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Our days at the Clinic start with prayer. We never know what our day is going to look like. We may have some pregnancy tests, classes or sonograms on our calendar, but we always get some walk in clients. Our fixed location is in a residential area located behind a school and next to a church. We do not have a large sign so we feel many clients especially our walk in clients, come by way of the Holy Spirit. We are always faced each day with many abortion calls. They want to know if we provide abortions, or they want to make an appointment for their abortion. We are upfront in letting them first know we do not provide or refer for abortions. We will tell them what we do provide and invite them to come in for an appointment. Some may hang up, yell at us, or cry and ask for help. Our phone is answered 24/7 by a counselor. Many of our clients find us by our website. Other means of finding out about us are Billboards, Yellow Pages and the Mobile Pregnancy Clinic RV.

When a client arrives at our clinic they are greeted with warmth and a smile. This is important because they may not experience this in their daily life. They are given some paperwork to do. While they are sitting in our comfortable waiting area they are offered a snack and drink. When paperwork is completed we take the clients upstairs where most of the client activities take place. Our rooms are very comfortable and this is where we first get to know them. We feel it is very important to meet the clients where they are at in their lives. We take several minutes to get acquainted. We then will ask them what they might need, why are they making the decision they are. 95% of women make the abortion decision because of the father of the baby. It is important that the client understand it is her decision. We answer their questions and provide them with information to make their decision. We do not judge them, or make their decision, but provide a loving caring environment that starts the development of a relationship. We enjoy this opportunity we get to make them know how important they are. The relationship is also of great importance to gain the trust of these women. They are then open to information on making an educated decision of what they may want to do. 50% of our clients are African American, 15% Hispanic, 35% Caucasian. The vast majority of them are economically disadvantaged. 80% unmarried and approximately 65% have had previous abortions. After our discussion of what they need, the pregnancy test is then done. We have a long hallway for them to walk down to obtain what we need to do their test. We take this opportunity to show them how we can help them and what we can provide. Back in the counseling room while the test is being done, we talk about their decision and how we might provide the information they have requested, by talking, videos, tools or by our nice models of the baby in the womb. We then get their results and proceed with the information they requested and discussion. If the client is far enough along we can provide a free sonogram to confirm the pregnancy and hear the heartbeat for viability. We also use our 3d machine to show them the development of their child. We provide many photos and a DVD of the sonogram performed for them. While all of this might be happening in one room, we have two other rooms for clients that another test may be going on or even a class that a client has chosen to take on the development of their child. We also may have someone shopping in Elijah's closet for baby items they need. We also will have someone still answering the phone. Our Mobile may also be out in the Kansas City Metro and available for these same events. We could also have a caseworker in the lobby waiting for items for her client. We are open Mon. - Thurs. 9-5 and Fridays till noon. We are here to serve the inner city of Kansas City Metro area. We provide service to anyone who calls or comes to our door.

W.O.W (Women of Worth) - this is our program that consists of classes on prenatal development, on how to take care of themselves while pregnant, sometimes helping women to see their abusive situation they are in and how to make a different decision. Some have had multiple abortions, we help them see how to heal from that pain and provide resource for that healing. Many of our clients have had several partners. We educate them on the risks they are taking and what abstinence would look like for them. Many of our clients are just very scared. Many of them also have not experienced anyone who could love them and not judge them. We provide them the support and encouragement they want to make changes in their lifestyle and lives.

After their child is born we provide parenting education for up to three years.

Our clients are held accountable for the information they are learning and encouraged to use. They are given points and those are exchanged for just about anything they would need for their child. We provide free items for the moms to pamper themselves with.

In order to help reach more of these clients, we have put on the streets of Kansas City our Mobile Pregnancy Clinic. It is an RV that we converted the bedroom into a sonogram room. This unit is able to go into our Metro area and serve the economically disadvantaged that cannot reach us. We can go to areas where high school students, college students are. We can be a resource for other local clinics that do not have a sonogram machine. We can take our Mobile Pregnancy Clinic anywhere the clients are within the metro area.

All services we provide are free and confidential. We are here to make a difference in the lives of the women and men facing their unplanned pregnancy and to bring their child into this world. Many are drawn to us by the Holy Spirit. We serve all of our clients with the patience, guidance and love of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our passion.