

Mission Statement

Compassionate care for women facing unplanned pregnancy, and education to encourage healthy relationships.

Vision Statement

A healthy community where all life is respected, and abortion is no longer chosen.



At Life Choices we strive for unity among the Christian denominations in order to work effectively in life-affirming ministry. Two Statements of Faith are included to allow all believers in Christ to participate in our great work.

Statement of Faith 1

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.



Statement of Faith 2

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.



Statement of Principle

We believe...

- ~ that there is a purpose and plan for every child that is conceived.
- ~ in the sacredness of life from conception to natural death; human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition.
- ~we are called to defend, protect, and value ALL human life.
- ~ that abortion hurts women, men, and society.
- ~ a woman's right to make a choice for life should be protected.
- ~ in non-violent choices for women facing crisis pregnancies.
- ~ that no woman should feel pressured to abort her unborn child.
- ~ that women deserve a safe pregnancy medical clinic that will not profit from the reproductive choices they make.
- ~ that marriage is between one man and one woman.
- ~ that waiting until marriage to have sexual intimacy builds strong families and communities.

We promote these values through providing professional medical, educational, and support services in the Yakima Valley.



Core Values

<u>Faith</u> - Life Choices is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His church. Therefore, Life Choices, embodied in its volunteers, is committed to presenting the Gospel of our Lord to clients with crisis pregnancies and their family members —both in word and in deed. Commensurate with this purpose, those who labor as Life Choice board members, staff and volunteers are required to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.

<u>Accuracy</u> - Life Choices is committed to providing its patients with accurate and up to date information in its consultation services.

<u>Honesty</u> - Life Choices is committed to integrity in dealing with patients, earning their trust, and providing promised information and services. Life Choices denounces any form of deception in its corporate advertising or individual conversations with its patients.

<u>Practical Support</u> - Life Choices is committed to assisting women by providing emotional support and practical assistance throughout their pregnancy. Through the provision of God's people and the community at large, women may face the future with hope, and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.

<u>Non-discrimination</u> - Life Choices does not discriminate because of race, creed, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, or marital status of its patients.

<u>Life Affirming</u> - Life Choices does not recommend, provide, or refer for abortion or abortifacients.

Free Of Charge - Life Choices offers assistance free of charge at all times.

<u>Education</u> - Life Choices is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women, the fact that abortion only compounds human need rather than resolves it, and to promoting positive sexual integrity through Bible-based life choices in relationships.



<u>Abstinence Promoting</u> - Life Choices does not recommend or provide contraceptives for single women. Married women seeking contraceptive information are encouraged to seek counsel, along with their husbands, from their pastor and/or physician.

Adoption Supporting - Life Choices recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion, but is not biased toward adoption when compared to the other life-saving alternatives. Life Choices is independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to other helpful referral sources. Life Choices receives no payments of any kind from these agencies, does not enter into contractual relationships with them, and does not share combined office space. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of Life Choices. Life Choices neither initiates nor facilitates independent adoptions, though they may refer for legal independent adoptions within our state.



Commitment of Care and Competence

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- Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, or other arbitrary circumstances.
- Clients are treated with kindness, compassion and in a caring manner.
- Clients always receive honest and open answers.
- Client pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
- Client information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Releases and permissions are obtained appropriately. Client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
- Clients receive accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and related concerns.
- We do not offer, recommend or refer for abortions or abortifacients, but are committed to offering accurate information about abortion procedures and risks.
- All of our advertising and communication are truthful and honest and accurately describe the services we offer.
- We provide a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients.
- We are governed by a board of directors and operate in accordance with our articles of incorporation, by-laws, and stated purpose and mission.
- We comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements regarding employment, fundraising, financial management, taxation, and public disclosure, including the filing of all applicable government reports in a timely manner.
- Medical services are provided in accordance with all applicable laws, and in accordance with pertinent medical standards, under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician.
- All of our staff, board members, and volunteers receive appropriate training to uphold these standards.



Ends Statements

- 1. We promote the sanctity of human life and healthy life decisions. Women and men we serve facing unplanned pregnancies choose life for their unborn children in increasing numbers. From their decision, these clients grow in mind, spirit, understanding and wisdom.
- 2. We show Christ's love in our presence and actions. We are open to share Christ and His plan of salvation as the Holy Spirit leads.
- 3. Women and men who walk through our doors will become knowledgeable and responsible guardians of their bodies.
- 4. Medical services offered are of highest quality, purposefully reviewed and accredited. The focus of saving the lives of the preborn is never lost.
- 5. Christian volunteers are recruited and trained. Opportunities are provided for them to engage in a variety of roles within the Life Choices ministry.
- 6. We consistently broaden and strengthen the financial base of the ministry through competent and trustworthy fundraising and resource development strategies. We responsibly administer the resources entrusted to Life Choices of Yakima.

We want our clients to walk away with....

- ~Hope because of the meaningful services and information they receive.
 - ~Peace in knowing the Center is a safe and confidential place.
 - ~Strength in feeling valued and treated with respect at all times.

