

## Medical Pregnancy Center

Medical Pregnancy Centers provide most of the services provided by Traditional Pregnancy Centers but also provide additional Medical services. Life Equip Global makes it a point to partner and collaborate with Christian individuals and ministries. Since a Medical Pregnancy Center is providing Christian ministry, the most important duty it has is to - lovingly and with respect - share the Gospel of Jesus Christ at every opportunity to those they serve. Training on how to share the Gospel, along with how to educate, equip and encourage clients, is provided by Life Equip Global.

Medical Pregnancy Centers usually are ministries located in a leased or owned building, facility or office space. Pregnancy Centers are run by a Board of Directors and are either non-profits in the U.S. or NGO's outside the U.S. They are often supported by a combination of individual donors, churches, grants and sometimes government funds.

Medical Pregnancy Centers are staffed by a leadership team, usually consisting of a Center Director and - depending on the size of the ministry and the number of clients they minister to - additional staff which sometimes include a Medical Director. In most Medical models the staff is compensated financially. In addition a Medical Center employs medically trained staff which may include Nurses and Doctors. Some Medical Centers also use volunteer Medical staff.

In addition to a leadership team or staff, Pregnancy Centers usually engage the use of volunteers to assist in a variety of ways. This includes assisting with administrative functions and ministering to clients.

Medical Pregnancy Centers serve women who are pregnant - one of the services offered is a pregnancy test - with hope, education and encouragement to assist the woman in making a life-affirming, life-saving decision. Some Medical Pregnancy Centers offer services both to women and men. Some services are provided free of charge while others are provided on a fee for services provided basis.

Services provided by Medical Pregnancy Centers may include:

- Pregnancy Tests
- Education on pregnancy, abortion and adoption
- Sonograms
- Prenatal care
- STD Testing
- Well women care
- PAP Smears
- Breast Exams
- Childbirth and parenting classes

- Men's mentoring
- Post-abortive recovery groups
- Referrals
- Emergency assistance such as diapers, formula, and maternity and baby clothing