



Anti-choice and Pro-choice Groups in Canada – *a Comparison*

Compiled by Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada

Updated March 2, 2024

Anti-choice Groups

For names and details of anti-choice groups, see:

- [List of All Anti-Choice Groups, alphabetical](#) (Sorted by province and city)
- [List of Anti-Choice Charities, alphabetical](#) (Sorted by province and city)
- [List of Crisis Pregnancy Centres, alphabetical](#)

Type of Anti-Choice Group	Total	Charity	Non-charitable
All	311	220 (71%)	91 (29%)
Advocacy groups (political or “educational”)	152	71 (47%)	81 (53%)
CPCs (“crisis pregnancy centres”, pregnancy care centres)	155	145 (93.5%)	10 (6.5%)
Abstinence education or adoption agencies	4	4	0

Reproductive Rights Advocacy Groups

Canada has about 35 active reproductive rights advocacy groups. The list below also includes groups focused primarily on abortion access support such as abortion doula groups, and some sexual health centres that also engage in pro-choice advocacy.

Not included: Campus groups, Medical Students for Choice chapters, temporary *ad-hoc* groups, many sexual and reproductive health centres, full-spectrum doulas.

- 4 national pro-choice groups:
 - Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada
 - Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights (charity)
 - Handmaid’s Local Canada (with locals across Canada)
 - National Abortion Federation (charity)

- **31** regional or local pro-choice advocacy groups ([abortion support groups and sexual health centres in blue](#)):
 - Abortion is Healthcare Signs Inc. (Saskatoon)
 - Abortion Rights Defence Brigade (Ottawa)
 - [Abortion Support Services Atlantic](#) (Halifax)
 - [Alberta Abortion Access Network](#)
 - Alberta Pro-Choice Coalition
 - [Alberta Society for the Promotion of Sexual Health](#) (Calgary) ([charity](#))
 - [All Options Doula Services](#) (Windsor)
 - [Birth Mark](#) (doulas, Toronto & Hamilton) ([charity](#))
 - Defend Choice (Ottawa)
 - Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances (Montréal, FQPN) ([charity](#))
 - Feminists for Action (Windsor)
 - Haldimand Norfolk Reproductive Justice (ON)
 - Kelowna & District Pro-Choice Action Society (BC)
 - Kingston Voice for Choice (ON)
 - Love Team Peterborough (ON)
 - [Montreal Abortion Access Project / Projet d'Accessibilité à l'Avortement Montréal](#)
 - Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics
 - [Ontario Spectrum Doula Services](#) (Stratford)
 - [Ottawa Abortion Doula Collective](#)
 - [Nesting Doula Collective](#) (Vancouver)
 - Niagara Reproductive Justice (St. Catharines)
 - North Simcoe Centre for Reproductive Justice (ON)
 - [Northern Birthwork Collective](#) (Yellowknife)
 - [Northern Manitoba Abortion Support](#)
 - Northern Reproductive Justice Network (MB)
 - [Options for Sexual Health](#) (Vancouver) ([charity](#))
 - [Ottawa Abortion Doula Collective](#)
 - PEI Abortion Rights Network
 - [Planned Parenthood Ottawa](#) ([charity](#))
 - [Planned Parenthood Regina](#) ([charity](#))
 - [Planned Parenthood Toronto](#) ([charity](#))
 - [Planned Parenthood - Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Health Centre](#) ([charity](#))
 - Pro-Choice Cape Breton (NS)
 - Pro-Choice Collective of Northern Ontario (North Bay)
 - Pro-Choice Moncton / Moncton Pro-Choix (NB)
 - Pro-Choice Peterborough (aka Reproductive Justice Committee) (ON)
 - Pro-Choice Society of Lethbridge & Southern Alberta ([charity](#))
 - Pro-Choice Southwestern Ontario (ON)
 - Red Deer & Area Pro-Choice (AB)
 - [Regina Abortion Support Network](#)

- Reproductive Justice New Brunswick (aka Choix NB Choice)
- Reproductive Rights Roundtable (Cowichan Valley, BC)
- Riposte féministe (Ottawa/Gatineau)
- [Saskatchewan Abortion Support Network](#) (Saskatoon)
- Saskatchewan Pro-Choice
- [Saskatoon Sexual Health](#) (charity)
- [SHORE Centre](#) (Kitchener ON) (charity)
- So, I had an abortion (Vancouver)
- [S.O.S. Grossesse](#) (Québec QC) (charity)
- SSM Reproductive Rights Allies (Sault Ste. Marie, ON)
- Sudbury Pro-Choice Coalition (ON)
- [Sudbury Manitoulin Abortion Support Collective](#) (ON)
- [Vancouver Full Spectrum Doula Collective](#)
- [Wheels for Choice](#) (Kitchener)

Sexual and Reproductive Health Centres

Canada has an estimated 120 sexual and reproductive health centres or clinics. Only some are listed above. Some SRH centres may provide medical abortion, but most do not.

- BC alone has about 65 clinics operated by Options for Sexual Health, which is a **charity**.
- All 4 Planned Parenthood clinics are **charities**.
- Charity status of remainder not all checked, but it appears **a minority are charities**.

In addition, several doula agencies provide abortion support – most of these are listed above.

Not included: Abortion clinics and hospitals (see below).

Clinics and Hospitals That Provide Abortions

This list includes abortion clinics, hospitals, and CLSCs in Quebec (local community services centres) that provide abortion – traditionally, aspiration and surgical abortions; but now also medical abortion.

- **25** standalone clinics (**5 are charities**)
- **13** hospital-based women's clinics focused on reproductive healthcare (**11 are charities**)
- About **67** additional hospitals (**most are charities**)
- About **21** CLSCs in Quebec (**most are charities**)

Not included: Primary care clinics and doctors' offices that may provide medical abortion.