

**ALTERNATIVES-TO-ABORTION SERVICES
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On November 1, 2006, the Oklahoma statute¹ “Alternatives-to-Abortion Services” became effective. As required by the statute, a related Board of Health rule² was brought before the Board in September 2007.

GENERAL PURPOSE

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is to contract with non-governmental health care and special service organizations to provide alternatives-to-abortion services.

Alternatives-to-abortion services means “those services that promote childbirth instead of abortion by providing information, counseling and support services that assist pregnant women or women who believe they may be pregnant to choose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their children.” The services must be outcome-based with positive results.

MINIMUM AGENCY QUALIFICATIONS

The Contractor must:

1. Have as part or in whole its purpose of assisting and encouraging women to carry their pregnancies to term and maximizing their potential thereafter.
2. Not provide abortions, promote abortions or directly refer to an abortion provider. However, any nondirective counseling relating to the pregnancy shall not disqualify the Contractor from receiving these funds.
3. Not be an affiliate of an agency that provides abortions, promotes abortions or directly refers to an abortion provider.
4. Not be a governmental agency and must be a not-for-profit organization.
5. Be licensed by the State of Oklahoma to provide adoption services.
6. Have been in operation and have provided adoption services for at least five years as of July 1, 2012.
7. Have written privacy policies and procedures in place to ensure client confidentiality, including, but not limited to, ensuring that the name, address, telephone number and any other information that might identify any woman seeking services is not made public or shared with any other agency or organization without the written consent of the woman.
8. Have written policies and procedures in place requiring all staff, paid and voluntary, to undergo a background check that covers criminal history in Oklahoma and other states that the staff or volunteer has resided.
9. Have written policies and procedures in place for the reporting of child abuse and neglect commensurate with Oklahoma law.

¹ Alternatives-to-Abortion Services 63 O.S. 1-740.11

² Alternatives-to-Abortion Services O.A.C. 310: 527-1-1

10. Have written policies and procedures in place to ensure that women served are not discriminated against due to age, race, nationality, religion or marital status.
11. Be capable of collecting data and reporting the required data to OSDH on a monthly basis.

CONTRACTS

During SFY 2019, no awards were made for Alternatives-to-Abortion services due to inadequate funding. However, alternative legislation, the Choosing Childbirth Act (Sections 1-740.18 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes) provided funding beginning July 1, 2019 requiring the OSDH to contract with a grant-supervising entity that will assist women in Oklahoma in carrying their children to term. Services include but are not limited to medical, nutrition, housing, adoption, education, employment, parent education and support services. Currently, OSDH staff are in the process of preparing a request for proposal.

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