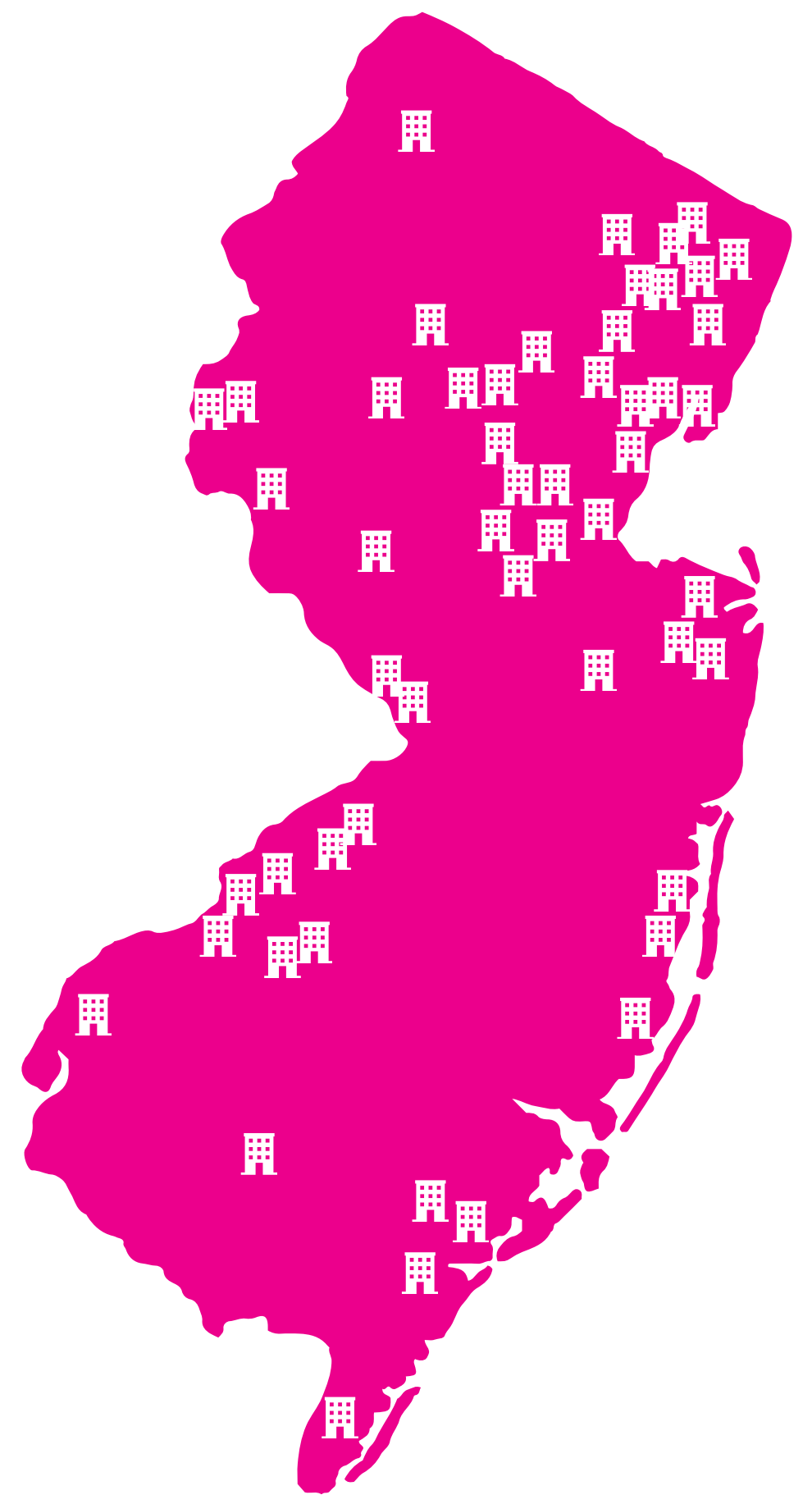


ANTI-ABORTION CENTERS IN NEW JERSEY

Everyone deserves to make informed decisions about their health and access the health care they need, without judgment, shame, or coercion.

New Jersey remains a leader in safeguarding reproductive rights and health care services. However, roughly 59 anti-abortion centers (also known as crisis pregnancy centers) operate throughout New Jersey. These organizations dissuade people from making fully informed decisions about their health, as they shame their clients and provide inaccurate information that could, instead, risk their health further.



What are Anti-Abortion Centers?

- Anti-abortion centers (AACs) are organizations that oppose abortion and aim to dissuade people from obtaining abortion care and instead pressure individuals into adoption or parenting.
- These centers often position themselves as similar to licensed, regulated reproductive health care facilities and purport to provide support and information to pregnant people facing difficult decisions.
- In reality, they provide medically inaccurate information and use deceptive tactics to influence people's decisions.



Have you engaged with an anti-abortion center? Your feedback helps our future research! Scan to QR code to share.



STI Testing Services: A Public Health Concern

One of the major concerns surrounding STI testing at AACs is the lack of standardized reporting and transparency.

As AACs have expanded their advertised services to include STI testing, questions remain regarding the accuracy of their testing methods, the reliability of their results, and the potential implications for public health. Among the centers with web presences in NJ, 21 (37%) percent mentioned STI information and/or testing at their centers on prominently their website.

These organizations are not licensed by the Department of Health, and are not subject to reporting requirements or HIPAA compliance.

Addressing AACs

In order to truly safeguard reproductive health, NJ must bring awareness to the practices of anti-abortion centers and advocate to regulate these facilities. This can be accomplished by:

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Awareness and Education: Health care providers, public health agencies, and the public need to be aware of the misinformation spread by AACs and unregulated medical services.

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Regulatory Reforms: Authorities can consider implementing regulations that ensure AACs adhere to the exact regulations and requirements of other health care facilities or cease performing unregulated services.

3

Transparency Initiatives: AACs can adopt transparent reporting practices, sharing accurate data while respecting patient privacy and following HIPAA guidelines.