grace, and support."

Riley has named her daughter Eliana Grace and shares that she wants to "thank all of those who support the Alpha Center and the amazing and impactful work they do on a daily basis."

\*Some quotes were modified for clarity.

#### NOTES:

- This report is a collaborative project between Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) and Care Net. We are grateful to Heartbeat International and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates for their contributions towards data collection from their affiliated U.S. pregnancy centers.
- Value of services is based upon materials and services provided by 7 pregnancy centers in the state of South Dakota in calendar year 2022. None of the centers reporting data received state or federal funding in 2022.
- Total savings are calculated based on cost estimates of services, classes and baby items provided to clients. The sources for the cost estimates and valuation of items and services can be found in the Methodology section, pgs. 15-16, of the 2022 CLI national pregnancy center report, "Hope for A New Generation" (<https://lozierinstitute.org/pcr/>), except for the following state-specific labor costs.
- The South Dakota mean hourly wages referenced are as follows: Social Workers in local/state government is \$38.93 per hour - BLS OES code 21-1029, Registered Nurses is \$33.19 per hour - OES code 29-1141, and Diagnostic Medical Sonographers is \$32.78 per hour - OES code 29-2032.
- The estimated savings does not include housing and other monetary assistance provided to some clients. We advocate for our clients by networking with hundreds of county, state and non-profit social service organizations around the country. We cannot quantify the value of emotional support given to the women we help through phone calls and caring volunteers.
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