

# The Effects of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health

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## State of the Law(s)

- ***Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization***
  - Overturned nearly a half century of legal precedent protecting the right to abortion care
  - Rapidly changing federal and state law landscape (Biden EO, FDA)
  - Impacts re access to abortion care, contraception, health care
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# Facts About Abortion

- Nature of reproductive care changes since *Roe*
- Medication abortion = more than half U.S. abortions
- Majority already mothers
- **Severe impacts re access to care for low-income and communities of color**

# State of the State Laws

- 16 states impacted now
- 7 total bans now (6 in effect)
- Some states (travel, telehealth, Rx)
- Compare - Jewish law perspective




# Protective State Laws

- 18 states
- Statute, **state constitution**, ballot referendum (e.g., KS in jeopardy)
- Beyond just protecting the right to abortion




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## Impact on Women's Overall Health

- **No access** even in cases of rape, sexual assault, incest
  - Forcing travel out of state (e.g., OH) leads to later abortions
  - Jewish genetic testing implications/Fertility (Frozen Embryos)
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## Consequences for Providers

- Civil liability-damages (S.B.8-TX)
  - Criminal liability
  - Extradition
  - Anyone who “assists” (e.g., TX)
  - Fear (and that is the point)
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# LOTS of Questions

- Which providers could be held accountable
- Will others providing “assistance?”
- Will out-of-state providers treating women who have traveled by held accountable under the other state’s laws? Will they be protected by their own state laws?
- Will women be held accountable?
- Impact on availability of contraception?
- What are providers obligated to do in medical emergencies?





Organizations  
That Are  
Helping

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**National Abortion Federation: [prochoice.org](https://prochoice.org)**

Hotline, case management, \$\$, and referral

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**National Network of Abortion Funds:  
[abortionfunds.org](https://abortionfunds.org)**

\$\$ assistance

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**National Council of Jewish Women: [ncjw.org](https://ncjw.org):**

First birth control clinics, resources and  
donations

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**Hadassah: [Hadassah.org](https://hadassah.org)**

National Abortion Federation:  
800-772-9100 or Prochoice.org

Largest National,  
Toll-Free, Multi-  
Lingual Hotline, U.S.  
+ Canada, 1978

Referrals

Some \$\$ assistance  
(procedure, hotel,  
transportation  
including gas, food)

Accurate  
Information

“Client Driven” Case  
Management by  
LCSWs (regional)

Online Screening  
Tool

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**No** proof of citizenship  
or legal immigrant  
documents required

**No** proof of income  
required

Does have an income  
limit

Works with people **all**  
over the country

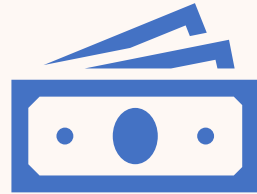
May coordinate travel

Currently: calling  
earlier (6-8 weeks)  
seeking help for travel,  
farther and longer

# What are JFS Agencies Doing & Other Ways to Help



Seeking legal  
guidance



Considering



Employee policies

# Get in Touch

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