

Statement of Principles

1. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County ("Care Net") is an outreach of Jesus Christ through His Church. Therefore, Care Net, embodied in its volunteers, is committed to presenting both in word and deed the gospel of our Lord to women and men with crisis pregnancies. Commensurate with this purpose, those who labor as Care Net board members, directors, staff and volunteers must know Christ as their Savior and Lord.
2. Care Net is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion.
3. Care Net is committed to adopting and enforcing internal procedures to assure that abortion education is performed in a caring and compassionate manner with due respect for the emotional sensibilities of each client. Prior to usage by the center, client materials containing descriptions or depictions of abortion will be reviewed by a qualified medical professional (ex: physician, nurse) and determined to be medically accurate. Materials with graphic depictions of abortion or its results are not content appropriate when the primary effect of such materials is to shock rather than to educate. When using approved abortion education materials with clients, center personnel will always give specific warnings and obtain written client permission before showing any videos, brochures, or diagrams that contain any visual depictions of abortion or its results. No client will ever be asked, pressured or coerced to view abortion education materials which she or he has indicated a desire not to see.
4. Care Net is committed to assisting women to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance. 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.
5. Care Net does not discriminate on any basis* in providing services.
6. Care Net never advises, provides, or refers for abortion or abortifacients.
7. Care Net offers assistance free of charge at all times.
8. Care Net is committed to creating an awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women and of the fact that abortion does not solve problems; it compounds them.
9. Care Net does not engage in contraceptive counseling or in referring for contraceptives or contraceptive services. (Married women seeking contraceptive information should be urged to seek counsel, along with their husbands, from their pastor and physician.)
10. Care Net recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion, but is not biased toward adoption when compared to other life-saving alternatives. The Center is independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to other helpful referral sources. Care Net 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 centers. Care Net neither initiates nor facilitates independent adoptions.
11. Care Net is committed to integrity in dealing with clients, earning their trust, providing promised information and services, and eschewing any form of deception in its corporate advertising or individual conversation.
12. Care Net is against any and all violent forms of opposition to abortion. We believe all our actions must stem from the LOVE of Christ, working through us.
13. Because the Bible teaches we are to love all people, including those who may not love us, the staff and volunteers, including the Board of Directors of Care Net, make it a policy never to speak, directly or indirectly, about a specific abortion clinic, abortionist, or any staff person of any clinic while counseling a client and/or representing the Care Net in any way.

I have read and affirm the Statement of Principles.

Signed _____ Date _____

* For example: age, ancestry, creed, color disability, gender, marital status, national origin, race, or sexual orientation