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Tennessee Pregnancy Center Network Affirms Commitment to Compassionate, Grace-Centered Care in Response to Rising Abolitionist Ideology

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 3, 2026 —[The Tennessee Pregnancy Center Network](https://www.tnpcn.org) (TNPCN) affirms its commitment to Christ-centered, compassionate and transparent care for women and families across the state of Tennessee. As public conversations around abolitionist ideology evolve, TNPCN emphasizes that the pregnancy help movement’s longstanding proven approach remains rooted in dignity, relationship and practical support.

Tennessee is a pro-life state, with some of the strictest abortion laws in America. However, recent [proposed legislation](#) by two TN lawmakers would challenge the state’s pro-life laws by removing legal protections for pregnant women, seeking to impose criminalization for women who have abortions, an ideology widely known as abolitionism.

TNPCN pregnancy help centers do not adhere to abolitionist ideology but exist to serve women and families with non-coercive care, accurate information and tangible resources—creating a safe and confidential place for clients to receive support and make informed decisions.

“For decades, my life’s work has been devoted to serving vulnerable women in crisis with dignity, compassion and practical support,” said Laura Messick, executive director of Portico Pregnancy Resource Center and a member of the Tennessee Pregnancy Center Network. “PRC directors across Tennessee are united to ensure women are cared for, babies are protected and abortion is ended through compassionate, life-affirming support—not punitive or divisive approaches. Because of this commitment to care, I do not align with or endorse abolitionist ideology or its legislative aims.”

TNPCN will continue equipping affiliated centers with training, standards and statewide collaboration to ensure consistent excellence and public trust in pregnancy help services across Tennessee.

“Pregnancy help centers are strongest when they reflect the heart of Jesus—full of both truth and grace,” TNPCN leadership stated. “We are committed to serving women with compassion, not condemnation, and to strengthening families through integrity and hope.”

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About TNPCN: *The Tennessee Pregnancy Center Network supports pregnancy help centers across the state through collaboration, education, advocacy and shared standards of excellence. To learn more visit www.TNPCN.org.*