

Launching! PPSO's Volunteer Program



WE ARE
EXCITED TO
ANNOUNCE
THE LAUNCH
OF PPSO'S
VOLUNTEER
ESCORT
PROGRAM.

Volunteer
Escorts are
instrumental to
our operations
and fulfill a
very important
function in our

organization – they ensure our patients experience a warm, welcoming environment from the moment they walk towards our doors until they leave.

Our Volunteer Escort program is fundamental to supporting our patients and staff. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with PPSO, email volunteers@ppsworegon.org or visit our website ppsworegon.org.

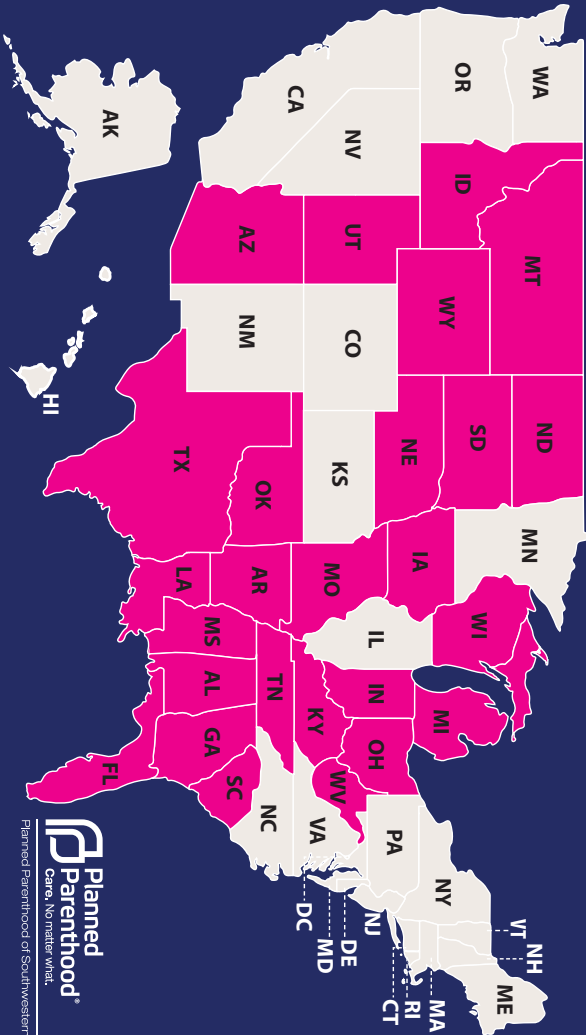


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The Supreme Court ruling in Dobb's v. Jackson Women's Health could overturn or gut the decision in Roe v. Wade.
If this happens, 26 states could lose access to abortion overnight and force 36 million people to travel extreme distances to access safe, legal abortion.
For more information visit states.guttmacher.org

The fight to protect reproductive freedom

A note from our CEO

Dear PPSO Family,

As we continue to navigate this moment—from the different COVID-19 variant surges to the impending SCOTUS decision—I want to take time to lift up what you and our community continue to make possible.

Because of your support, PPSO continues to push forward. These past few months, we've marked the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, welcomed our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager, and are working fast to expand access for those in Oregon—and beyond!

Your support has been essential to ensure Oregon remains the BEST state in the country for access to reproductive health care and sex education.

Because of you, PPSO can continue to show up for our patients. Nothing will stop our commitment to ensuring our communities' access to the reproductive health care they need—including access to abortion.

I am so grateful to stand with you to protect
Care – No Matter What.

In gratitude,

Lisa Gardner
President and CEO



Let's stay connected!

Follow us for breaking news, events, and how to get involved.



Patient Care

Expanding Abortion Access Beyond Oregon!



WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR ROE TO FALL IN 2022, and as the only state with no restrictions on access to abortion care, Oregon is anticipating an increase of 234% in

patients seeking services. Oregon is essential for pregnant people across the country.

A core focus of PPSO's health care services has always been to ensure access to abortion care that is convenient, reliable, and available to all those who need or want it. We are leveraging every available resource to ensure we can be there for the patients that need us now and in the coming months.

In 2021, PPSO was able to implement medication abortion care at all of our health centers. Not only is it safe and effective, medication abortion is conveniently available both in-person and via telehealth—ensuring access no matter how far you live from a physical health center or provider.

As our communities continue to navigate the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, PPSO is grateful for the investments of our donors that ensure we are able to offer safe and convenient abortion care to our patients across Oregon—and beyond!

A CONVERSATION WITH ...

Martha Reilly, PPSO Medical Director



AS EARLY AS JUNE, THE SUPREME COURT COULD OFFICIALLY ERASE nearly 50 years of precedent and the constitutional right to abortion in its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. To understand what a decision in this monumental case

could mean for the future of abortion access across the country, we sat down with Martha Reilly, PPSO's Medical Director.

Can you tell us more about the Mississippi abortion ban case that the Court is considering now?

In December, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* regarding Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban law. The Mississippi law was enacted in 2018, but never went into effect because of an immediate legal challenge. The law makes most abortions illegal after 15 weeks of pregnancy. At 15 weeks of pregnancy, a fetus is not viable. Most experts estimate fetal viability to be about 24 weeks; the decision in *Roe v. Wade*, and other later decisions, affirm fetal viability at 24 weeks gestation.

Is Mississippi's ban the most restrictive example, or have other states enacted similar laws?

Unfortunately, it's not the most restrictive. The Texas legislature passed Senate Bill 8 in September 2021 and Idaho passed copycat legislation, Senate Bill 1309, in March 2022. Both laws ban abortion at six weeks—when most people do not even know they are pregnant. These two bans are the most restrictive in the country and allow for vigilante style lawsuits attacking abortion providers.

If the Court overturns *Roe*, what will that mean for the future of abortion access?

We are preparing for a future in which more patients will be forced to travel hundreds of miles, endure unnecessary delays, and pay out of pocket to get the care they need—if they can afford it. We are increasing investments in patient navigation, since many patients will need to travel beyond their means, and we are exploring all options to reach our patients—including telehealth.

At PPSO, abortion access expansion has included the introduction of surgical abortion services in Ashland—bridging a nearly 300-mile abortion desert between Eureka, Calif. and Eugene, Ore.—plus the addition of medication abortion care at all of our health centers.

Where should people go to learn more about this decision and Planned Parenthood in general?

To stay up to date on the latest news, visit our website at ppsworegon.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Advocacy

HEALTH PROVIDERS WHO OFFER SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE CARE mean nothing if our communities do not have safe and affordable access to it. In 2017, PPAO joined forces with a broad coalition of racial and gender justice, reproductive rights, and community groups to pass the nation's most progressive reproductive health law.

The Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) greatly expanded coverage by requiring state-regulated insurance plans to cover the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care—including family planning, abortion and vasectomies—at no out-of-pocket cost for patients. This filled gaps in reproductive health coverage for Oregonians with high-deductible policies that made care unaffordable and inaccessible.

RHEA helps 48,000 women of reproductive age in Oregon who previously were ineligible for reproductive healthcare coverage because of their immigration status. The law also prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in reproductive healthcare coverage.

We remain committed to a world where access to health care, including sexual and reproductive care, is a human right for everyone—no matter their income, their immigration status, or their gender identity. **No matter what.**

Paid for by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon.

Thanks to the Reproductive Health Equity Act, abortion rights in Oregon are secure, no matter what happens to *Roe v. Wade*.

Your gift at work

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of individuals and families across Southwestern Oregon. Here are just a few ways your gift has supported the health of your community this year.



27.2%

INCREASE IN ABORTION VISITS IN JANUARY 2022 COMPARED TO JANUARY 2021



9,400

NUMBER OF STI TESTS PROVIDED



2,974

NUMBER OF NEW PATIENTS

DATA FOR JULY 2021 - DECEMBER 2021