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## FDA Cuts Ties with Fetal Tissue Company

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is severing its contract with Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR), a company that provided human fetal tissue for research, according to [a statement](#) Monday from Health and Human Services (HHS), which reviewed the contract and determined it did not include enough assurances that ABR meets tissue procurement standards. Undercover pro-life advocate David Daleiden has reported that ABR got the tissue from the bodies of babies aborted at Planned Parenthood facilities. HHS also announced it would review all fetal tissue research to make sure it is up to ethical standards, and ensure adequate oversight in the future. The agency said it is pursuing alternatives to fetal tissue research, both by investigating current options and funding efforts to develop new ones. The statement comes on the heels of a [letter](#) to the FDA demanding answers about a [report](#) that the FDA purchased tissue from aborted babies for research.

[World News Group](#), 9/25/18

## Ban on Counseling for Sexual Orientation Change Reconsidered

California Assembly Bill 2943 was recently pulled by author Evan Low even while poised to pass the final vote in the assembly and head to Governor Brown's desk. The intent of the bill was to label all life transformation out of homosexuality fraudulent...The bill would have subjected all care provided to adults seeking to leave homosexuality to the potential of lawsuits and unfair labeling—counselors and pastoral care, books, DVDs, and seminar speakers, as well as those who hosted them. In fact, the bill was so overbroad that it would have labeled the essential Biblical belief of life transformation through Jesus as an unfair and deceptive practice...Additionally, because AB 2943 was in direct conflict with constitutionally protected freedoms upon which the United States was founded, it was headed for immediate challenge in courts across the state. A survey conducted by Restored Hope Network, the largest national coalition of Christian ministries providing care for those who are questioning their sexuality and want to live in ways that please God, has shown that 38% of those who seek life transforming care over at least a year's time, no longer struggle with homosexual desires.

[ChristianNewsWire](#), 9/5/18

## New Approach Supports Pro-Life Rule Implementation

Title X grants will fund groups that offer birth control, STD testing and other family planning services only through March 2019. Previous funding lasted for three-year periods. Making the grants seven months long instead of three years would give Health and Human Services (HHS) time to finalize its proposed *Protect Life Rule* before awarding new grants. The proposed [Rule](#), announced in May, would ban recipients of Title X funds from referring women for abortions. It would also remove the obligation that Title X organizations counsel women on abortion as an option, and require that a physical and financial separation exist between those clinics and organizations that provide abortions.

[The Hill](#), 8/29/18

## Pro-Life Ruling Has Impact

Months after the U.S. Supreme Court [ruled](#) against a California law requiring pro-life pregnancy centers to promote abortion, a U.S. district court in Hawaii struck down a similar law. *A Place for Women in Waipio* and other pro-life pregnancy centers [filed](#) suit last year, saying the law violated their freedoms of religion and speech. Derald Skinner, pastor of Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor and president of *A Place for Women in Waipio*, stated the group is “grateful that the state has backed off its unconstitutional attack on our ministry. Our doors remain open and we continue to offer love, care, and compassion for all women and their precious little babies in our community.”

[World News Group](#), 9/25/18

## Beware of UNICEF

The United Nations Children’s Fund is among agencies that advocate legalized abortion worldwide. UNICEF has long maintained that it is not involved in abortion, yet over the years the agency has indeed invested in abortion promotion. The agency is aggressive in using the world’s children—particularly those in America—to raise massive funding beyond the official funding the UN extracts from taxpayers through their respective governments. The decades-long fundraising campaign nets millions each Halloween from children begging their neighbors for the UNICEF cash along with begging for candy. Remember, “Trick or Treat for UNICEF” is a TRICK,



[PCUC Newsletter](#), July-August 2018



## PROJECT MUSTARD SEED

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### Catholic Teaching & Pastoral Response Offer Hope for Those Hurt by Suicide

According to a recently released report from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), suicide rates from 1999 to 2016 increased by more than 30% in half of the nation's states. Almost 45,000 Americans die by suicide each year, making it the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S. Both the CDC and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention emphasize that suicide has no single cause. Mental and physical health, relationship issues, sexual and substance abuse—along with financial, employment, legal and housing difficulties—are all contributive. The complexities of mental, emotional and physical health are recognized by the Catholic Church in its stance on suicide. Father Bernard Taglianetti, a professor of moral theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, noted that the church relies on the expertise of mental health professionals in evaluating and crafting a pastoral response to suicide. In addition, the sacraments—particularly confession and the Eucharist—provide profound healing for those in despair. Through confession, an individual can be "relieved of spiritual anguish from bad decisions or thoughts," said Father Taglianetti, while the holy Eucharist makes Christ's love a tangible reality. "The Catholic Church doesn't ever decide or declare that someone is in hell," said Father Taglianetti. "What's important here is hope—hope in the love of God, and in his divine mercy." That mercy can save a soul even in its final moments on earth, he added.

[The Pilot](#), 9/11/18

### Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers Are Community Resources

According to 2017 figures, pregnancy centers provided nearly 2 million people with free services, at an estimated annual savings to the community of \$161 million. The figures were compiled by the Charles Lozier Institute based on data from 2,600 pregnancy centers that are part of networks like Care Net, Heartbeat International, and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, as well as smaller provider networks. Free ultrasounds alone make up an estimated \$100 million of those savings, not including registered nurse or medical sonographer hours, which are estimated at \$14.1 million. Over 70% of centers offer free ultrasounds, an increase from 24% in 2010. There are 100 mobile ultrasound units affiliated with the centers. The centers carried out close to 680,000 free pregnancy tests and provided close to 300,000 mothers and fathers with parenting classes. Over 24,000 clients received support after an abortion, including counseling and referral to professional help when needed.

[The Pilot](#), 9/6/18

### Miracle Baby Story Released

Pro-Life Champions, the producers of the highly acclaimed *40 Film* and the *Shout My Story* campaign, has released a beautiful short film titled *The Miracle Baby Thomas Story* on their new [ShoutMyStory.org](http://ShoutMyStory.org) website and on social media through YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. It is a compelling and heartwarming true story that takes you through the struggles of Dan and Deborah FioRito, parents of nine beautiful children. Their youngest child Baby Thomas was born at only 22 weeks. Doctors and nurses didn't believe that he would survive, and recommended aborting him; yet, despite million-to-one odds, he's perfectly healthy. Deborah suggests, "Don't let anyone tell you what is viable and not viable. Thomas came into the world. I had never even heard of a baby being born at 22 weeks and not only did he come into the world but he's perfect. You know, it's amazing. It was a miracle." This powerful short film will touch hearts and change minds about viability and the sanctity of human life. The *Shout My Story* campaign was created in response to websites like [ShoutYourAbortion.com](http://ShoutYourAbortion.com)—recently promoted by Oprah Winfrey—to celebrate abortion as normal and a positive good. [ShoutMyStory.org](http://ShoutMyStory.org) provides a platform for women and couples to share their life-affirming stories.

[ChristianNewsWire](#), 9/7/18