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Testimony on Proposed Resolution 2018-335  
August 27, 2018**

President Schmidt and members of Summit County Council:

My name is Denise Leipold and I am the executive director of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio. I am here because I was very disturbed to read the proposed resolution #2018-335 which is intended to show the council's opposition to the proposed changes in federal regulation governing the Title X Family Planning Program and dispersal of those funds.

Beginning on line 26, the description of the program says that the changes are designed to make it impossible for millions of patients to get birth control and preventative care from some family planning providers because they provide the full spectrum of legal family planning services. This is a thinly veiled attempt to describe abortion. It is also a thinly veiled attempt to support Planned Parenthood, because at least in Ohio, it would be Planned Parenthood that is affected by the changes to this program. Planned Parenthood would be able to continue to receive these funds only if it physically separated its abortion business from the rest of its operations.

Let me make it perfectly clear. Roe v Wade and the legality of abortion is settled law, and this proposed change does not affect this. However, the law is also clear that federal tax dollars cannot be used to support abortion. Title X funds issued to Planned Parenthood are fungible, meaning that they are easily co-mingled with other funds and could very easily support abortion. This rule change would eliminate this possibility.

On line 32 of the proposed resolution, it infers that the proposed rule change could reduce low income women's and teenager's access to contraceptives and health screenings. This absolutely untrue. The amount of Title X funds available will not change. The only change is in which facilities will receive them. In the United States, there are roughly 665 Planned Parenthood locations, and 13,540 federally qualified alternatives. In Ohio, there are 28 Planned Parenthoods, and 280 federally qualified alternatives. In the 5-county area that is the primary service location of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio, there are 5 Planned Parenthood locations, 12 rural or federally qualified health centers, 12 free or sliding scale clinics, and 13 pregnancy resource centers. I bring up the pregnancy centers because if you are pregnant and go to Planned Parenthood, the only thing they will offer you is an abortion. There are only about 3 or 4 Planned Parenthood locations in the country that offer prenatal care, and none of them are here in northeast Ohio.

This resolution also infers that family planning counseling about abortion will no longer be available to women, effectively placing a gag order on it. That is also false. The only thing that changes is that centers receiving Title X funds may no longer refer for abortions.

The Ohio Revised Code Section 9.041 says that it is the public policy of the state of Ohio to prefer childbirth over abortion to the extent that it is constitutionally permissible. Title X dollars are not going

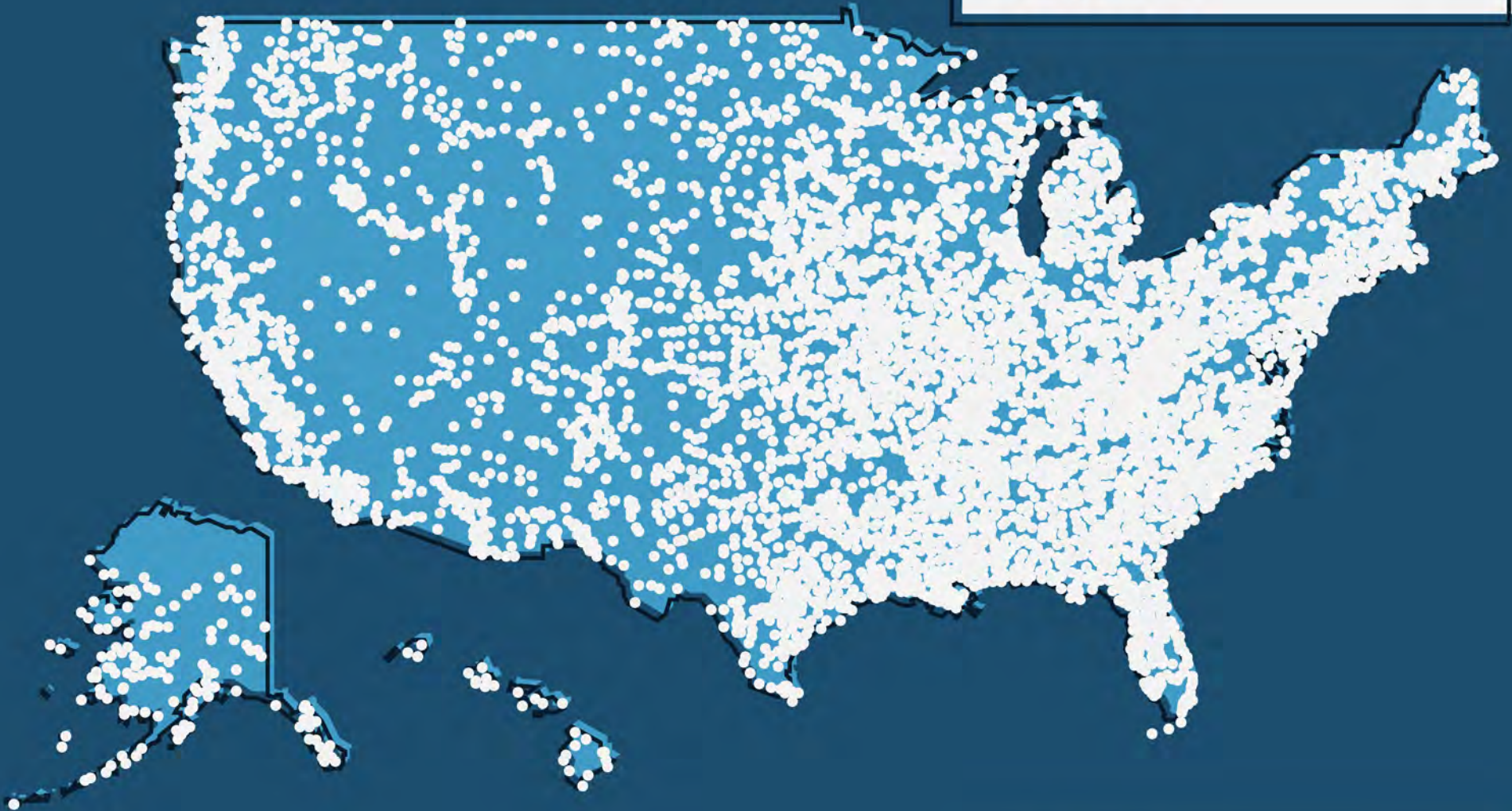
away and will actually be given to a wider array of institution giving greater access to women, especially those of lower income. In addition, nowhere in the Ohio or U.S. Constitution does it say that Planned Parenthood is ENTITLED to this money. There is NO emergency here as stated in the proposed resolution. If council proceed with this, it would be more honest to state that they just want tax dollars to go to support Planned Parenthood, in defiance of the intent of Ohio and federal law to support childbirth over abortion. This resolution was proposed very quickly, and I can guarantee that if the public knew of this, there would be a huge outrage. I urge you to either stop this resolution or vote NO.

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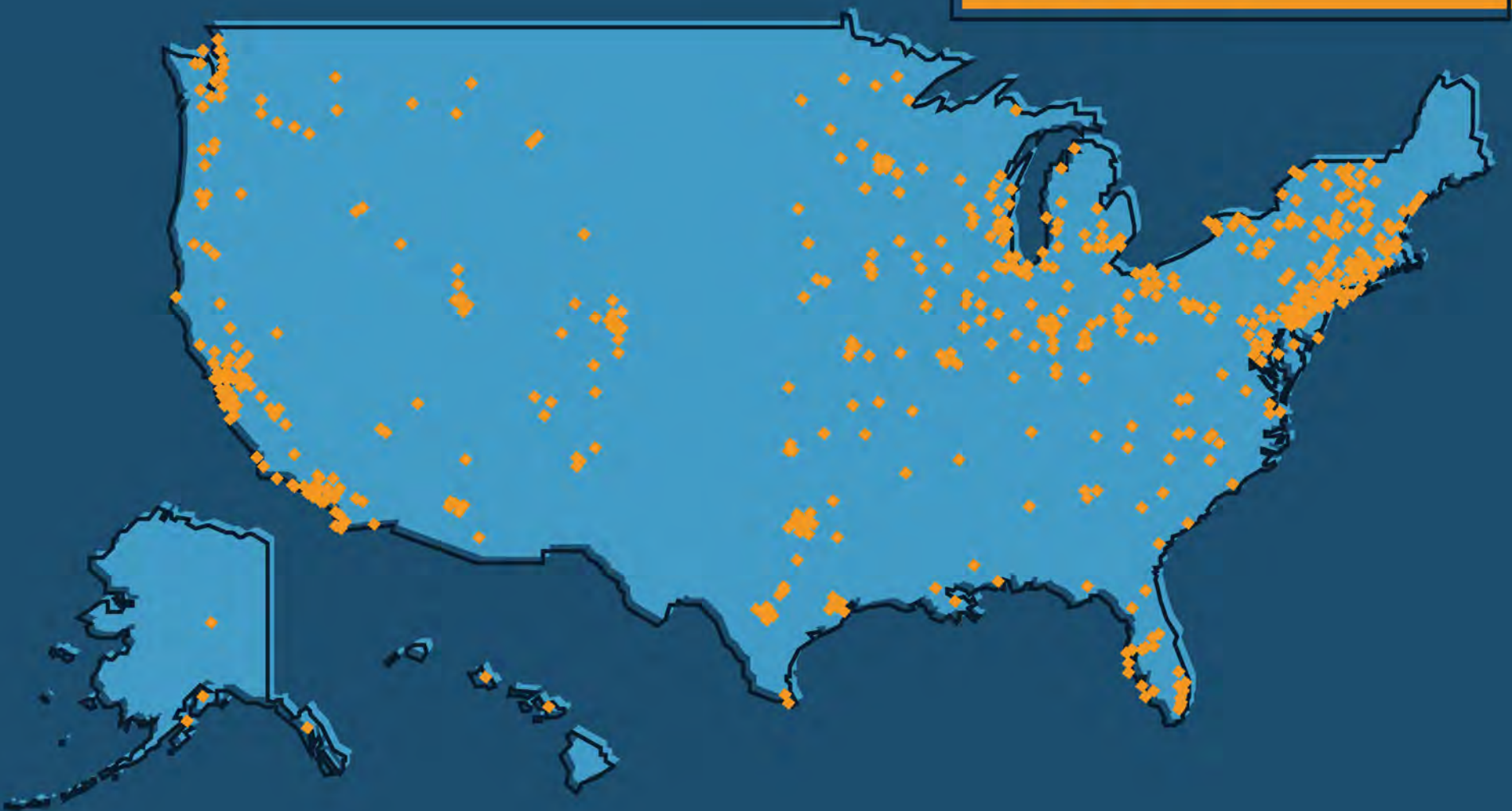
# WOMEN HAVE REAL CHOICES

There are 20 community health clinics for every Planned Parenthood.

13,540 FQHCs AND RURAL HEALTH CLINICS\*



665 PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOCATIONS



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\* Data based on information provided by <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/mlnProducts/Downloads/rhclistbyprovidername.pdf> (last visited Sept. 3, 2015) and <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/Data/datadownload/hccDownload.aspx> (last visited Sept. 3, 2015). Federally Qualified Health Clinics ("FQHC") and "Look Alikes" provide primary and preventive medical care and enabling services. Rural Health Clinics also offer primary and preventive medical services. **Note: this map does not include the thousands of additional private health providers who accept Medicaid for women's health needs.**

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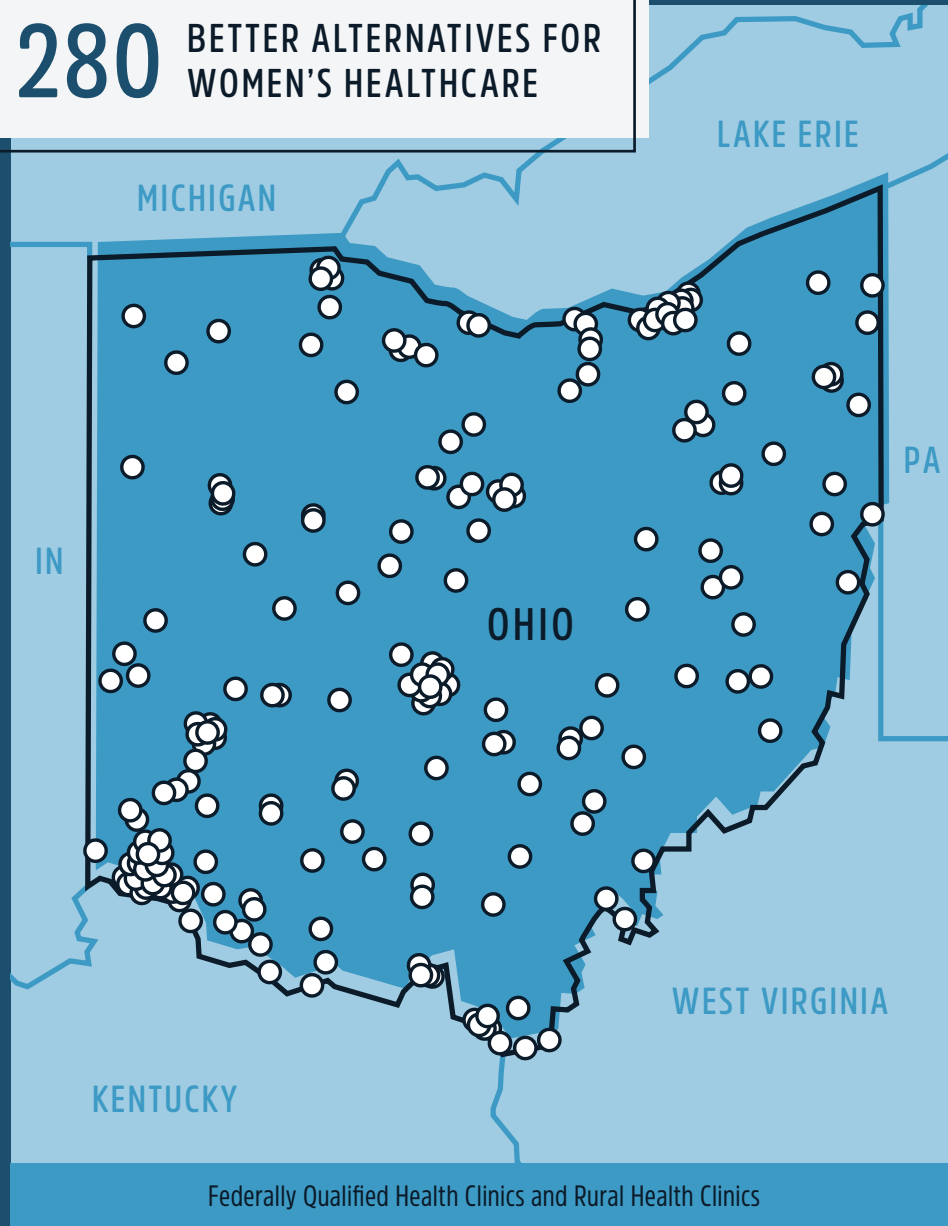
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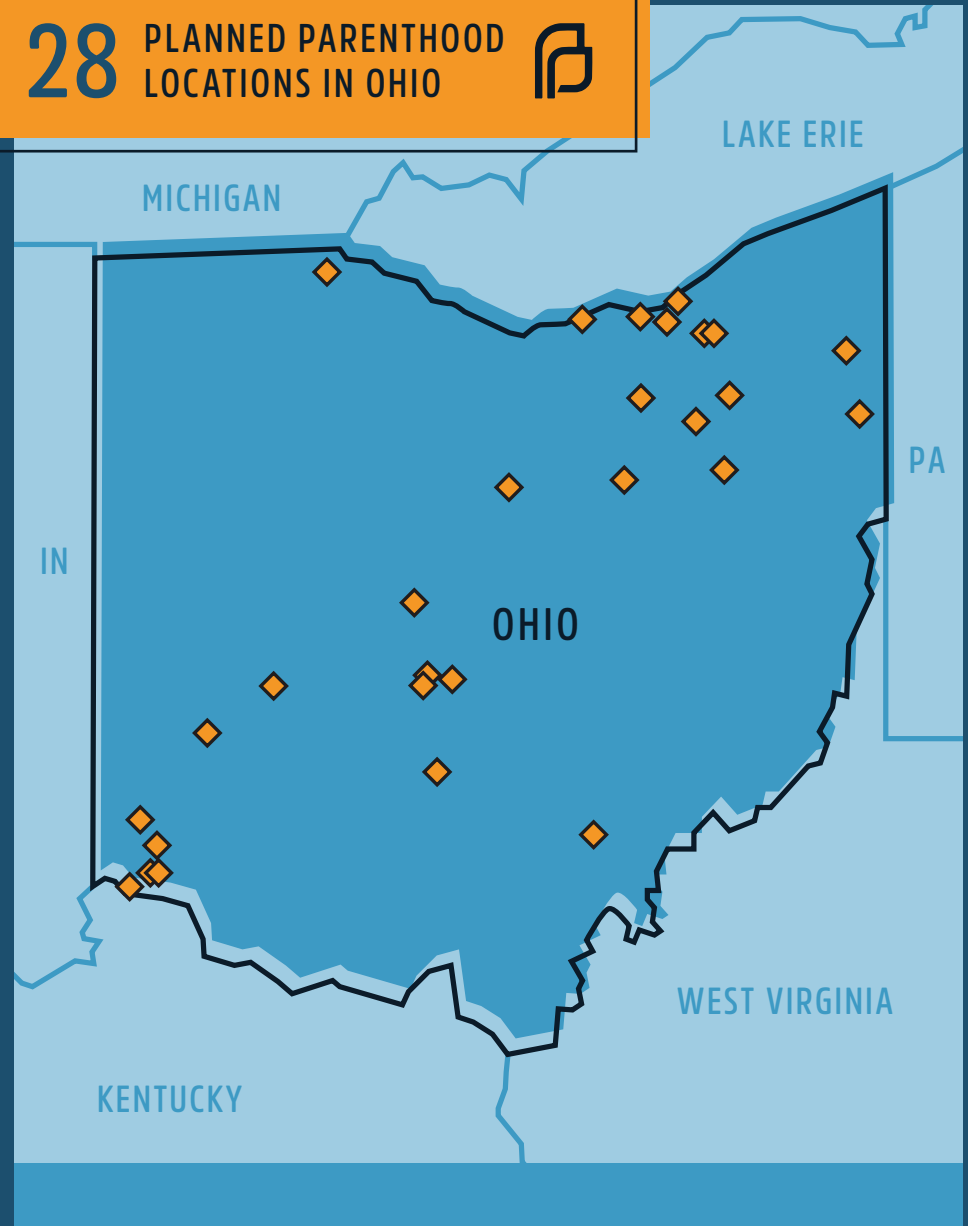
# WOMEN HAVE REAL CHOICES

There are 10 health care clinics for every Planned Parenthood.

**280** BETTER ALTERNATIVES FOR WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

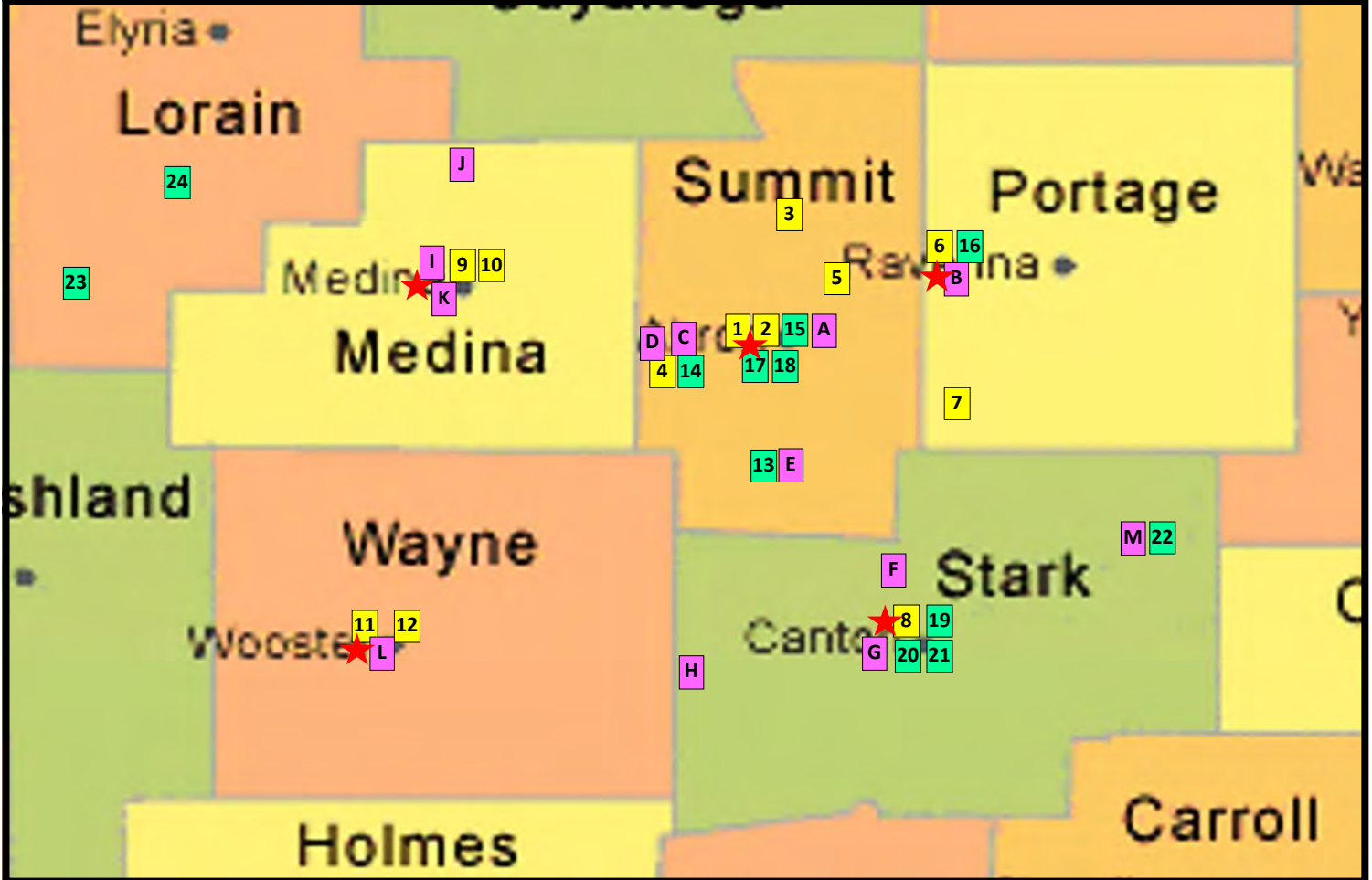


**28** PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOCATIONS IN OHIO



# YOU DON'T NEED PLANNED PARENTHOOD FOR HEALTHCARE!

For the total of *five* Planned Parenthood locations in the Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark and Wayne county area, there are many alternatives: at least **12** free or sliding scale clinics, at least **12** rural or federally qualified health centers, and at least **13** pregnancy resource centers. Additionally, millions of dollars in charity health care is given out each year by statewide hospitals.



Planned Parenthood locations are indicated by a red star.

## Free or Sliding Scale Clinics

<b>1</b>	Open M Clinic 941 Princeton St Akron, OH 44311 330-434-0110 x413	<b>5</b>	Faithful Servants Care Center 65 Community Rd. Suite F Tallmadge, OH 44276 330-434-0110	<b>9</b>	Medina Health Ministry 970 E. Washington Medina, OH 44256 330-764-9300
<b>2</b>	Summit County Public Health Clinic Morley Health Center 1867 W. Market St. Akron, OH 44313 330-375-2772	<b>6</b>	Townhall II Medical Clinic 155 N. Water St. Ste. 210 Kent, OH 44240 330-678-3006	<b>10</b>	Medina County Health Services 4800 Ledgewood Medina, OH 44256 330-723-9688
<b>3</b>	Summit County Public Health Clinic 1100 Graham Circle Stow, OH 44224 330-375-2772	<b>7</b>	Hartville Migrant Ministries 3980 Swamp St. Hartville, OH 44632 330-877-2983	<b>11</b>	Wayne County Health Department 203 S. Walnut St. Wooster, OH 44691 330-264-9590
<b>4</b>	Barberton/Summit County Free Clinic 113 9th NW Barberton, OH 4203 330-745-7471	<b>8</b>	Stark County Public Health Clinic Various locations 330-493-9904	<b>12</b>	Healthcare 2000 Community Clinic 1874 Cleveland Rd. Wooster, OH 44691 330-262-2500

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## Rural and Federally Qualified Health Centers

Federally qualified health centers qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid as well as other benefits, offer a sliding fee scale, provide comprehensive services (either on-site or by arrangement with another provider) including preventative health services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, transportation services necessary for adequate patient care, hospital and specialty care. Rural health care clinics are located in a rural, medically under-served area in the United States and have a separate reimbursement structure from the standard medical office under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

<b>13</b>	Axesspointe, Arlington 1400 S. Arlington St., Ste. 38 Akron, OH 44306 888-975-9188	<b>17</b>	Axesspointe at Portage Path Behavioral Health 340 S. Broadway St. Akron, OH 44308 888-975-9188	<b>21</b>	Canton Head Start 305 Mahoning NE Canton, OH 44705 330-456-6218
<b>14</b>	Axesspointe, Barberton 390 Robinson Ave. Ste E Barberton, OH 44203 888-975-9188	<b>18</b>	International Community Health Center Asian Services in Action 68 E. Market St. Ste. C Akron, OH 44304 234-312-3607	<b>22</b>	Good Samaritan Community Health Center 1390 S. Arch Alliance, OH 44601 330-821-3961
<b>15</b>	Axesspointe, Broadway 676 S. Broadway St. Akron, OH 44311 888-975-9188	<b>19</b>	Canton Community Clinic 2725 Lincoln St. E Canton, OH 44707 330-454-2000	<b>23</b>	Mercy Allen Rural Health Clinic 508 Dickson St. Ste. 2 Wellington, OH 44090 440-647-2225
<b>16</b>	Axesspointe, Kent 1993 State Route 59 Kent, OH 44240 330-975-9188	<b>20</b>	9th Street Family Health Center 409 9th St. Canton, OH 44707 330-454-2000	<b>24</b>	Mercy Allen Rural Health Clinic 105 Opportunity Way LaGrange, OH 44050 440-355-4206

## Pregnancy Resource Centers

A pregnancy resource center is a non-profit community center or clinic which primarily serves pregnant women and mothers of infants, is not an abortion provider and does not charge for any of its services. While most are not clinics and do not pretend to be, in most states they are able to offer free pregnancy tests and prenatal vitamins. They provide numerous social services, including parenting classes, options counseling, baby supplies, and other financial aid. Some PRC's are limited licensed clinics working under the direction of an M.D. Medical services provided vary from clinic to clinic, but often include ultrasounds, on-site prenatal exams, and/or STD testing. On the list below, those clinics offering limited medical services are indicated with a \* after their name.

<b>A</b>	Akron Pregnancy Services 105 E. Market St. Akron, OH 44308 330-434-2221	<b>E</b>	Pregnancy Choices* 2780 S. Arlington, Ste. 203 Akron, OH 44312 330-455-7500	<b>J</b>	Oaks Family Care Center 4196 Center Rd. Brunswick, OH 44212 330-220-7777
<b>B</b>	Coleman Pregnancy Center 5982 Rhodes Rd. Kent, OH 44240 330-839-9919	<b>F</b>	Pregnancy Choices* 4500 22nd St. NW Canton, OH 44708 330-455-7500	<b>K</b>	Birth Care of Medina County 620 E. Smith Rd E-5a Medina, OH 44256 330-722-1190
<b>C</b>	Pregnancy Solutions* 3136 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319 330-644-4490	<b>G</b>	Pregnancy Choices* 2645 Cleveland Ave. NW Canton, OH 44709 330-455-7500	<b>L</b>	Pregnancy Center of Wayne County* 142 W. Liberty St. #3A Wooster, OH 44691 330-264-5880
<b>D</b>	Embrace Clinic and Care Center* 180 First St. NW Barberton, OH 44203 330-825-1900	<b>H</b>	Pregnancy Choices* 121 Tremont Ave. SW Massillon, OH 44646 330-455-7500	<b>M</b>	Alliance Pregnancy Center* 75 Glamorgan Ave. Ste. 203 Alliance, OH 44601 330-821-7283
		<b>I</b>	Oasis of Hope Pregnancy & Parenting Center* 710 N. Court St. Medina, OH 44256 330-723-3600		