

## Pregnancy Clinic Services

### Which Pregnancy Clinic Services Are Really Necessary?

Across the nation, Pregnancy Clinics are incorporating additional services and resources for their clients. But is there really a need all of these additional services and resources if the primary goal is to save the life of an unborn child? Can't this be accomplished through pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options education? If so, then why are PRC's/PMC's offering so many additional services?

In order to understand the need for these additional services, we must first look at the reasons why women choose abortion. These reasons can be boiled down to 5 main concerns: life interruptions, financial difficulties, lack of support, fear of being a parent, and pressure from others. Now let's see how these reasons relate to the services provided by Pathways.

Life Interruptions: Many women find that an unplanned pregnancy interrupts their plans for high school, college, or a career. Often, it is not the perceived interruption itself which causes the fear but concerns regarding monetary constraints and/or a lack of support. At Pathways we offer community referrals which can help our clients attain their goals, as well as ongoing support where they can work through their struggles with other new moms.

Financial difficulties: Pathways provides referrals for multiple community service organizations including food, shelter, medical services, adoption agencies and various counseling services. To help ease the financial burden of having a new baby, we offer free items in our baby boutique which can be earned through our parenting and life skills education.

Lack of Support: Our first priority is to communicate to any woman facing unplanned pregnancy that she is **not** alone. The volunteers at Pathways stay involved with clients and provide support at every stage of her journey. We also have a thriving Baby and Mom support group for new mothers to help and encourage one another.

Fear of Being a Parent: Our staff and volunteers at Pathways understand that becoming a parent can be frightening, which is why we offer a variety of parenting and life skills videos and support groups. We don't just want to save the lives of the babies that come into our clinic, but we also want their mom's to enjoy and thrive at being a parent.

Pressure From Others: In order to encourage family involvement and remove outside pressure to have an abortion, Pathways offers familial ultrasound visits. The ability to view a new life on ultrasound has been shown to dramatically increase the choice for parenting or adoption vs. abortion.

At Pathways our primary goal is to save the lives of unborn children, but to do this we need to reach beyond pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and options education. In order for our clients to choose life, we must provide services and resources which address the fears and concerns which lead to abortion.



### A CLIENT SHARES...

Pathways gave me the opportunity to see my baby with an ultrasound at no cost which was very helpful. I also got a list of resources for prenatal care from the wonderful group of women who work there.

- Gara, Pathways Client

My baby and I are so blessed because of Pathways...

- B.A.M Group Member

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 14, 2016

Run For Life  
Lacamas Lake Park  
8:30 am

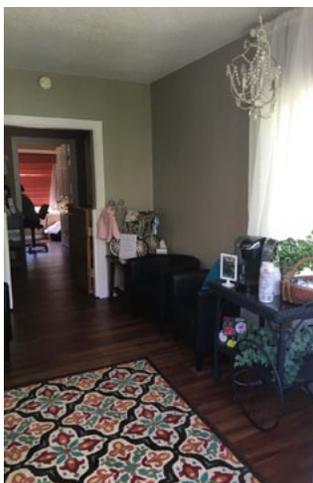
JULY 22 & 23, 2016

Camas Days Festival  
Downtown Camas

October 13th, 2016

Fall Banquet & Auction  
Grace Foursquare Church

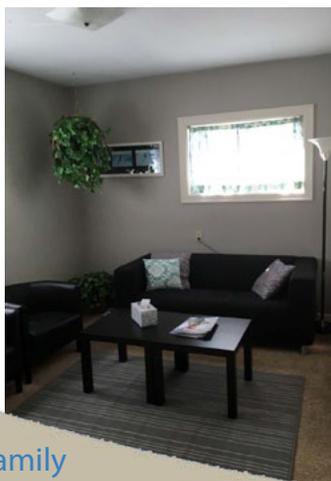
## FRESH NEW LOOK FOR PATHWAYS



We all need a little sprucing up from time to time, and that's just what the clinic got recently. A team of dedicated volunteers have been working hard on reorganizing and painting the clinic. What started with a small project to paint the kitchen area quickly evolved into a full blown make-over of the main level of the clinic.

Thanks to donated items and supplies by Julie Brown and Rosemary Kershaw, along with the hard work of Laurie Brethauer and Julie Brown, the clinic is once again boasting a fresh new look. Laurie and her trusty miniature paintbrush are putting the finishing touches on the project, but we plan on having everything completed by the end of the month.

Thank you ladies for all that you do for this ministry! You are all wonderful and we are blessed to have you as a part of our Pathways team.



## RUN FOR LIFE ON MAY 14

Run For Life is your chance to help raise awareness and funds for Pathways by asking friends and family to sponsor your walk/run. We know that sometimes it can be difficult for even the most ardent supporter to ask friends and family for sponsorship, so we put together some pointers from past RFL fund raisers to help and encourage you.

*"Don't be afraid of what others may think. Go door to door in your neighborhood. Ask at work (your boss and co-workers). Ask the businesses around where you work. When you are at the bank ask the teller, when you are shopping ask the cashier or anyone who helps you. Ask the women in front of you in line. Start up a conversation anywhere with anyone."* ~ Dawn

*"The way I have raised money is to send out emails to everyone in my contacts asking them to support Pathways through me. This year, I'm planning on talking to a home-school co-op that I watch children for."* ~ Rachel

*"Pray before you go out and ask everyone you come in contact with. Be pumped up about the cause (saving babies and the wonderful programs Pathways provides). You will always get a no if you don't ask!"* ~ Dawn

*"The fund raising page set up helped me so much! I am not good face to face asking for money. I use the option of sending an email to friends and family that will potentially donate. Have it come from your heart. Tell everyone WHY what God is doing at Pathways is important."* ~ Pam

Find out more about the Run For Life event at [runforlifecamas.com](http://runforlifecamas.com)

## Our Mission:

Pathways is a pregnancy and family resource center that empowers individuals to make healthy life-affirming choices by offering education, resources and support.