

PREGNANCY.(STATE).GOV

PROBLEM:

Mothers with unexpected pregnancies may be in fear of whether they can get support during pregnancy and after the child is born. There are valuable, privately run directories like Standing With You, Her PLAN, and the EnVision App. But these are independent efforts with limited resources.



85% of women who had abortions in 2019 were unmarried.

SOLUTION: A state-level web portal - pregnancy.gov -

that provides comprehensive information about within-zip code public and private

resources available to families facing an unexpected or particularly difficult pregnancy. This website would leverage resources, preexisting assistance programs, and the intergovernmental relationships and credibility inherent in a “.gov” address to help mothers in their time of need.

THE RESOURCES WOULD COVER AREAS OF NEED LIKE:

No mother should ever have to feel alone at such a crucial moment in their life. All public and private resources should be available in an easy-to-navigate web application so that she can feel empowered and affirmed in her ability to navigate what can be a complex, multi-layered process to access the help that she needs. This one-stop-shop website would also be a tool for an expectant mom to learn about the public and private resources available in her zip code to assist her throughout pregnancy and afterward.

Several states, including Florida, South Dakota, and Oklahoma, have already implemented similar, easy-to-access resources for expecting mothers.

- Breastfeeding information and protections
- Childcare, family leave assistance
- Clothing, household, baby supplies
- Family planning education
- Financial assistance
- Food and nutrition assistance
- Housing support
- Legal support
- Mentorship, work, education opportunities
- OB-GYN and other health care services
- Perinatal hospice, pregnancy loss, infant loss resources
- Prenatal diagnostic services
- Primary and dental care
- Information about the reversal of the abortion pill
- Services for domestic, sexual violence
- Substance abuse recovery
- Support services for abortion survivors and their families
- Transportation support
- Tax preparation