

IMPACT REPORT

2022

"I'm proud that we pushed forward in the face of great adversity, finding creative solutions to new and increasing challenges, while also focusing on finding joy and taking care of each other. My wish for 2023 is that we continue to increase our capacity in a sustainable way."

Madison Lyleroehr, MAC Board Treasurer

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Every time I've sat down to write this message at the end of the year, I've felt unease with acknowledging that it was harder than the previous year. But this year was indeed harder than last year and the years before that. As soon as Roe fell on June 24th, our hotline received four times as many callers as it did the week before. Suddenly, millions of people in this country had their right to bodily autonomy stolen from them by the bigoted majority of the Supreme Court of the United States. People were scared, including those of us in the abortion access movement.

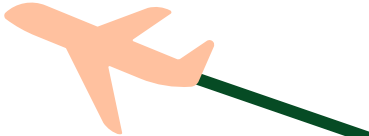
In the immediate aftermath, Midwest Access Coalition staff and volunteers put their heads down and got to work getting as many people to abortion care as possible while continuing to expand rapidly. MAC received calls from hospitals and clinics about young children, people with ectopic pregnancies, survivors of domestic violence, and people with important stories that don't make the news who needed crucial support traveling long distances for lifesaving abortion care. That said, this year was my most hopeful year for this movement because I watched people at funds across the country do the opposite of giving up: they got creative, came up with new programs and technology, built new organizations, and lifted each other up in a post-Roe country.

It is this innovative and loving community that makes it possible for all of us to keep doing this work in a country experiencing a rise of white supremacy that affects every aspect of our lives. It is also why I feel at ease about going on parental leave this Spring when my partner and I welcome twins. I'm very grateful for the work MAC staff & Board have put in with me, as well as the support from our partners, as I prepare for parenthood, a life change I will now share with the majority of our clients.

One year I will be able to say 'this year was better than the last', but for now I will take joy and comfort in knowing how determined we all are in actualizing the dream of complete reproductive freedom for all...while buried in tiny diapers.



Diana Parker-Kafka (she/they)
Executive Director, Midwest Access Coalition

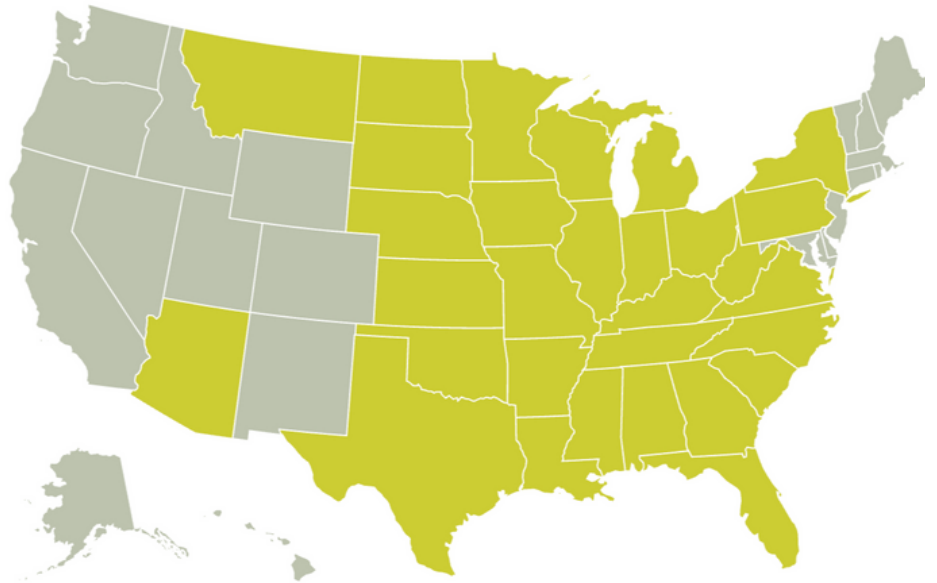


Board Member, Elevated Access
Co-founder & Board Member, Apiary for Practical Support

2022 At A Glance



We provided one-on-one holistic support to over **1,620** people from every state in the Midwest as well as 17 states outside the Midwest, more than twice as 2021.



Top 5 states traveled from:



\$650k+ in
Practical Support
Expenses

Including:

\$286k for hotels

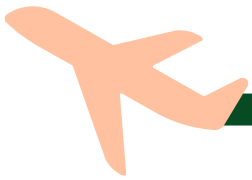
\$120k for flights

\$40k for rideshares

\$60k for gas

MAC clients went to **58** abortion providers, down from **69** in 2021 due to clinic closures after Roe fell. Check out [ACN's 2022 Communities Need Clinics report](#) to see the landscape of independent abortion care as we head into 2023.





Expanding Options

Did you know you can get free Plan B from MAC?

Plan B emergency contraception is a medication to help prevent one from becoming pregnant up to 72 hours after sexual contact. We believe EC should be available to anyone at no cost but emergency contraception can be hard to access in rural areas and financially inaccessible. There is no age requirement to access this nonprescription over-the-counter medication.

MAC's EC kits also include menstrual pads, pregnancy tests and pee cup, condoms, and a snack. We have local volunteer drivers in the Chicagoland and St. Louis areas and partner with amazing organizations and networks all over the country to assist in shipping and distributing kits.

If you or someone you know would like a free emergency contraception kit, please submit [the EC form](#) or text our confidential hotline at **847-750-6224**.



Clinic Love



“The Midwest Access Coalition is a critical partner in the healthcare that CHOICES is able to provide to our communities. Abortion funds have long been the experts in care coordination and practical support for pregnant people seeking abortion care. Without the work of abortion funds, like MAC, abortion access would be out of reach for many CHOICES patients.”

Jennifer Pepper, MBA

“Midwest Access Coalition has been instrumental in making sure patients can access the reproductive healthcare they need and deserve. Whether MAC is assisting with transportation, funding a patient's childcare costs while they're out of town, or connecting patients with the clinics that can help, MAC has made sure that abortion access is still possible despite extremist, oppressive laws. As an abortion care provider in Indiana, the people of MAC have given me and my colleagues hope, comfort, and support when we needed it most.”

Dr. Katie McHugh, Indiana abortion provider

“Everyday at Family Planning Associates we care for patients who have received support from Midwest Access Coalition. So many of our patients struggle with financial and logistical barriers when seeking abortion care. MAC provides the assistance our patients need to feel empowered to overcome these challenges. The impact on people's lives cannot be overstated. With MAC's support, our patients regain control of their bodies and their lives.”

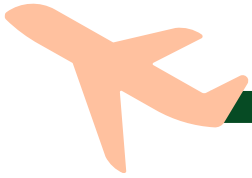
Dr. Allison Cowett

“Partners in Abortion Care is a later abortion provider in Maryland, and our patients rely on the generosity of MAC to get the care they need. There are only 5 clinics in the country that offer later abortion care; currently, none of these clinics are located in the Midwest. MAC provides otherwise inaccessible or unaffordable transportation and accommodation services to our patients coming from the Midwest, who would be otherwise unable to travel to Maryland. The life-affirming services that MAC provides change patients' lives every day - this is reproductive justice in action.”

Lucy Font

“MAC has been so instrumental in the care that we provide our patients, it is such a joy and privilege to work and collaborate with MAC on patient support. Even last minute things, MAC has always been super responsive and quick to help create a support plan, whether it be transportation or lodging. Having MAC as a resource to provide patients also gives folks that immediate relief that their logistics can be covered and that it is one less thing for them to have to worry about or plan around. Thank you for being the rockstars that you are and always putting patients first.”

Annie Kane, Planned Parenthood-NCS



Staffing Up

As the number of callers and the complexity of need has grown steadily year after year, but especially since the Dobbs decision, it's important for practical support organizations like MAC to grow. As we are now living in 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 four new hires!

Emily Mohrbacher (she/they) is one of the new co-Directors of Client Services. This transition comes after three years of her volunteering as coordinator for the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota region. Emily brings 6+ years of experience working within the reproductive justice space. In addition to her love of abortion access, Emily is passionate about workers' rights, crediting much of her organizing chops to spending over 10 years in the restaurant industry. Emily loves to play guitar (with plenty of fuzz) and hangout with her three-legged dog, Cherry!



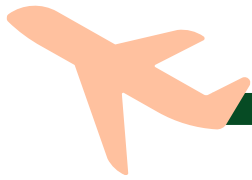
Patti Daschbach (she/her) is one of the new co-Directors of Client Services. She comes to us with 10+ years in software development but she has been volunteering with MAC for 5 years. Patti has worn multiple hats at MAC including executive assistant, volunteer manager and client coordinator. She enjoys reading and getting you to the clinic on time!



Dezi Primous-Gillon (they/them) joined us this summer as the new Client Coordinator! They are an educator and artist born and raised on the unceded territories of the Council of Three Fires. Dezi has a background in youth work, programming, and client centered services. Their spiritual and political practices are cultivated by queer and black feminist frameworks and is situated at the intersections of healing justice, ecology, and bodily autonomy. Some of their favorite activities include outdoor and garden-based play and sharing plant-based food and sweets with their friends and family.



Walker Fitz (they/them) is a long time volunteer and the newest staff member at MAC. They were born and raised in the Midwest, growing up in Southern Ohio and currently living in Chicago with their partner and 4 cats. Shifting from a start in accounting, Walker is working towards a career in social work to help advocate for abortion access and gender affirming care for all. In their free time, you can find Walker at home crafting and listening to music.



Newest Partners

In June of 2022, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in their ruling on the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* case. As a direct result, there are fourteen states with no abortion-providing clinics as of November 2022. Since Abortion Care Network began tracking independent clinic status in 2015, there has never been a state without at least one clinic. While this news is devastating for not only abortion access, but for the healthcare safety net as a whole, not all hope is lost. Since October, MAC has already partnered with three brand new clinics!



CHOICES, originally out of Memphis, TN was the first new clinic to open in Carbondale, IL.



Alamo Women's Clinic quickly followed suit and also opened two new clinics, in New Mexico and in Carbondale, IL, after having to stop abortion care in San Antonio, TX.



An all-trimester clinic, Partners in Abortion Care, opened in College Park, MD. They feel strongly that a midwife/physician partnership is the foundation to the future of later abortion care, and MAC couldn't agree more!



This year, Elevated Access incorporated at a crucial time. Their volunteer pilots transport passengers at no cost to access the healthcare they need, whether it be abortion or gender affirming care. MAC would be remiss if we didn't brag a little on EA's founder, Mike, who is a longtime IT volunteer at MAC. After we worked with EA to fly the first successful client from Oklahoma to Kansas for abortion care, EA has been able to branch out to support many other abortion funds and LGBTQIA+ clients.

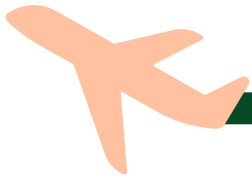
Major 2022 Funders



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And the over 9,000 people who donated to us this year, we're SO GRATEFUL to everyone who contributed to the expansion of our abortion access work.



Immense Gratitude

One of the reason's we can proudly and confidently say "Abortion is a Midwest Value" is because 70% of MAC's work is funded by individual donations and small groups and businesses that held creative fundraisers in their communities! Below represents a small fraction of the beautiful support we were showered with this year.



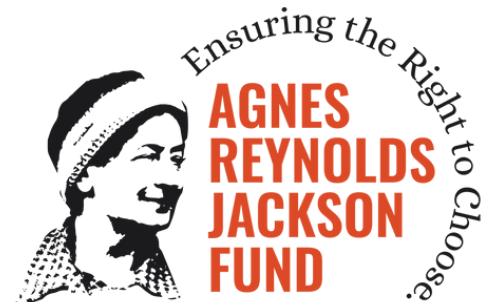
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Abortion Care Network
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[As Supreme Court Prepares to Rule on Roe, Illinois Once Again Ground Zero for Abortion Access](#)

[Roe v. Wade decision unites protesters for abortion-rights rally](#)

[Illinois abortion advocates expect influx of patients from out-of-state: "It reinforces my commitment"](#)

[Pilots Are Airlifting Patients Out of Red States to Get Abortions](#)

[Across the Missouri-Illinois border, an abortion sanctuary in US Midwest](#)

[Illinois Abortion Clinics Swamped By Out-of-State Patients After End of Roe](#)

[Why Texas abortion funds are on pause after the end of Roe vs. Wade](#)

[Boats, planes and automobiles: Projects aim to travel around restrictive state abortion laws](#)

[Out-of-State Abortions in Illinois Already Breaking Records](#)

[Abortion Fund Prepares for Ban in Indiana](#)

[As Indiana's Abortion Ban Takes Effect, Already Overwhelmed Illinois Clinics, Groups Brace for Onslaught](#)

[Gathering Ground: Episode 35: Roe v. Wade - What Now?](#)

[What It Costs to Get an Abortion Now](#)

[People search websites create privacy nightmares for abortion rights advocates](#)

[How Volunteers Open Their Homes to Women Seeking Abortions](#)

[Abortion Funds See Surge in Demand as Out-of-State Patients Flood Illinois](#)

[Abortion activist groups speak to how Evanston and NU can support people seeking abortions](#)

[Abortion-rights advocates fearful of Republicans gaining control of Illinois Supreme Court in Nov. 8 election](#)

[After Roe, more women head to Kansas clinics and more Kansans get abortion pills from overseas](#)

[Four months after end of Roe: Mobile clinics, radio ads for home abortions and free vasectomies](#)

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