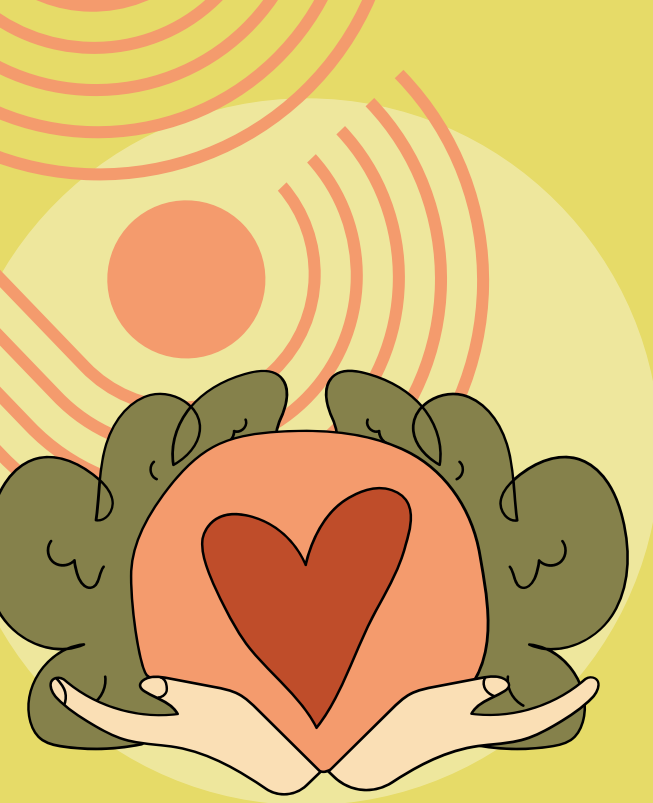

***ABORTION
CARE
TENNESSEE***

***ANNUAL
REPORT
2023-2024***

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to build power for Tennesseans by increasing access to reproductive and sexual health care, including safe abortion for all people.

We envision a Tennessee where everyone – regardless of race, gender, income, language, ability, documentation, or sexual identity – is free from reproductive control, oppression, and stigma. We envision a Tennessee where everyone's right to bodily autonomy is honored and protected.

OUR VALUES

Accountability

We are committed to transparency, compassionate and direct communication, and being open to receiving constructive criticism to drive our individual and collective growth.

Centering the Reproductive Justice Framework

We see all oppression as interconnected and strive to dismantle all forms of oppression, especially white supremacy, by engaging in cross-movement power building.

Accessibility

We strive to make our spaces, services, and advocacy accessible to everyone and to center the needs and leadership of the most marginalized.

Sustainability

We strive to support each other in this work to ensure the sustainability of each of us and of the continuity of the fund.

Southern Liberation

ACT is committed to uplifting our community and to building autonomy and collective power in the South.



A NOTE FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR

Becoming the Director of Abortion Care TN has felt wildly serendipitous. You know, in the “right place at the right time” kind of way. Looking back at where ACT has been since 2019, I am both thrilled and humbled to be trusted to guide ACT towards our collective vision of growth, joy, and liberation. I know we are going to continue to watch ACT grow beyond the wildest dreams we ever thought possible in a state like Tennessee. And I know that beyond a shadow of a doubt because we have supporters like you helping us get there.

In this together,
Jules

A NOTE FROM OUR TEAM



ACT Board in May 2024, plus our three brand new board members!

(Pictured from left to right: Rachel Welty, Nina Gurak, Chelsea Swanson, Jordan Scruggs, Cortney Warner, Lizzie No, Robyn Baldrige, Julia Gobin, Gayle Geeter, Cara Green, Katherine Diaz Garcia)

Hey fam!

Sending love to every supporter (and future supporter!) of ACT amidst the troubling times in TN and beyond. We have good news: thanks to your ongoing support, ACT continues to serve patients daily, ensuring Tennesseans have access to the healthcare they need. Despite a destabilizing election cycle, we are dedicated to building a future where everyone has equitable access to care, and we achieve liberation together.

This fall marks an exciting new chapter for ACT with our new executive director, Jules Edwards, and our merger with Mountain Access Brigade. They have been instrumental in laying the groundwork for organizations like ours, and we are thrilled to officially partner with them.

While we face challenges, from securing donations to navigating increasing legal threats against abortion, we are growing stronger. We're learning from each other and bold reproductive justice leaders in the South, especially leaders in our movement (s/o Arc SE), and focusing on building leadership within our organization. We reject scarcity and remain committed to our vision of a Tennessee where everyone's freedom is secure. Onward together!

ABORTION FOREVER, NO MATTER WHAT.

XO, Lizzie and Robyn

(Board President & Vice President)



FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY & IMPACT



Total \$
Fundraised

\$182,723

Individual Donations:

\$117,913

Fundraisers: \$17,639

Grants: \$44,786

Merch Sales: \$2,380



Abortion
Funding Given

\$157,700

of Patients Helped: 616

of Clinics Served: 11

of States Served: 7



Total
Expenditures

\$366,200

Staff Payroll: \$ 194,000

Dues & Subscriptions: \$1,250

Clinic Funding: \$157,700

Fundraising Costs: \$3,200

Operations: \$6,000

Legal Fees: \$4,050



This Math ain't
Mathin'?

We Know!

Donations were down 49% last year, but we used our reserves to maintain fair wages for our staff. Help us get back on track! Support abortion funding work.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our current funding model isn't sustainable, and we're making some big changes to ensure a stronger future. We have some exciting news to share for our plans for next year!

Abortion Care Tennessee (ACT) and Mountain Access Brigade (MAB) are joining forces! We've been working together closely for a while now, and this merger is the next step in pooling our resources to better support Tennesseans needing out-of-state abortion care.

Starting August 25, 2025, the combined organization will kick off, and we're making some strategic moves in the meantime. To focus on growing and strengthening our impact, we'll be shifting away from some of our current funding methods. This will help us streamline operations and boost our ability to fund and support even more patients in the future.

This merger represents a huge milestone and a fresh start for us. By combining forces, we aim to double our impact and provide more funding, support, and advocacy to those who need it most.

We're excited about what's ahead and grateful for your continued support as we make these important changes!

2023/2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Of all the fun things that happened last fiscal year, these are some of our faves...

We transitioned our contracted staff to W2 Employees! That means they get healthcare, PTO, 401k's and all those other awesome quality of life things that everyone deserves.

We hired an Executive Director! Jules Edwards (they/them) is a Southern Appalachian activist with extensive experience in abortion advocacy, doula work, electoral campaigns, community safety, sex education, and transformative justice.

We beat our personal record of TN patients served! As abortion continues to be under attack in TN, it is more important than ever that local abortion funds exist. Abortion Forever, No Matter What!

We got to hang out with Chappell Roan and Olivia Rodrigo. Well, not like up close and personal, but we set up a table at their concert! And we gave out all the Plan B and Sex Ed kits our little hearts could muster.

With the help of Plan C Pills, we got a "Self-Managed Abortion" billboard put up outside of Knoxville! We care about a lot of things, but mostly, we care that people KNOW THEIR OPTIONS.

NAVIGATING THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE IN TN

Abortion Access in Tennessee

Tennessee is under one of the most extreme abortion bans in the country, with only narrow exceptions in cases of life endangerment of the pregnant person. However, abortion funds and advocacy groups in Tennessee are on your side! We're here to help you know where to go for care, as well as to help you get the funding you need for your appointment. For more information on self-managing your abortion at home, keep reading!

Travel Ban for Minors

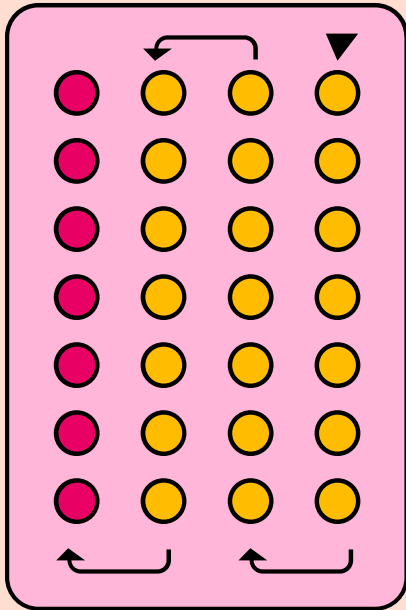
Tennessee law requires notarized parental consent for minors receiving abortion-related assistance. For guardians aiding their children, abortion funds have Consent Form Templates for notarization. Expect to provide ID and proof of guardianship during this process. Additionally, abortion funds can assist in connecting you with virtual TN notaries, in-person notary services are also available at public libraries, UPS, and FedEx offices.

Abortion Disinformation in Schools

In Tennessee, teachers can't discuss options beyond abstinence or provide abortion referrals. A new law mandates a misleading anti-abortion video in schools. Research shows such laws only increase stigma without helping teens make informed decisions. To combat this, offer accurate information, be a trusted resource, and advocate against anti-abortion propaganda in schools.

SELF-MANAGED ABORTION (SMA)

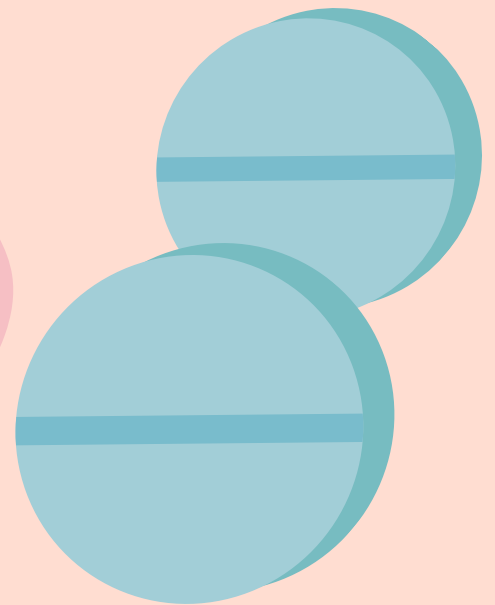
In Tennessee, you can still get pills through the mail!



You have the power to manage your own abortion journey. For some, this includes ending a pregnancy at home. People choose self-managed abortion for a variety of reasons: a desire for privacy, a sense of empowerment, or simply the wish to have control over location and timing. Learn more by exploring information in the links below. Whatever path you take will be the right one for you.

SOME LINKS IF YOU WANT TO...

- [Keep Your Abortion Private and Secure](#)
- [Find Abortion Pills Through The Mail](#)
- [Learn How to Take Abortion Pills Step by Step](#)



GET INVOLVED WITH ACT

DONATE

In total ban states like Tennessee, giving to grassroots organizations like ACT is more important than ever. When you donate to ACT, your dollars directly remove financial barriers to safe abortion care for Tennesseans.

DONATE TODAY!

VOLUNTEER!

VOLUNTEER

ACT is a small-but-mighty organization, made up of a handful of dedicated staff and volunteers. When you volunteer, your work will directly benefit Tennesseans seeking help with abortion care. We can't wait to meet you!

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

We won't bug you too much, we promise! We send out 2 newsletters a month and they are jam packed with fun events, sexy merch, insider info, legal tips, and resources. If you're already a subscriber, share this link with a friend!

GET THE NEWS!

ABORTION CALLS TO ACTION

Now, more than ever, we need a united front for abortion justice, encompassing racial, queer, and trans liberation, and more. The attacks on abortion are part of a broader effort to undermine marginalized communities and shift our culture. Join us in defending abortion access and affirming that everyone deserves control over their bodies, no matter their background. Check out our four calls to action below and connect with our partners for continued support.



Destigmatize Abortion

SAY ABORTION. Show you are a safe person by using the word "abortion" and including everyone, such as trans and non-binary individuals, in your advocacy. Use inclusive language.

Trust Pregnant People: Support individuals in making their own reproductive choices. Listen to and amplify the voices of those who share their abortion stories. Visit [WeTestify](#) for stories and support.



Disseminate Knowledge

Become a reliable source of accurate, supportive abortion information in your community. As access challenges grow, ensure people have factual resources. Identify and avoid fake clinics through [this](#) map.

Share and know how to navigate reliable abortion access sites:

- [Clinics Near You](#)
- [Affirming Counseling Services](#)
- [Local Abortion Funds](#)



Distribute Resources

In a post-Roe world, support is crucial across the South. Connect with and support local abortion funds, clinics, and providers as they adapt to increasing needs. Monthly donations can provide vital, ongoing support.

Here's a list of Southern groups and providers to consider:

- [Support Local Clinics](#)
- [ARC Southeast](#)
- [Mountain Access Brigade](#)
- [Healthy and Free TN](#)



Demand Access & Expansion

Register to Vote: Focus on state and local elections. Check your registration and register if needed.

Fight Voter Suppression: Oppose voter disenfranchisement and push for expanded voting options.

Support Insurance Coverage: Ask legislators to ensure \$0 copays for abortion care and comprehensive insurance coverage.

Advocate for Legislation: Support bills protecting abortion providers and contact your representatives to advance these measures.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear Gentle Reader,

From our small but mighty team at Abortion Care TN, we want to express our deepest gratitude and shout our thanks from the rooftops. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our journey, and we truly couldn't have made it this far without you.

This year has been a whirlwind of challenges, surprises, fun and triumphs, and we've navigated through it together.

We understand that there are countless demands on your attention and energy, especially in these bratty, unprecedented times, and we deeply appreciate that you continue to stand by us and fight alongside us. Your dedication means everything.

But we're not done yet! Abortion access is facing relentless attacks from legislators, and our state's climate is becoming increasingly hostile. We need to keep pushing forward and advocating for the access to care that everyone deserves. With your support, we can continue to make a real difference. Thank you for your commitment and for being an essential part of this crucial work.



XO,

Abortion Care Tennessee