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MIDWEST
access
COALITION

A photograph of an airplane's wing and tail section, viewed from a passenger window. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The wing is white with a green stripe, and the tail has a green and white logo.

Impact Report

2021

Abortion is a Midwestern Value

Roe has never been enough for everyone who needs essential abortion care. TRAP laws have steadily shut down many clinics in this country. Since 2015, MAC has been accompanying those left behind by Roe's incomplete protection by paying for and arranging their travel, accommodations, meals, and childcare. For the past two years we've also been providing procedure funding as the pandemic has kept our clients from earning anything close to a living wage that could help pay for their abortion care.

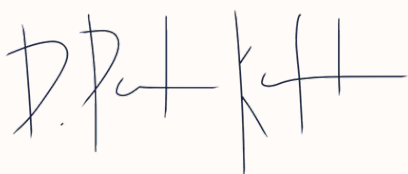
As SB8 threatened to turn Texas into a post-Roe state, we knew the Midwest would need to prepare to support

Texans. We held onto hope that the Supreme Court would not abdicate from its duty to protect rights but prepared for the worst. This month they confirmed the worst by continuing to allow SB8 to ignore federal law.

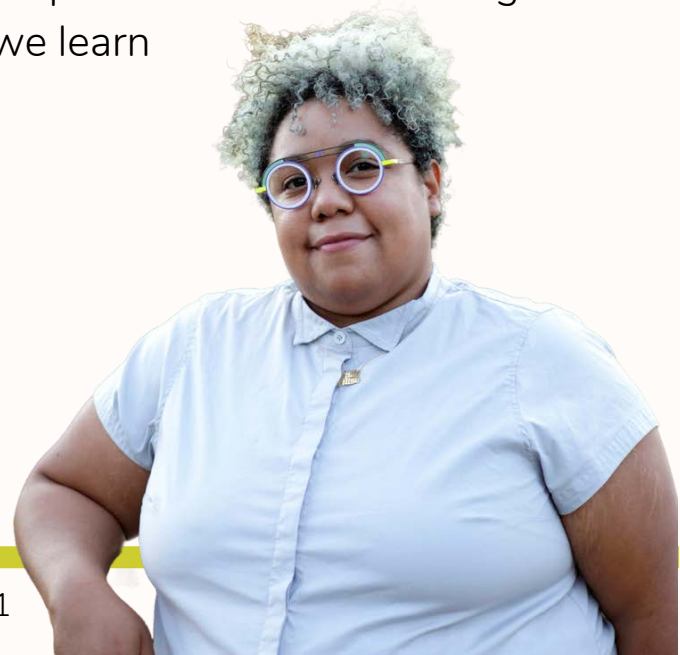
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It is no longer uncommon for a MAC client to have to fly for a one day procedure, especially in states that have also banned providers from mailing abortion pills for people to safely take at home. We are heading into a difficult era for reproductive autonomy and justice. It's imperative that we do not give up, that we normalize abortion care, and that we learn new ways to love and support each other.

In Solidarity,



Diana Parker-Kafka
Executive Director



2021 At A Glance

We provided one-on-one holistic support to over 800 people from every state in the Midwest as well as 11 states to the south and east.



Our biggest practical support costs:

Hotels
\$120,000

Food
\$15,000

Flights
\$55,000

Buses/trains
\$10,000

Gas
\$40,000

Rideshares
\$20,000

After travel expenses, the biggest barriers our clients reported were childcare, domestic abuse, and housing instability.

MAC clients went to 69 abortion providers, up from 30 in 2020!



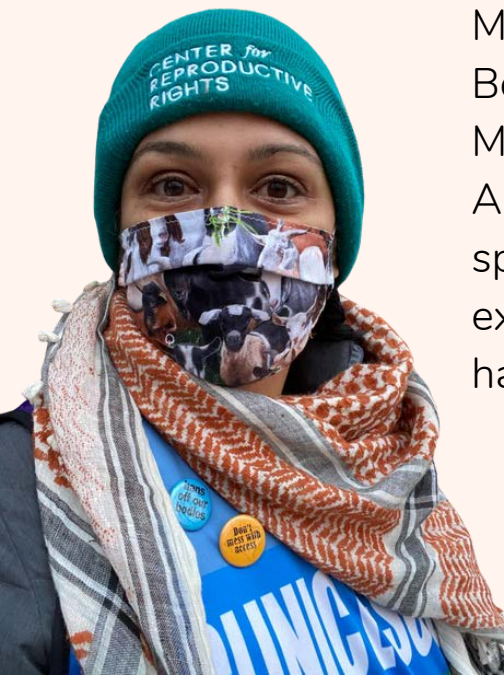
38 Independent Abortion Clinics

23 Planned Parenthoods

8 Hospitals

Scaling Up

As the number of callers and the complexity of need has grown steadily year after year, it's important for practical support organizations like MAC to grow. We still rely heavily on dedicated volunteer time and expertise, but as we prepare for a Post-Roe country we want to make sure to build strong support for people in the abortion access movement. We are very proud to announce two new hires!



Marie Khan joined us this fall as Director of Programs. Born and raised in Wisconsin, she has been a longtime MAC volunteer coordinator and was most recently at Abortion Access Front as Operations Manager. She also spends her weekends escorting clients at clinics that experience regular anti-choice harassment. Fun fact: she has two black cats named Chaka and Genghis.

Alison Dreith is the new part-time Director of Strategic Partnerships at MAC. She comes to us with over ten years experience in abortion movement work, having served as the Deputy Director at Hope Clinic for Women, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri, and having worked multiple advocacy and clinical roles at Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region. She also raises goats!



Understanding SB8

On September 1, 2021, the legislators of Texas were allowed to implement Senate Bill 8, a 6 week ban on abortion for all Texans. Despite SB8's violation of federal law, SCOTUS refused to grant an injunction and Texans who need essential abortion care are still being harmed.



As you know, the anti-choice movement uses dishonest rhetoric. The '6 week ban' restricts abortion care 6 weeks past a pregnant person's last menstrual cycle, putting the limit at 4 weeks gestation, assuming a consistent 28-day cycle. This leaves a window of about 1 week to accurately test for pregnancy and find a provider. Since most people do not know they are pregnant within this time frame, 85% of people needing abortion care will need to travel out of state.





Many eastern and central Texans are traveling to Kansas and Oklahoma for abortion care now. This often looks like many hours of driving to get the pill at a clinic and turning right around to drive many miles home. Some people stay overnight but many need to get back home for work or their children. As those clinics see more and more Texans, we are starting to support people traveling all the way to IL and MN for care.

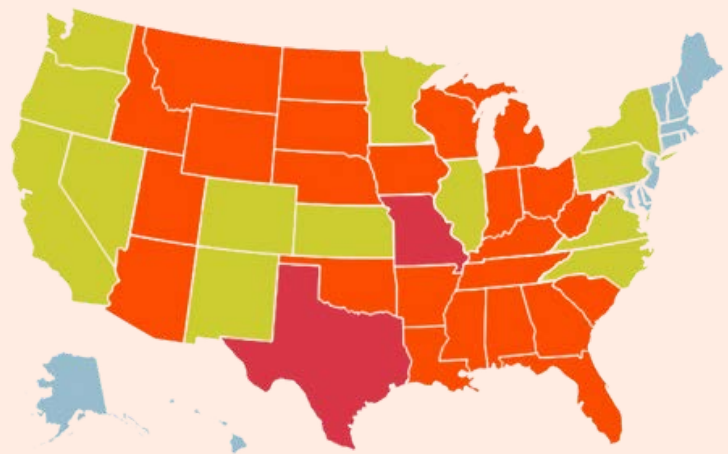
Longest Drive

13 hours
628 miles
one way

Understanding SCOTUS

The Supreme Court of the United States allowing a violation of federal abortion law to stand was another clear signal that SCOTUS is now a politicized majority anti-choice court. During oral arguments for *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the majority made it clear from their questions that they do not believe in the right to abortion. The movement predicts SCOTUS will allow states to ban abortion at any gestation, ignoring the viability and undue burden precedents.

-  Abortion destination states
-  Non-ban states
-  States that will ban abortion
-  States where abortion is already effectively banned



Millions of people will lose their right to abortion care in their own states, leaving a handful of states in each region to support their essential needs. In the Midwest alone, 9 out of 12 states will ban abortion. Illinois, Minnesota, and Kansas will be destination states for thousands of people. These folks (and more!) are ready to accompany them on these journeys.



Things To Celebrate

The Parental Notification Act has been repealed! Starting June 2022, young people will no longer have to go to court to access abortion care in Illinois. How have they accessed reproductive freedom during PNA?

- Contacted our partners at the ACLU Judicial Bypass Project for free legal representation
- Contacted MAC for travel support to and from IL for their court hearings and clinic appointments

The FDA decided to permanently allow abortion pills to be mailed by telehealth providers, expanding access to a safe method of abortion!



The anti-choice movement has stigmatized 'abortion' so much that people are afraid to use the word positively. So we started a store with pro-abortion swag. Help liberate abortion and wear it proudly wherever you go!



Immense Gratitude

For the drivers this year who filled in last minute ride needs, often early in the morning and late at night, and drove upwards of 3 hours one way. For the hosts that opened their homes and hearts to people who traveled far and wanted in person support during their journeys.

For our clients who worked with us to overcome this country's growing inequities. As always, they deserve better and we will keep trying to build a future that gives everyone complete control over their reproductive lives.

Major 2021 Funders



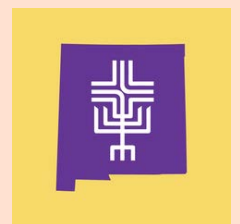
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