# EFFECTS OF ABORTION

### **Physical Side Effects of Abortion:**

- Hemorrhage, retention of fetal parts
- · Infection, high fever
- Anesthesia complications
- Breast cancer
- Puncturing of uterus
- · Menstrual problems
- Tubal pregnancies (life-threatening problem)
- Sterilization
- Inability to carry future pregnancies to term

#### **Emotional After-Effects of Abortion:**

- Break-up of current relationship or marriage
- · Clinical depression, suicidal tendencies
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Abusive relationships with men
- · Feelings of hopelessness, regret, remorse
- Eating disorders
- Insomnia, repeat nightmares
- · Sexual dysfunction
- Repeat abortions
- · Inability to bond with other children
- Child abuse of other children
- Anger, self-hatred, self-destructive tendencies

## POST-ABORTION HELP

There is hope. There is help. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, contact:

Project Rachel: 703-841-2504 or
1-888-456-HOPE (4673)

Have you suffered injury as a consequence of an abortion? Call your doctor or a hospital emergency room.

#### Contact:

Life Dynamics: 940-380-8800 Pregnancy & Family Resource Center: 1-800-401-6494

## PRO-LIFE OBSTETRICIAN/ GYNECOLOGISTS:

Tepeyac Family Center 4001 Fair Ridge Dr., Suite 304, Fairfax VA 22033 | 703-273-9440 After Hours: 1-888-724-3845

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES:**

Pregnancy and Adoption Support in Northern Virginia

3251 Old Lee Hwy, Suite 402, Fairfax VA 22030 | 703-425-0100 After-Hours: 703-973-0129

CHOOSE LIFE AND YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT!





# PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Providing the highest quality care



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If you, a loved one or someone you know is facing crisis pregnancy and need help, the following centers can offer free and confidential services including: free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, pregnancy counseling for parents, boyfriend, husband and more! Contact a Pregnancy Resource Center today!

**24-hour Helpline:** 1-800-712-HELP (4357) to find a location near you.

#### Reverse the Abortion Pill (RU-486)

Don't take the second pill and call immediately 877-558-0333 or 703-273-9440, option 6 (Fairfax). www.abortionpillreversal.com

HOPE in Northern Virginia, Inc. — Falls Church 610 Park Avenue, Falls Church VA 22046. 703-536-2020 (Spanish & English)

#### **Gabriel Project**

Arlington Diocese Parish-Based Pregnancy Assistance | 1-866-444-3553 or call 703-841-3810 (Spanish & English)

#### A Woman's Choice

Falls Church center: 6201 Leesburg Pike Suite 220 Falls Church, VA 22044 703-538-4305 (Spanish & English) Herndon center: 102 Elden St., Herndon VA 20170 571-599-2002 (Spanish & English)

# A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound & Pregnancy Resource Center — Northern Virginia

703-947-3077 (Spanish & English) Contact: Angela Clark

### **Assist Pregnancy Center**

5101-D Backlick Rd., Annandale VA 22003 703-354-7291

### **NOVA Pregnancy Help Centers**

After Hours: 1-800-712-4357

<u>Fairfax center:</u> 10380 Democracy Lane, Fairfax VA
22030 | 703-278-5433

<u>Alexandria center:</u> 8800 Pear Tree Village Court
Suite E., Alexandria VA 22309 | 703-780-4700

#### The MaRiH Center

3230-B Duke Street, Alexandria VA 22314 703-370-4774

# KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS BEFORE YOU CHOOSE ABORTION

- Confirm your pregnancy with a doctor who doesn't do abortions.
- Ask for the doctor's name who is performing the abortion.
- Don't sign anything that releases the abortionist or the clinic from being liable for injuring you.
- The law in the state of Virginia and many other states requires abortion providers to give you information on:
  - 1) possible complications,
  - 2) the development of the baby,
  - 3) organizations that provide alternatives, and
  - 4) Virginia Law

(Sec. 18.2-76 of the Code of Virginia) requires an ultrasound of the pregnancy be performed prior to abortion.

- Understand you can change your mind - even at the last minute.
- Understand that it is not a "Blob of Tissue." It is a human being, A beautiful child!