



Legislative Report

Pregnancy and Baby Care

Initiative

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Division of Family Support

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Overview

Act No. 329 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature was enacted to establish the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative (LPBCI). The program was created within the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to act as a statewide social service program to enhance and increase resources, that promote childbirth for women facing unplanned pregnancies and to offer a full range of services, including pregnancy support services, parenting help, and adoption assistance. The LPBCI replaced the Alternatives to Abortion Program that was administered by the department since 2003.

Operational Status

The implementation of the LPCI is a multi-tier effort that encompasses several key steps:

General Contractor Selection

The Request for Proposals (RFP) process commenced on March 27, 2025, and was cancelled by the Office of State Procurement on October 2, 2025. The department is currently working to submit a new Sourcing Request.

Service Delivery Continuity

The existing 12 contracted providers funded under the Louisiana Alternatives to Abortions Program identified in Table 1 remain under contract to provide LPBCI services during the transition and until a general contractor can be selected.

Table 1
Existing Providers since LPBCI Enactment

PROVIDER	LOCATION	SERVICE DELIVERY AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	APPROVAL DATE
A Pregnancy Center and Clinic	Lafayette	Acadia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermillion	07/01/2024	12/11/2024
Caring to Love Ministries	Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge	07/01/2024	12/04/2024
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	Metairie	Statewide	07/01/2024	01/13/2025
Cenla Pregnancy Center	Alexandria	Rapides, Avoyelles	07/01/2024	01/15/2025
Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center	Thibodaux	Statewide	07/01/2024	01/08/2025

PROVIDER	LOCATION	SERVICE DELIVERY AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	APPROVAL DATE
Hope Restored Pregnancy Resource Center	Houma	Thibodaux	07/01/2024	12/08/2024
Life Choices of North Central LA	Ruston	Lincoln, Jackson, Union, Bienville, Claiborne	07/01/2024	01/17/2025
Life Choices Pregnancy Resource Center	Monroe	Ouachita, Caldwell Morehouse, Richland, Franklin, West Carrol, East Carrol, Madison, Tensas	07/01/2024	12/17/2024
Mary's House of Louisiana	Shreveport	Caddo	07/01/2024	12/05/2024
New Life Counseling Inc.	Lake Charles	Calcasieu	07/01/2024	01/09/2025
The Vine of Northeast Louisiana	Monroe	Ouachita, Richland, Union, Caldwell, Lincoln, Morehouse, and Franklin	07/01/2024	12/11/2024
Women's Resource Center of Natchitoches	Natchitoches	Natchitoches	07/01/2024	12/09/2024

Administrative Rules Adoption

The department is in the process of drafting administrative rules to formalize oversight and monitoring procedures for the LPBCI. These rules will establish the baseline administrative obligations for the general contractor regarding the management and oversight of program services.

Numbers Served

During State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025, LPBCI providers served a total number of 13,093 participants (Table 2).

Table 2
Numbers Served by Provider
SFY 25

PROVIDER	TOTAL NUMBER SERVED ¹	NUMBER RECEIVING COUNSELING	NUMBER RECEIVING REFERRALS	NUMBER RECEIVING MATERIAL ITEMS
Acadiana Pregnancy Center and Clinic	928	1,002	861	522

PROVIDER	TOTAL NUMBER SERVED ¹	NUMBER RECEIVING COUNSELING	NUMBER RECEIVING REFERRALS	NUMBER RECEIVING MATERIAL ITEMS
Caring to Love Ministries	739	735	671	477
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	3,598	654	285	3,446
Cenla Pregnancy Center	1,089	1,089	686	457
Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center	190	126	113	143
Hope Restored Pregnancy Resource Center	626	626	160	376
Life Choices of North Central LA	1,492	889	504	579
Life Choices Pregnancy Resource Center	1,624	1,206	909	535
Mary's House of Louisiana	820	669	820	820
New Life Counseling Inc.	801	334	397	353
The Vine of Northeast Louisiana	761	725	513	554
Women's Resource Center of Natchitoches ²	425	486	247	425
TOTALS	13,093	8,541	6,166	8,687

¹Total Numbers Served is an unduplicated count of new participants. Other figures in the table may be duplicate counts for participants returning for additional services.

²Numbers included pertain exclusively to the period of 07/2024 through 04/2025 due to a miscommunication given regarding reporting requirements through 06/2025.

Services Received

During SFY 25, LPBCI providers conducted 14,591 counseling/mentoring sessions and provided over 17,025 support service referrals (Table 3).

Table 3
Services Received by Provider
SFY 25

PROVIDER	NUMBER OF COUNSELING / MENTORING SESSIONS	NUMBER OF SUPPORT SERVICE REFERRALS
Acadiana Pregnancy Center and Clinic	6,077	3,364
Caring to Love Ministries	977	1,784
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	730	360
Cenla Pregnancy Center	2,033	4,398
Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center	190	143
Hope Restored Pregnancy Resource Center	903	401
Life Choices of North Central LA	368	559
Life Choices Pregnancy Resource Center	326	434
Mary's House of Louisiana	820	3,562
New Life Counseling Inc.	366	723
The Vine of Northeast Louisiana	1,253	692
Women's Resource Center of Natchitoches ¹	548	605
TOTALS	14,591	17,025

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