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## ***Clinicians for Choice E-Newsletter***

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#### ***1. NAF Risk Management Seminar***

Our yearly Risk Management Seminar will be this fall in British Columbia. For security reasons, we do not provide specific details about our conferences on our website or public email lists. If you would like more information, please contact our Meeting and Conference Coordinator by emailing [meetings@prochoice.org](mailto:meetings@prochoice.org).

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#### ***2. NAF Public Policy Update***

*On Capitol Hill...*

Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) recently re-introduced legislation that would prohibit anti-choice Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) from deceptively advertising in a way that suggests they provide abortion when, in fact, they do not provide such care. Certain CPCs engaged in deceptive advertising practices have intentionally placed advertisements under the "abortion services" heading of phone and Internet directories to confuse women about what types of services they provide. Several national organizations signed a coalition letter sent to the U.S. House of Representatives in support of Rep. Maloney's bill, which would authorize the Federal Trade Commission to ensure that CPCs do not engage in deceptive practices.

Family planning providers recently scored a significant victory when the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that includes a \$28 million increase for Title X, the third largest increase in the program's history. Title X is the nation's family planning program, which provides high-quality family planning and preventive health care services to more than five million low-income individuals annually. During debate of the bill, family planning supporters defeated an amendment offered by Rep. Pence that would have prohibited Planned

Parenthood clinics from receiving Title X funds.

The U.S. Congress will be in recess during August. Members of the House and Senate are scheduled to return to Washington, DC after Labor Day.

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*Action for Choice*

[Sign up for Action for Choice today!](#)

Let your elected representatives know that you are watching.

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### **3. NAF's New Address**

On Saturday, June 16, 2007 NAF moved into a new office! Please update your files with our new address:

1660 L Street NW  
Suite 450  
Washington, DC 20036

Our phone number is still the same: (202) 667-5881

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#### **4. NAF Staff in the Field: Protecting Our Members in Alabama**

*During the week of July 16<sup>th</sup> in Birmingham, Alabama, anti-abortion group Operation Save America (OSA) protested at Planned Parenthood and the New Woman All Women clinic. New Woman All Women is the clinic that was bombed by convicted murderer Eric Robert Rudolph in 1998. An off duty police officer, employed as a security guard, was killed and a nurse, Emily Lyons, was brutally and permanently injured.*

*A staff member from the National Abortion Federation (NAF) was on the ground in Birmingham working with law enforcement and clinic staff to ensure that patients had safe access to abortion care and that services were unimpeded. Please visit our [blog](#) to read her reports "from the field."*

#### **Update 1 on July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Members of OSA began gathering for their annual week-long protest event in Birmingham, Alabama on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. This morning was their first day protesting at the city's two abortion clinics. About 15 people demonstrated at Planned Parenthood, while about 100 gathered at the New Woman All Women clinic. Protesters carried graphic signs and shouted at clinic staff and law enforcement. Trucks, also bearing graphic signs, drove throughout the city, provoking numerous calls from concerned citizens who complained about the trucks. The group then gathered in the 5 Points neighborhood and held a rally and signing of an "emancipation proclamation for the unborn children of our land." There was a visible law enforcement presence at all the venues. Despite the disruption, the clinics both remained open and cared for their patients.

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#### **5. NAF Hotline**

This is a great referral resource for patients with unplanned pregnancies. The NAF Hotline is available to answer any questions about abortion, unintended pregnancy, or related issues. The Hotline is free, completely anonymous, and offers services to everyone, regardless of their individual situation.

Call toll-free 1-800-772-9100  
Weekdays: 8:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. Eastern time  
Saturdays: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

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#### **6. NAF Welcomes CFC Member Jo-Ann Fortier as Our New Director of Clinical Services!**

NAF is pleased to welcome Jo-Ann Fortier, NP to our staff this fall.

Jo-Ann has been a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in reproductive health for 13 years. In her most recent position, she was the Lead Clinician at Planned Parenthood of Alaska in Anchorage. She has also worked providing primary care in medically underserved areas of Alaska. She was the State of Alaska's

representative to Clinicians for Choice for 8 years. Most recently, she has been involved in scope of practice issues pertaining to nurse practitioners and uterine evacuation. She is passionate about clinical practice and teaching, especially abortion care.

Her primary responsibilities will be to provide oversight to the Quality Assessment and Improvement program, to conduct quality site inspections of member facilities, and to manage and maintain the systems that support the quality program.

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## **7. Employment Opportunities**

National Abortion Federation; Washington, DC

Currently, NAF is hiring for the following positions:

- Staff/Senior Accountant
- Outreach Coordinator
- Hotline Operator

[Visit NAF's website for details.](#)

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## **8. Upcoming Workshops, Conferences and Abstract Deadlines**

[CFC has abstract ideas available online.](#)

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Florida Obstetric and Gynecologic Society in Naples, FL – August 24 through August 26, 2007

For more information visit [www.flobgyn.org](http://www.flobgyn.org)

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National Association for Healthcare Quality in Boston, MA – September 9 through September 12, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.nahq.org/conference/current/>

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Association of Reproductive Health Professionals in Minneapolis, MN – September 26 through September 29, 2007

For more information visit [www.arhp.org/rh2007](http://www.arhp.org/rh2007)

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Rocky Mountain College Health Association in Billings, MT – September 28 through September 29, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.msubillings.edu/hservices/RMCHA/index.htm>

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American Association of Birth Centers in Anchorage, AK – October 4 through October 7, 2007

For more information visit [www.birthcenters.org](http://www.birthcenters.org)

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Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State in Verona, NY – October 4 through October 7, 2007

For more information visit [www.thenpa.org](http://www.thenpa.org)

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New York State Society of Physician Assistants in Verona, NY – October 11 through October 14, 2007

For more information visit [www.nysspa.org](http://www.nysspa.org)

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American Society for Reproductive Medicine in Washington, DC – October 13 through October 17, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.asrm.org>

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California Family Health Council's Women's Health Update in Burlingame, CA – October 18 through October 19, 2007

For more information visit [www.cfhc.org](http://www.cfhc.org)

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Marie Stopes International Global Conference on Abortion in London, England – October 23 through October 24, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.globalsafeabortion.org/>

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Physician Assistant Education Association in Tucson, AZ – October 24 through October 28, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.paeaonline.org/meetings.html>

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American College of Nurse Practitioners in San Antonio, TX – October 24 through October 28, 2007

For more information visit [www.acnpconference.com](http://www.acnpconference.com)

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Exhale Training in Miami, FL – October 28 through October 29, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.4exhale.org/healthcare.php>

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Association of Family Practice PAs 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National CME Conference & Exhibition in Las Vegas, NV – October 31 through November 3, 2007

For more information visit [www.afppa.org](http://www.afppa.org)

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Contraceptive Technology: Quest for Excellence in Atlanta, GA – November 1 through November 3, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.contemporaryforums.com/m780/bene.asp>

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American Public Health Association in Washington, DC – November 3 through November 7, 2007

For more information visit <http://www.apha.org/meetings/>

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The Pacific Coast College Health Association in Honolulu, HI – November 11 through November 14, 2007

For more information visit [www.hawaii.edu/shs/pccha.html](http://www.hawaii.edu/shs/pccha.html)

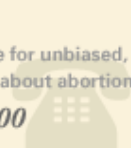
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*need help?*

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factual information about abortion.

**1-800-772-9100**



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reproductive choice a reality.

*learn how >*

