I wanted to be sure you saw AUL’s release of our scathing report about Planned Parenthood today. Please share this with your friends and social networks.


In the report, we document:

- Misuse of federal health care and family planning funds
- Failure to report criminal child sexual abuse
- Failure to comply with parental involvement laws
- Assisting those engaged in prostitution and/or sex trafficking
- Dangerous misuse of the abortion drug RU-486
- Misinformation about so-called “emergency contraception”
- Willingness to provide women with inaccurate and misleading information
- Willingness to refer women to substandard clinics

The report calls for a national investigation into the organization which receives $363 million in federal, state, and local taxpayer dollars every year.

Here are some key talking points you should know:

1. **The American taxpayer wants out of the business of subsidizing the abortion industry.** From a 2009 Quinnipiac Poll, 72 percent of Americans (pro-life and pro-choice) do not want their tax dollars to support abortion. [http://www.cnsnews.com/node/58935](http://www.cnsnews.com/node/58935)


2. **Momentum for de-funding the abortion industry is coming to the federal level from the states, with Indiana most prominent, but not alone.** We’ve all watched the events in Indiana where Planned Parenthood has filed suit against the state for refusing to fund abortion providers, and the Obama Administration has weighed in with threats to cut health care to the poor unless abortion providers get tax dollars. (Source: [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304791204576402013054967644.html.](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304791204576402013054967644.html.))

3. **Other states redirecting their tax dollars away from abortion providers.** In order of enactment: NJ, IN, KS, TN, NC, NH, WI and TX. (The red states are under legal challenge.) (Source: AUL legal department and media reports.)
4. The highly profitable abortion industry does not need more than $363 million in taxpayer support.  
(http://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/PPFA/PP_Services.pdf.)

5. The politically well-connected abortion industry is all about getting tax monies to support their number one product: abortion. Their so-called services are feeder systems to their number one product.

   a. Abortion is a “service” for 12 percent of Planned Parenthood's customers.
   b. Other ancillary services from Planned Parenthood are tied up with the business of abortions. Women in the clinic might get birth control (which often fails) or an STD test. Pregnancy tests or a pelvic exam, which are necessary before an abortion, are often performed. The services Planned Parenthood claims to provide are central to the business of abortion.
   c. Abortion is 97.6 percent of Planned Parenthood’s reported pregnancy-related services to pregnant women.
   d. A woman entering a Planned Parenthood clinic in 2009 was 42 percent more likely to have an abortion than to receive either prenatal care or to be referred for adoption. (Source: http://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/PPFA/PP_Services.pdf)
   e. Planned Parenthood knows that its contraceptive business feeds into its abortion business. In 1979, Dr. Malcolm Potts, the first Medical Director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, purportedly the first physician to promote vacuum aspiration abortions, and an unapologetic proponent of abortion and contraception, predicted that “as people turn to contraception, there will be a rise, not a fall, in the abortion rate.” (So, PP has long known that providing contraception will “doubly” enrich their bottom-line – they get paid for providing the contraception and, when that fails, they get paid for providing the abortion.) (Source: Malcolm Potts, "Fertility Rights," The Guardian, April 25, 1979.)
   f. A January 2011 study published in the medical journal Contraception found that a 63% increase in contraceptive use over 10 years by Spanish women corresponded with a 108% increase in the abortion rate in Spain.
   g. Mere access to contraception is not the problem and will not, ultimately, decrease the abortion rate. A 2001 Guttmacher study of 10,000 women who had abortions revealed that, of those women not using contraception when they became pregnant, only 2% said they didn’t know where to obtain contraception and only 8% said they couldn’t afford contraception. (They had ready access to contraception, but still needed abortions. So much for access decreasing the abortion rate.)
6. The abortion industry – like any other politically well connected businesses with high priced lobbyists – puts money into the political game to get its one-third of a billion tax dollars.
   a. President Obama speaking to the Planned Parenthood Action Fund in 2007, “On this fundamental issue [of abortion], I will not yield and Planned Parenthood will not yield.”
   b. The abortion industry puts a lot of money into persuading office holders and lobbying for largess.

Since the 2000 elections, pro-abortion groups have spent over $205 million dollars in campaign contributions or independent expenditures on behalf of candidates for federal office. In 2010 alone these groups spent over $30 million on federal elections. (FEC.gov data for Planned Parenthood, Emily’s List, NARAL and their affiliates.)

Since the 2000 election cycle, Planned Parenthood and its affiliates have disbursed at least $6.8 million through direct contributions and independent expenditures benefiting federal candidates for office. In the 2010 cycle alone, Planned Parenthood and affiliates spent nearly $1.6 million in federal races. (FEC.gov data for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates)

Those political connections are paying off for Planned Parenthood in cold hard cash and legal threats. The threats of the Obama Administration to strip Medicaid funding for health care for the poor from any state that attempts to defund the abortion industry shows where true loyalties lie – not with helping the poor, but with getting money to politically connected abortion proponents. (Source: http://www.politico.com/static/PPM169_110601_indiana_letter.html & http://www.cms.gov/CMCSBulletins/downloads/6-1-11-Info-Bulletin.pdf)

7. The Abortion Industry operates its grisly business with little oversight or accounting. Abortion is a surgical procedure for which we take the word of the abortion providers that it all works as advertised. (Source: http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/269610/how-safe-elective-surgery-clarke-forsythe.)

8. The Planned Parenthood report details financial improprieties that need to be addressed. But there is other evidence that the abortion industry is about money more than so-called service. Like other public officials, Kelli Conlin got caught in her own web of financial irregularity — siphoning funds from her well-off company to pay for her extravagant lifestyle. Ms. Conlin was the former president of NARAL Pro-Choice New York. (Source: http://articles.nydailynews.com/2011-06-22/news/29710587_1_abortion-rights-
Women and girls will get health care without Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. The abortion industry is not the source of most women’s health care. And for those who are poor, other sources exist for health care.


b. Fact: 38 percent of low-income women use an ob/gyn for primary care. 52.5 percent use other places and 9.5 percent identified no primary care provider. (Source: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12627608)

c. Fact: The Public Health Services have been set up by the federal government to provide health care for low-income people and families. Community Health Centers provide health care to the Nation’s underserved populations including the uninsured, those on Medicaid, Medicare, migrant workers and people living in rural areas.

d. Fact: About 1,200 community health centers serve low-income communities and people according to 2009 data from the National Association of Community Health Centers. (Compare that to about 800 PP Clinics nationwide.) (http://www.auhl.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Community-Health-Center-Fact-Sheet.pdf)

e. Fact: As the latest Live Action tapes show, even Planned Parenthood knows that for patients who need Medicaid funds, other locations are available. (Source: LiveAction http://liveaction.org/blog/medicaid-misinformation-planned-parenthood-caught-on-tape-lying-about-indiana-healthcare/)

10. De-funding the sacred cow of abortion providers is gaining momentum at the federal level. Efforts to de-fund the abortion industry and redirect funds to real taxpayer needs already popular in the House.


Thank you for your interest in this issue.
AUL RELEASES GROUNDBREAKING REPORT ON PLANNED PARENTHOOD CALLING FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF THE NATION’S LARGEST ABORTION PROVIDER

“Systemic financial irregularities in the abortion industry’s known record demand an investigation into what goes on behind the closed doors of Planned Parenthood clinics across the country,” said AUL’s Dr. Charmaine Yoest.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (07-07-11) – Americans United for Life released a groundbreaking analysis of the nation’s largest abortion business, following years of AUL legal team research pouring over more than 20 years of Planned Parenthood records, law enforcement reports, and other materials. The report details evidence of systemic financial irregularities within the abortion giant – which receives more than $363 million in taxpayer funding each year.

“Americans United for Life is calling for a Congressional investigation and hearings into the nation’s largest abortion provider,” said AUL President and CEO Dr. Charmaine Yoest. “This report provides the intellectual foundation for an investigation of Planned Parenthood as well as revealing gaps in the information available to the American taxpayer, who is forced to subsidize the politically powerful abortion industry.”

“Momentum for defunding the abortion industry comes from the grassroots,” noted Dr. Yoest. “More than 70 percent of taxpayers, whether pro-life or pro-abortion, agree that they don’t want their tax monies subsidizing the abortion industry. This is a bi-partisan budget cut available for Congress and every state.”

A number of states have begun the process of defunding abortion providers, though the efforts in Indiana have garnered the most media attention. Those states include New Jersey, Kansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Texas and Ohio.

The report is one facet of AUL’s strategic plan to end taxpayer subsidies to the abortion industry, to protect women, and to effectuate legal rights for all human beings. The AUL report documents known and alleged abuses by Planned Parenthood, and is intended to be a tool for use in investigating the nation’s largest abortion provider.

The AUL report substantiates, synthesizes, and gives clear direction for the case against Planned Parenthood, which enjoys one-third of a billion in taxpayer support as a result of its intensive lobbying efforts.
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“It is time to find out what happens behind Planned Parenthood’s closed doors and to receive full accounting for the funds taken from American taxpayers to support the abortion industry,” said Dr. Yoest.

For more analysis and information about this project and to download a copy, click here.

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