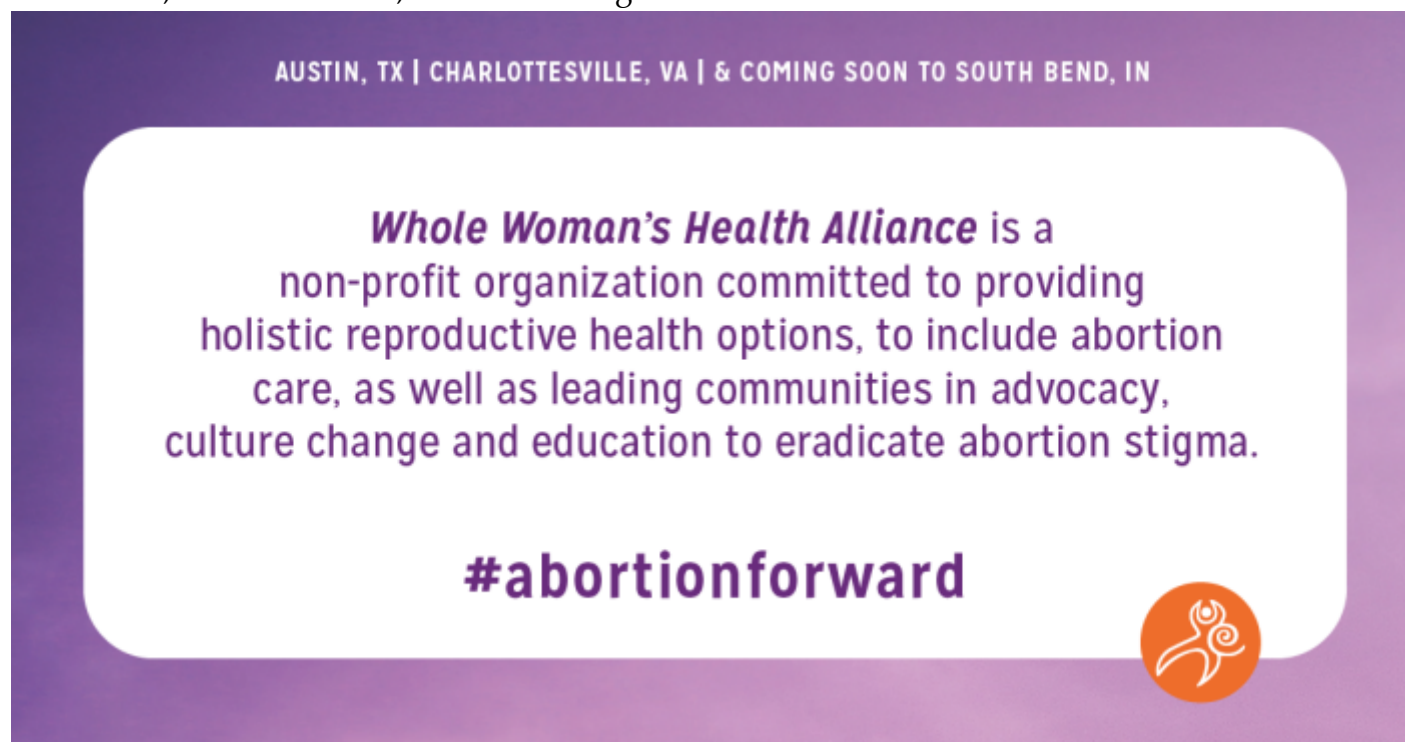


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More Than a Year After SCOTUS Victory: Whole Woman's Health to Open Two New Clinics in Hostile States, Launch National Anti-Stigma Initiative

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(https://wholewomanshealth.files.wordpress.com/2017/10/wwha_facebook5_-01.png) October 30, 2017 – (PRESS RELEASE) Today, Amy Hagstrom Miller, founder and owner of Whole Woman's Health, announces her latest endeavor to open two new abortion clinics in South Bend, Indiana and Charlottesville, Virginia under a non-profit Whole Woman's Health Alliance (<http://www.wholewomanshealthalliance.org>) (WWHA). Hagstrom Miller operates independent abortion clinics in five states, including Texas where she won a major victory for women and families in the 2016 case, *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, the most consequential abortion rights case to go to the Supreme Court in a generation.

Both Indiana and Virginia are classified (<https://www.guttmacher.org/infographic/2017/22-states-are-extremely-hostile-abortion>) as "extremely hostile" to abortion rights, having passed new laws in recent years to burden women seeking abortion and force clinics to close. In 2014, some 95 percent

(<https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-abortion-indiana>) of Indiana counties had no clinics that provided abortion care and 66 percent of Indiana women lived in those counties. Indiana now has only six clinics open to serve women in the state, dropping from 10 in 2011.

In 2014, Virginia had only 18 abortion clinics (<https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-abortion-virginia>), representing a 14 percent decline in clinics from 2011. Now Virginia has just 13 open clinics. In 2014, some 92 percent (<https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-abortion-virginia>) of Virginia counties had no clinics that provide abortion, and 78 percent of Virginia women lived in those counties.

“As we witness ongoing attempts by the Trump administration to bully and block women who need abortion care, I’m proud to announce that we are expanding our healthcare work, to open two new nonprofit clinics. Whole Woman’s Health Charlottesville opened in October 2017, and we will open the clinic in South Bend as soon as we can. These two clinics play a key role in the Whole Woman’s Health Alliance launch of a nationwide initiative to combat abortion stigma,” said **Amy Hagstrom Miller, founder and CEO of Whole Woman’s Health and Whole Woman’s Health Alliance**. “Nearly a year after the election of the most anti-abortion administration in decades, Whole Woman’s Health Alliance is doubling down on what we do best: providing compassionate holistic care and proclaiming loudly and proudly that every day, good women have abortions. We will go where they need us the most.”

“We are so excited to welcome Whole Woman’s Health into the Commonwealth, where they will continue to fearlessly care for women and families. And if I know anything about Amy Hagstrom Miller and her team – they won’t let intimidation from anti-choice legislators or political battles slow them down,” said **Tarina Keene, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia**. “Whole Woman’s Health has been a bastion of hope for women seeking honest, compassionate, effective abortion care for years. They inspired us to introduce a whole new wave of proactive legislation here in Virginia after Amy took on the state of Texas and TRAP laws in the landmark *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* case, in which the Supreme Court ruled that medically-unnecessary regulations that impose an undue burden on a woman’s access to abortion are unconstitutional. Charlottesville women and families are lucky to have such a great team bringing reproductive health care to their city, and we’re thrilled to be one step closer to eliminating gaps in access to abortion in Virginia.”

“At All-Options, we believe that everyone has the right to be supported in their decisions about pregnancy, parenting, abortion, and adoption. That includes having access to quality, safe abortion care without significant financial or geographic barriers,” said **Shelly Dodson, Center Director of All-Options in Indiana**. “We are thrilled that Whole Woman’s Health will be opening a clinic in South Bend, and look forward to having another provider to refer clients to in Indiana, reducing their need to travel out of state to find the abortion care they need.”

“Virginians know that a woman seeking reproductive health care, including safe and legal abortion, deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. These are just the values Amy Hagstrom Miller and Whole Woman’s Health bring to their provision of health care and we couldn’t be more thrilled to welcome them to Charlottesville,” said **Anna Scholl, Executive Director for Progress Virginia**. “Just a year after our hard-fought victory to roll back Virginia’s sham restrictions on abortion providers, it’s so gratifying to know that Virginia women now have an additional option for quality, compassionate, affordable reproductive health care access, and a fierce advocate for women’s dignity and autonomy to boot.”

- Whole Woman’s Health is a feminist organization, led by women and committed to providing holistic care for women. We operate a group of women’s clinics providing comprehensive

gynecology services, including abortion care. It is our philosophy that each woman must be at the center of her own healthcare decisions and that treating each woman holistically will better serve women and improve women's health and happiness in our communities. WWH manages 8 clinic facilities, 4 located in Texas— Austin, Fort Worth, McAllen, San Antonio, one in Minneapolis, MN, one in Peoria, IL, one in Baltimore, MD, one in South Bend, IL and one in Charlottesville, VA

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