

Most Popular Fake Clinics

According to MPs who gave them \$\$\$

One feature of the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program is that individual Members of Parliament have a great deal of input into the awarding of grants.



Below are some of the most popular anti-choice crisis pregnancy centres with MPs. In each case we have the same questions:

- What are youth learning from these experiences?
- Why should taxpayers fund it?

Common Themes:

Religious bias: All information is provided from a Christian perspective.

Homophobic: These centres believe in “celibate singleness; and in faithful heterosexual marriage as God’s design”.

Anti-Contraception: Heartbeat International affiliates do not promote birth control (devices or medications) for family planning, population control, or health issues, including disease prevention.

Anti-abortion: Pregnancy centres do not recommend, provide or refer for abortion or abortifacients (they include IUD, emergency contraception, pill)

Crisis Pregnancy Centre	Constituency	Province	Total
Pregnancy & Wellness Centre of Moncton Inc.	Moncton - Riverview - Dieppe	NB	\$273.5 K
Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre Association	Calgary Centre	AB	\$84.7 K
South Fraser Pregnancy Options Society	Surrey Centre, Surrey North	BC	\$52.5 K
Haldimand Pregnancy Care Centre	Haldimand - Norfolk	ON	\$36.4 K
Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre	Lethbridge	AB	\$33.4 K

All statements are based on agency affiliation with Heartbeat International, Care Net, and/or CAPSS.

What happened with the Canada Summer Jobs program?

In April 2017, the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada reported that many anti-choice groups had been getting federal government funding to hire summer students under the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program – about \$1.7 million since 2010! (Here’s the list with amounts and years: <https://goo.gl/4C1ZsC>)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Employment Minister Patty Hajdu quickly announced that Liberal ridings would no longer award CSJ funding to anti-choice groups, and that the government would look at ways to permanently change the program to prevent any MP from allocating public funds to anti-choice groups.

In December, an attestation requirement was announced, requiring eligible CSJ applicants to tick a box attesting that their core mandate activity and the summer job activity itself would respect Charter rights and associated human rights, including reproductive and LGBT rights. “Respect” means to not work to actively undermine those rights – it does not mean support for them.