

# Aiding Abusers

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Planned Parenthood's cover-up  
of child sexual abuse

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**//** *She's out there. Somewhere. A girl just like me. Somewhere there's a young innocent girl – barely a teenager. And right now, she's suffering from the horrors of sexual abuse at the hands of an adult as I did. Somewhere 'that girl' is getting raped. Like I was. Impregnated. Like I was.*

*And she may be taken to a Planned Parenthood abortion center. Like I was.*

*'That girl' may actually be telling Planned Parenthood that she's being abused. Probably by her boyfriend. In my case, I was abused by my own father.*

*...For six years, Planned Parenthood did everything possible to try to defeat my [legal] claims and drown out my message that, when Planned Parenthood knows or suspects that a young girl is being sexually abused, it must meet its duties under the law and immediately report that abuse to the proper authorities.*

*...We can all get behind cases like mine. Because they're out there. I know they're out there. You know they're out there. Planned Parenthood knows they're out there. **//***

– Denise Fairbanks [full remarks [here](#)]. Denise was 13 years old when her father began raping her. When she became pregnant at 16, he took her to Planned Parenthood for an abortion. Planned Parenthood failed to report her abuse and sent her back home with him, where he continued to abuse her for another year and a half.

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# INTRODUCTION

Before Cecile Richards retired as the president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 2018, she frequently claimed that her organization was part of the solution to sexual abuse in America, when in fact, it has been an enormous part of the problem.

While Planned Parenthood frequently attempts to establish itself as a leading advocate on this critical issue, it is actually one of the biggest accomplices to child sexual abuse in the nation. Despite Planned Parenthood's public rhetoric as well as state and federal laws requiring it to report suspected abuse, its failure to report has been deliberate and widespread.

Time and again, rather than reporting suspected abuse to authorities, Planned Parenthood has repeatedly looked the other way, performed abortions on victims as young as 12 years old, and then returned those victims into the waiting arms of their abusers. Planned Parenthood's repeated failure to report such incidents has allowed abusers to continue abusing their victims, often for years.

This reputation has led to Planned Parenthood becoming a haven for sexual abusers and sex traffickers. Planned Parenthood is a favorite place to take their victims to cover up their crimes.

A study on the brutal sex trafficking trade published by the Loyola University Chicago's Beazley Institute documents how traffickers often force their victims to get abortions at Planned Parenthood so they can quickly get them back on the streets.

**The report notes that victims had “significant contact with clinical treatment facilities, most commonly Planned Parenthood.” In fact, Planned Parenthood was the top most-visited facility for trafficking victims, second only to hospital emergency rooms. When asked why they went to Planned Parenthood, one survivor said “because they didn’t ask any questions.”**

The following report compiles several court cases, state health department reports, and testimonials from former Planned Parenthood managers and employees that document Planned Parenthood's history and corporate culture of failing to report incidents to authorities, even though many pregnant teens who come to the chain for abortions are under the age of legal sexual consent. That's something that would usually trigger a report -- if not out of a basic moral duty, at least out of a legal one in states where Planned Parenthood is subject to mandatory reporting requirements. (The age of consent varies state by state, from 16 to 18 years old.)

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Here are just a few examples featured in this report of Planned Parenthood looking the other way:

- Denise Fairbanks had been sexually abused by her father since she was 13. When she became pregnant at age 16, he forced her to have an abortion at Planned Parenthood. Although she told the staff that he was raping her, they refused to report the incident. Instead, they sent her home with him where he continued to abuse her for another year-and-a-half.
- George Savanah had repeatedly raped his daughter and impregnated her when she was 14, 16, and 17 years old, each time taking her to Planned Parenthood and forcing her to get an abortion. Planned Parenthood neglected to report any of the three suspicious incidents to authorities.
- Timothy David Smith had sexually abused his stepdaughter for seven years and took her to Planned Parenthood when she became pregnant at 13. Planned Parenthood performed an abortion without notifying her parents and without reporting the suspected abuse to authorities as required by Colorado law.
- Planned Parenthood performed an abortion on a 12 year-old at the request of her 23-year-old foster brother, who was also her abuser. Shawn Michael Stevens took her home afterwards and continued to rape her. Planned Parenthood not only neglected to notify authorities but also failed to notify the victim's foster parents that they were going to perform the abortion.

This report also contains links to video footage from a 2008 Live Action investigation where undercover investigators posed as 13-year-old girls impregnated by 31-year-old men as well as a 2011 Live Action investigation where investigators posed as pimps trafficking 14- and 15-year-old girls. In both situations, Planned Parenthood employees at several facilities were repeatedly caught on camera offering to cover up the abuse and help the minors get abortions and get around parental notification laws.

**After Planned Parenthood was exposed in the 2011 human trafficking investigation, it publicly pledged that it would retrain its thousands of employees how to identify and report potential child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking. But Ramona Treviño, a former Planned Parenthood manager who attended the training, revealed that Planned Parenthood instead used those meetings to teach employees how to avoid being caught in future hidden camera investigations.**

This deception is especially egregious when the previously mentioned Loyola University report admonishes that “first responders” like Planned Parenthood have a duty to intervene on behalf of trafficking victims to help eliminate this form of “modern-day slavery.” Yet rather than finding ways to help women and children who are being

# INTRODUCTION [Continued]

beaten, raped, and held against their will, Planned Parenthood instead used the training opportunity to cover its tracks.

As an additional result of the 2011 trafficking investigation, Planned Parenthood also publicly pledged that automatic “termination of employment is the only possible action” when staff fail to report potential abuses of minors. However, when doing the research for this report, Live Action did not find any documented instances of employees who were actually terminated for failing to report sexual abuse.

**It is important to note that Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest recipient of federal Title X family planning funds, securing about \$60 million a year from taxpayers. In 2015, 474 of Planned Parenthood’s nearly 650 facilities were Title X recipients, according to the Guttmacher Institute.**

**Since 1999, federal regulations have explicitly stated that Title X recipients are not exempt from state laws mandating the reporting of suspected child sexual abuse, rape, and incest. Planned Parenthood’s willful failures to report such abuse are cause for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which administers Title X, to investigate how widespread these failures are and whether other violations at Planned Parenthood have been covered up.**

Finally, this report only represents a sampling of the cases that have occurred at Planned Parenthood over the years. Moreover, these are cases that have only come to the attention of authorities because a parent, a friend, or a victim herself came forward. Because many cases of sexual abuse are never reported, no one knows how many victims are actually still suffering at the hands of their abusers.

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*Note: In the process of investigating and reporting on Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry for the past decade, Live Action has documented many of Planned Parenthood’s failures and cover-ups. In addition, many other groups, such as Alliance Defending Freedom, Life Legal Defense Foundation, Life Dynamics, Americans United for Life, and others, have participated in legal actions or have collected reams of documents from lawsuits, court filings, and regulatory agency reports. Their work has contributed significantly to this report.*

# PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND TITLE X FUNDING

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest recipient of Title X family planning funds, securing about \$60 million a year from taxpayers. In 2015, 474 of Planned Parenthood's nearly 650 facilities were Title X recipients, according to a Guttmacher Institute [report](#) (see Table 3 at link).

**Since 1999, federal regulations have stated that all recipients of federal Title X funds are not exempt from following all state laws mandating the reporting of suspected child sexual abuse, rape, and incest:**

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no provider of services under Title X of the Public Health Service Act shall be exempt from any State law requiring notification or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest.”

This same language has also been reiterated in every [appropriations act](#) since 1999 and is also included in the latest HHS [Office of Population Affairs Title X manual](#) from 2014.

The OPA also includes this same language in its annual grant availability announcements. Those [grant announcements](#) also include this language:

“Successful proposals will fully describe how the project will address Title X requirements ...This includes addressing each of the following:

“...6. Evidence of familiarity with, and ability to provide services that include the following:

“...c. compliance with State laws requiring notification or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest.”

The expectation is clear that Title X recipients should be following state mandatory reporting laws.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have mandatory reporting laws that require certain professions to report suspected instances of child abuse, including sexual abuse. HHS publication [“Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect”](#) details the mandatory reporting laws of all 50 states. In all of the states mentioned in the following pages of this report, physicians are mandatory reporters, and physicians usually -- if not always -- were required to perform the abortions in these cases.

Additionally, in many states, not just physicians, but health care professionals in general, are also required to report.

Even in the rare situation where Planned Parenthood may attempt to argue that it has no legal obligation to report a specific instance of suspected sexual abuse, most people would agree that adults in a position of authority have a moral obligation to do so, especially when the abuse involves minors. In fact, Planned Parenthood's [own website](#) claims no one should tolerate abuse and recommends that victims come to Planned Parenthood for medical attention.

# PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND TITLE X FUNDING [Continued]

**Despite the evidence that this reporting problem seems to be part of Planned Parenthood’s culture and a “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy regarding underage pregnancies seems to be prevalent throughout the organization, Planned Parenthood affiliates continue to receive Title X funding and children continue to remain trapped in abusive situations.**

Planned Parenthood’s willful and repeated failures to report such abuse are cause for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to investigate how widespread these failures are among its 474 Title X facilities and whether other violations have been covered up. The cases in this report were only brought to the attention of authorities because someone other than Planned Parenthood came forward.

Because the cases in this report span many years, it is unknown whether a particular offending Planned Parenthood center or the Planned Parenthood regional affiliate overseeing it was a Title X grant recipient at the time of the offense. This is another reason an HHS investigation needs to be initiated.



# FORMER EMPLOYEES expose the culture of cover-up at Planned Parenthood

// *So many things would happen in that counseling room that really bothered me. There'd be girls coming in with their abusers. Against all protocol, the abuser would be let into the counseling room – that was where they were supposed to be separated from whom they were with, and men were never allowed back there.*

*“But with these young girls, they'd be allowed back there. Even if they knew -- even if I went to the manager and I said, ‘Look, there's something going on here’ -- she would say, ‘She's better off with the abortion. We can't do anything about what's going on at home, but at least we can give her the abortion.’ //*

– Former Planned Parenthood employee Catherine Adair [remarks at 15:20 [here](#)]

// *We were all required to be mandatory reporters, but, if we saw a case – questionable abuse or even for sure, I mean, this kid is being abused – we really were discouraged from calling it in, just because they didn't want to have the trouble – the angry parent, the angry boyfriend, whatever it was. So, more than once I was told, ‘No, that is not reportable. You don't need to call it in.’ //*

– Sue Thayer, former Planned Parenthood manager, Storm Lake, Iowa [remarks [here](#)]

// *[Planned Parenthood workers] adopted George Bush's ‘Don't ask, don't tell’ [policy]... If we don't ask how old her partner is, we don't have to tell. And so Planned Parenthood actually allows victims of human trafficking to continue to be victims of human trafficking. And they're okay with that. I went back to my office and I told my supervisor, listen, I'm trying to teach them about key concepts on Title X; they're admitting that they're not going to report cases of statutory rape. //*

– Monica Cline, former health educator who worked with Planned Parenthood in Texas and New Mexico [remarks at 23:30 [here](#)]

// *I raised my hand and I said, ‘I'm confused, when are we going to actually begin the retraining? What can I do as a manager to take this information back to my staff and enforce policies and procedures that would help protect women who are experiencing either sex trafficking or sexual abuse in any way?’*

*[The trainer] immediately shot me down and she said, ‘We're not here to talk about that, Ramona. We're here to teach you how to identify if you're being videotaped or recorded or entrapped in any way. //*

– Ramona Treviño, former Planned Parenthood manager, Sherman, TX, after Planned Parenthood was caught aiding human traffickers and then pledged to retrain thousands of workers to report abuse and trafficking [remarks at 3:06 [here](#)]

**Planned Parenthood ignores the pleas of a 16-year-old girl who is pregnant by her father and refuses to report the rape to police.**



Denise Fairbanks had been sexually abused by her father from the time she was 13. He forced her to share his bed nightly. When she became pregnant at age 16, he took her to Planned Parenthood and forced her to have an abortion.

Seeing a chance to escape the abuse she had endured for three horrible years, she told the staff that she was being raped. Instead of helping her, they ignored her pleas and refused to comply with Ohio's mandatory reporting law.

According to the [lawsuit](#) she filed against Planned Parenthood and several of its staff three years later:

When Denise arrived at Planned Parenthood's clinic on November 15, 2004, she was 16 years old and had become pregnant as a result of the sexual abuse by her biological father... Denise tried to put an end to this abuse, which had started in 2000, by informing a Planned Parenthood employee that she has been forced to have sex and to do things she did not want to do.... Planned Parenthood and at least one other of the defendants did not report their knowledge that Denise was a victim of sexual abuse.

**After the abortion, Denise was sent back to the same abusive situation, where she remained for another year-and-a-half.** More than a year later, Denise's basketball coach found out about the abuse and filed a report with authorities, which led to her father's prosecution.

Planned Parenthood settled Denise's civil lawsuit, *Denise Fairbanks v. Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region*.

# COLORADO

## *Planned Parenthood staff's reason for avoiding mandatory reporting of abuse: "Being 13 and pregnant alone is not a red flag" that there is potential abuse.*

Timothy David Smith had been sexually abusing his stepdaughter for seven years. At age 13, she became pregnant, so to cover up his crime, he took her to Planned Parenthood for an abortion. After the abortion, Planned Parenthood sent the child back home with Smith, where he continued to rape and abuse her.

The victim eventually was able to report the abuse to her mother months later while Smith was out of the home.



According to the 2014 [lawsuit](#) the mother brought against Planned Parenthood, **Planned Parenthood performed the abortion without notifying the child's parents and without reporting the suspected abuse as required by Colorado law.**

The lawsuit stated that not a single staffer of the four with whom the child came into contact at Planned Parenthood spoke to the victim about the circumstances of her pregnancy or even verified her relationship with Smith. One employee [admitted in a deposition](#) that "being 13 and pregnant alone is not a red flag" to them of possible abuse. Some of the most stunning allegations from the [lawsuit](#) that Planned Parenthood later settled:

19. Based upon the information provided by Smith and R.Z., Jane Does 1-4 learned that R.Z. was only thirteen (13) years of age and pregnant. Jane Does 1-4 also learned that R.Z. and Smith had different last names and R.Z. addressed Smith as "Tim," not "Dad." Jane Does 1-4 further learned that Smith was directing R.Z. to consent to a form of birth control that Minor Plaintiff was not comfortable receiving.

20. R.Z. was then taken to another room for the abortion procedure. At that time, Smith left the facility to eat lunch.

21. At no point immediately prior to, or during the procedure, did Jane Does 1-4 speak to R.Z. about sexual abuse, physical abuse, her relationship with Smith, or any other personal details that could have lead to a determination that R.Z.'s pregnancy was due to abuse.

22. After the abortion, R.Z. was released from the recovery room, but no adult was present to assist her. Instead, Jane Does 1-4 allowed R.Z. to leave Planned Parenthood's facility unaccompanied, and R.Z. located Smith in his vehicle in the parking lot.

23. At no point during the appointment did Jane Does 1-4 verify Smith's relationship to R.Z.

24. Neither Planned Parenthood nor Jane Does 1-4 ever contacted R.Z.'s mother.

25. Neither Planned Parenthood nor Jane Does 1-4 ever contacted law enforcement, child services, or any other agency to report any suspicion of child sexual abuse as is required under Colorado law, although they should have been alerted to the risk of abuse due to R.Z.'s age and Smith's conduct.

26. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' failure to inquire about R.Z.'s suspicious circumstances and failure to report any knowledge or suspicion of the sexual abuse of R.Z., Smith was able to continue his sexual abuse of R.Z. on numerous occasions over the course of the next few months.

# ARIZONA

## *Planned Parenthood performs an abortion on a 12-year-old at the request of her foster brother who then takes her home and continues to rape her.*

In November 1998, 23-year-old Shawn Michael Stevens took his 12-year-old foster sister, who he was sexually abusing, to Planned Parenthood for an abortion after he got her pregnant.

**Because Planned Parenthood failed to notify authorities about the abuse, it continued, she got pregnant again, and Stevens took the victim back to the same Planned Parenthood six months later for a second abortion.** That time, Planned Parenthood reported the suspected abuse, and Stevens was finally arrested.

[The lawsuit](#) filed on behalf of the victim stated, in part:

“Because of Planned Parenthood’s failure to report the abortion of November 10, 1998, Jane Doe was subjected to continued child molestation and sexual exploitation up and until Jane Doe presented herself for a second abortion on May 6, 1999. Only after the second abortion did Planned Parenthood notify authorities on May 11, 1999.”

1	14. On November 10, 1998, Jane Doe, accompanied by Shawn M. Stevens,
2	presented herself to Planned Parenthood for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. Jane
3	Doe had been a victim of child molestation and child abuse at the hands of the then
4	23-year-old Shawn M. Stevens. On said date, Planned Parenthood performed an abortion
5	on Jane Doe.
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7	15. On November 10, 1998, Planned Parenthood knew that Jane Doe was a
8	minor under the age of fourteen (14) years, knew she was in the custody of foster parents,
9	and knew the correct telephone number and address of the foster parents. Planned
10	Parenthood failed to notify anyone that the abortion on the body of Jane Doe was to occur
11	or had occurred.
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13	16. Because of Planned Parenthood’s failure to report the abortion of
14	November 10, 1998, Jane Doe was subjected to continued child molestation and sexual
15	exploitation up and until Jane Doe presented herself for a second abortion on May 6, 1999.
16	Only after the second abortion did Planned Parenthood notify authorities on May 11, 1999.
17	Shawn M. Stevens also brought Jane Doe to Planned Parenthood on May 6, 1999.
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19	17. Planned Parenthood’s failure to notify the proper authorities of the abortion of
20	Jane Doe, knowing her to be a child under the age of fourteen (14) years and a ward of the
21	State of Arizona, was grossly negligent. Such gross negligence caused Jane Doe to be
22	subject to repeated child molestation and sexual exploitation at the hands of an adult for an
23	additional period of approximately six (6) months. Had Planned Parenthood properly

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Arizona law required medical providers to report all cases of suspected sexual abuse or sexual conduct with a minor.

**Planned Parenthood also didn't notify the 12-year-old victim's foster parents that they were going to perform an abortion on her.** Instead, they performed the procedure at the request of her 23-year-old foster brother/ abuser, who was not even her legal guardian.

In 2002, the [Associated Press](#) reported that the court found Planned Parenthood negligent for failing to report the first incident to child protective services.

The AP also reported that Planned Parenthood defended not reporting the first abortion because "it does not follow that the negligence caused damages," and "no reporting would have been required if she had been eight months older."

***"No reporting would have been required if she had been eight months older."***

- Planned Parenthood's stated reason for breaking the law by failing to report suspected abuse after it performed an abortion on a 12-year-old sexual abuse victim

Planned Parenthood settled the case.

## *Planned Parenthood takes a predator's word over the phone that he's a 14-year-old girl's father and performs an abortion without the parents' knowledge.*

"Jane Roe" was 14 when her 21-year-old soccer coach, John Haller, got her pregnant.

According to [court documents](#), when he persuaded her to have an abortion, she lied to Planned Parenthood and said that she had been impregnated by a classmate and that her parents consented to the abortion.

**Planned Parenthood called the number but made no effort to verify that the person they were getting consent from was her father and not her abuser. They also didn't obtain written parental consent, but merely verbal consent from an unknown person on the other end of the line.** Jane's parents never provided consent for the abortion.

Haller then took Jane to Planned Parenthood for an abortion, claiming to be her stepbrother. Despite her age, Planned Parenthood did not report any suspected abuse to authorities. Shortly after the abortion, Haller resumed having sex with Jane. As a result of a subsequent report made by a teacher, Haller was later found guilty of seven counts of sexual battery.

Jane's parents filed a civil suit seeking damages from Planned Parenthood, alleging:

1. Planned Parenthood intentionally violated Ohio's informed consent laws for failing to meet with the teen 24 hours in advance of the abortion (instead, they let Haller pick up some documents from their offices to take to Jane);
2. Planned Parenthood failed to obtain their written consent for the abortion;
3. Planned Parenthood failed to notify police or a child services agency of suspected sexual abuse of a minor.

Planned Parenthood [settled the case](#).



# WASHINGTON STATE

*Planned Parenthood fails to alert authorities after performing each of three abortions on a minor, allowing her father to continue raping her for seven horrific years.*

In Washington State, George Savanah had [repeatedly raped](#) his minor daughter and impregnated her when she was 14, 16, and 17 years old. Each time he got her pregnant, he took her to Planned Parenthood and forced her to get an abortion to cover up his crimes.

One reason Savanah was able to get away with his sexual abuse is because **Planned Parenthood repeatedly failed to report the suspicious incidents to authorities, even though the victim was below the age of legal sexual consent the first time she was brought to them.**

Because Planned Parenthood failed to report the first, second, and even the third time Savanah brought his daughter in for abortions, he continued to rape her several times a week for seven horrific years.

## FACTS

After Savanah's daughter, R,<sup>1</sup> disclosed that she had been sexually abused, the State charged Savanah with four domestic violence sex offenses. At trial, R testified at length to the abuse. R stated that Savanah raped her for the first time when she was 14 years old. She recounted sexual abuse that continued for the next seven years.

R testified that she became pregnant three times, when she was 14, 16, and 17 years old. In each case, Savanah took her to Planned Parenthood for an abortion. Records from Planned Parenthood confirmed that Savanah took R to the clinics for the procedures.

# ARIZONA

*Planned Parenthood tells a 15-year-old rape victim it isn't worth the "hassle" for them to report her rape to police, then codes the incident as "consensual" sex.*

After Tyler Kost allegedly impregnated a 15-year-old in 2013, the victim sought an abortion at a Tempe, Arizona, Planned Parenthood. According to [news reports](#) and the [sheriff's report](#), **the Planned Parenthood counselor told the victim that "they did not want the hassle of having to report the assault to law enforcement as they were a mandatory reporter."** The counselor then allegedly miscoded the sexual assault report as a "consensual encounter" to avoid reporting it to police.

The screenshot shows a Fox News U.S. article page. The header includes the Fox News logo and navigation links for Home, Video, Politics, U.S., Opinion, Business, Entertainment, Tech, Science, Health, Travel, Lifestyle, World, and On Air. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with categories like U.S. HOME, CRIME, TERRORISM, ECONOMY, IMMIGRATION, DISASTERS, MILITARY, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, PERSONAL FREEDOMS, and REGIONS. The main headline is "Planned Parenthood counselor withheld info on rape, police report reveals" by Joshua Rhett Miller, published May 13, 2014. The article text states that a Planned Parenthood counselor in Arizona intentionally miscoded a sexual assault as a consensual encounter to avoid reporting it to authorities. It mentions Tyler Kost, charged with sexually assaulting 11 girls, and a police report from December. A quote from the report says: "The counselor intentionally miscoded the assault as a consensual encounter," the report states. "The counselor told them that they did not want the hassle of having to report the assault to law enforcement as they were a mandatory reporter." The article concludes with a statement from Planned Parenthood Arizona regarding the alleged misconduct from a media member.

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## Planned Parenthood counselor withheld info on rape, police report reveals

By Joshua Rhett Miller · Published May 13, 2014 · Fox News

A Planned Parenthood counselor in Arizona intentionally miscoded a sexual assault as a consensual encounter to avoid the "hassle" of reporting it to authorities, months before other victims came forward to stop an alleged 18-year-old serial sex predator, a police report reveals.

Tyler Kost, of San Tan Valley, Ariz., has been charged with sexually assaulting 11 girls from the ages of 12 to 17 between October 2009 and April 2014, although authorities believe he has assaulted at least 18 students from Poston Butte High School. The mother of one 15-year-old victim, who became pregnant as a result of the alleged assault, told a Planned Parenthood Arizona staffer about the attack in December, a Pinal County Sheriff's Office report shows.

"The counselor intentionally miscoded the assault as a consensual encounter," the report states. "The counselor told them that they did not want the hassle of having to report the assault to law enforcement as they were a mandatory reporter."

Planned Parenthood Arizona said in a statement they learned about the alleged misconduct from a member of the media, and immediately reached out to the Pinal County Sheriff's Department.

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# VARIOUS STATES

**Planned Parenthood is repeatedly cited by state inspectors for violating the law for failing to report suspected child abuse.**

In 2014, the Alabama Department of Public Health conducted an on-site survey and cited Planned Parenthood of Alabama in Mobile for a failure to report suspected child abuse. According to the [report](#), a 14-year-old girl (who already had two living children) received an abortion at the Mobile facility — her second in four months (the girl is identified as “MR # 16”):

Based on the review of the Alabama Code...it was determined the facility failed to report reasonable suspected abuse or neglect for a minor... MR # 16 was seen in the facility on 4/9/14 for counseling. [The patient had a medical abortion on 4/12/14] Review of the History and Physical dated 4/9/14 revealed MR # 16 was 14 years old and had 2 living children given in separate births. There was no documentation in the medical record of the facility reporting suspected abuse to the proper authorities as required.... Director of Patient Services [] verified a report was not made. MR # 16 was seen again in the facility on 8/18/14 for counseling. Review of the History and Physical dated 8/18/14 revealed this was the second abortion in 4 months. There was no documentation in the medical record of the facility reporting suspected abuse to the proper authorities or the reason why a report was not made....

Reports like this are not uncommon. For example, in 2013, Pennsylvania Department of Health inspectors conducted an annual [survey](#) of a Philadelphia Planned Parenthood and discovered that despite the fact that some girls it saw admitted to being sexually active since the ages of 11 and 12, in at least six instances, Planned Parenthood did not inquire about the possibility of sexual abuse, nor did staff report the cases to authorities, as required by law:

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# VARIOUS STATES

**“A reasonable person would suspect abuse or neglect of this 13-year-old child” who had two abortions in four months.**

– Alabama Department of Public Health inspection report of Planned Parenthood

In [an inspection](#) of another Philadelphia Planned Parenthood a few weeks later, inspectors discovered two more instances of possible child sexual abuse that Planned Parenthood employees didn't report:

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At another Planned Parenthood in Alabama, this time in Birmingham in 2009, Alabama Department of Public Health inspectors found Planned Parenthood failed to report suspected sexual abuse of a 13-year-old who had two abortions within four months.

The child had begun having sex at the age of 12 and had three sex partners within a year. The [report](#) stated that there was no documentation that the physician or nurse explored the possibility of abuse or neglect either time she had come in for an abortion. The inspectors chastised Planned Parenthood, saying, “A reasonable person would suspect abuse or neglect of this 13 year old child based on the above... Neither the Registered Nurse, the Medical Doctor, nor any other Center staff reported the suspected abuse or neglect to the authorities as required by law.”

# CALIFORNIA

*Planned Parenthood tells a 13-year-old after her 1st abortion: don't have sex for 3 weeks; after her 2nd abortion: get an IUD. Both times, they don't report suspected abuse and send her back to her father, who continues to rape her.*

In California in 2010, Edgar Ramirez had been raping his 13-year-old daughter for four months when she became pregnant. When she was taken to Planned Parenthood for an abortion, the victim made up a story about having a boyfriend her own age who got her pregnant. **Rather than reporting possible abuse because 13-year-olds can't consent to sex, the abortionist advised the victim not to have sex for three weeks after her abortion.** However, [court documents showed](#) Ramirez resumed having sex with her “a couple of days later.”

A few months later, Ramirez got his daughter pregnant again and took her to Planned Parenthood for another abortion. After the second abortion, the abortionist implanted an IUD to prevent additional pregnancies, but again, there was no indication that Planned Parenthood reported any suspicion of abuse to authorities.

Ramirez was finally arrested several months after the second abortion — and only after the victim's older sister, who had also been sexually abused, reported his crimes to the police.

## **1. Continuous sexual abuse of K.R.**

K.R. was born in January of 1997. She began living with defendant, J.R., and her brother when she was seven. By February of 2010, both K.R.'s brother and J.R. had moved away, leaving 13-year-old K.R. alone with her father. Around March of 2010, defendant began touching K.R.'s breasts when she was asleep. A few days later, defendant began having sexual intercourse with K.R. “[a]lmost every day.” Defendant also orally copulated K.R. and forced her to orally copulate him more than three times, but K.R. could not remember how frequently that had happened.

K.R. feared defendant because she had seen him hit J.R. Defendant told K.R. she could be his wife and his daughter. He made her wear J.R.'s lingerie and took photographs of her “private parts.”

In July of 2010, K.R. had an abortion at a Planned Parenthood clinic. She did not tell the clinic staff that defendant had impregnated her, but instead made up a story about having a boyfriend her own age. The doctor told her not to have sex for three weeks after her abortion. Although she relayed this information to defendant, he resumed having sex with her a “couple of days later.”

By December of 2010, defendant had again impregnated K.R. and she returned to Planned Parenthood for another abortion. The physician who performed the second abortion testified that K.R. was approximately six weeks pregnant. After the abortion, he implanted an intrauterine device to prevent additional pregnancies.

# CONNECTICUT

*A sexual predator has three-way sex with a 12-year-old and a 14-year-old and later forces the 14-year-old to get an abortion at Planned Parenthood.*

In 2018, Sage Lanza was convicted and sentenced to prison for having a three-way sexual encounter with two minors – a 12-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl – when he was 18.

When Lanza got the 14-year-old pregnant, he and his father [drove the victim to Planned Parenthood](#), where, according to affidavits, **Lanza forced her to have an abortion against her will. Planned Parenthood gave her the RU-486 pill to induce the abortion.**

Apparently, Planned Parenthood failed to notify the authorities of the suspected abuse, as it was the 14-year-old victim who finally [alerted police in July 2015](#), six months after she was taken in for the abortion.

The screenshot shows the top of a news article on the Journal Inquirer website. The header is red with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter) on the left, a weather icon (53°) in the center, and 'Sign Up' and 'Log In' buttons on the right. Below the header is a search bar. The main title of the article is 'Man imprisoned for sex with underage Enfield girls'. The byline reads 'By Zachary F. Vasile, Journal Inquirer' and the date is 'Jan 10, 2018'. There are social media sharing icons (Facebook, Twitter, Email, Print, Link) below the byline. The article text begins with 'A man convicted of having a three-way sexual encounter with two underage Enfield girls, one 14 and the other 12, when he was 18 was sentenced Tuesday in Hartford Superior Court on Tuesday to spend two years in prison.' The next paragraph states 'Judge Laura F. Baldini gave Sage Lanza, now 22, a 10-year sentence, suspended after two years behind bars, followed by with five years of probation.' The final paragraph reads 'The sentence was part of an agreement that saw Lanza plead guilty to a count of risk of injury to a child in exchange for having far more serious charges, including sexual assault, dropped.'

# CALIFORNIA

## *Planned Parenthood fails to report suspected sexual abuse of a 14-year-old in 1982, and the predator swim coach continues to molest teens for decades.*

San Jose, California, swim coach Andrew Asa King [repeatedly molested and raped](#) a 10-year-old student and continued abusing her for eight years. After he impregnated her in 1982 when she was 14 years old, she went to Planned Parenthood for an abortion.

**Planned Parenthood evidently made no report of suspected sexual abuse because the assault remained hidden until 2009** when other swimmers who had been coached by King connected through Facebook and began discussing the sexual abuse they all had endured.

After two of King's victims separately went to the authorities in 2009, investigations ensued and uncovered that King had sexually molested and abused [over a dozen other minor girls](#), some as young as 10 years old, for over three decades – from the 1970s right up until his arrest in 2009 at 61 years old.

**If Planned Parenthood had reported the incident in 1982, King might have been stopped 27 years earlier, and many girls would have been spared the nightmare of his sexual abuse.**

1           **Jane Doe XIV**

2           She learned of this case through the press. Lynn Doe swam for King from 1978 until  
3 1986. She was ten years old when she began swimming for King. She too blossomed early.  
4 Unfortunately, her brother died the previous year and her home life was troubled. King acted as  
5 a father figure to her. King began to ask when "Charlie", meaning her period, arrived. King  
6 gave her hot oil rub downs. During these rub downs he began to fondle her vagina, eventually  
7 he penetrated her vagina with his fingers; she was ten years old. While in his office, nicknamed  
8 the dungeon, King had Lynn sit on his lap. He would then insert his fingers into her vagina.  
9 King told her this would make her feel better. He would also rub her breasts.

10           The sexual contacts escalated to sexual intercourse. While sitting on King's lap he pulled  
11 her swimsuit aside and inserted his penis into her vagina. She cried. It hurt so much that she  
12 could not make a noise. King rocked her back and forth. King had substantial sexual conduct  
13 with Lynn Doe from that day. He would have sexual intercourse at least once a month and  
14 digital penetration 2-3 times a month. She was touched or rubbed on a daily basis. King had  
15 her orally copulated him on two occasions. He orally copulated her too. Except for the time she  
16 swam on the high school team, King sexually abused her. At an away meet, King put on a  
17 pornographic video for her and other swimmers to watch. At another away meet, she stayed in  
18 King's room. King had sexual intercourse with her.

19           At the age of 14 King impregnated her. She went to Planned Parenthood and had an  
20 abortion. King was very close to her family and bought her gifts. At one point when she was 13



# STUDY: Planned Parenthood’s role in sex trafficking

*A study of sex trafficking survivors finds Planned Parenthood is the most visited clinic by trafficking victims. One survivor said she was taken there “because they didn’t ask any questions.”*

A 2014 report, “[The Health Consequences of Sex Trafficking](#),” published by Loyola University Chicago’s Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, highlights how pimps force their victims to get abortions so they can quickly get them back onto the streets. The report notes that survivors had “significant contact with clinical treatment facilities, most commonly Planned Parenthood.” In fact, Planned Parenthood was the top most-visited facility for trafficking victims, second only to hospital emergency rooms.

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Table 6. Victim Contact with Health Care Provider

Treatment Source	% Reporting (N=98)
<i>Any contact with healthcare</i>	87.8%
<i>Any type of clinic</i>	57.1%
Hospital/ER	63.3%
Planned Parenthood	29.6%
Regular doctor	22.5%
Urgent care clinic	21.4%
Women’s health clinic	19.4%
Neighborhood clinic	19.4%
On-site doctor	5.1%
Other <sup>39</sup>	13.3%

Since pimps and traffickers<sup>40</sup> generally exercise nearly complete control of

39. Those who specified “other” treatment sources mentioned: a methadone clinic for heroin addiction, a psychiatric hospital, prisons (several mentioned treatment in prison facilities), Red Door and YouthLink (public health clinics), a therapist, a city Health Department, a pastor, the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery (a Hawaii anti-trafficking organization), and the grandmother of a trafficker.

40. The Oxford Dictionary defines a pimp as “a man who controls prostitutes and arranges clients for them, taking a percentage of their earnings in return.” *Pimp Definition*,

# STUDY: Planned Parenthood’s role in sex trafficking [Continued]

One victim quoted in the report said that the reason she was taken to Planned Parenthood was [“because they didn’t ask any questions.”](#)

The conclusion of the report admonishes that “first responders” like Planned Parenthood have a duty to intervene on behalf of trafficking victims to increase their efforts to identify victims so that they can help eliminate this form of modern-day slavery:

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Because they are “first responders” health care providers have unique opportunities to intervene on behalf of trafficking victims. Health care institutions must develop protocols for training, identifying, and treating sex trafficking victims. Medical personnel must increase efforts to understand the nature and scope of the problem of sex trafficking in the United States in order to improve their capacity to identify victims. This is especially true when they have the ability to speak privately with victims in a context where their statements may be admissible in a later prosecution of their traffickers. To this end, medical staff, particularly in hospital emergency rooms and local clinics should be alert for the most common physical and psychological conditions and symptoms these victims experience, especially in the context of reproductive health. By doing so, the medical community can play a vital role in the ongoing fight to eliminate modern-day slavery.

# INVESTIGATION into Planned Parenthood's cover-up of child sexual abuse

“[Planned Parenthood workers] adopted George Bush’s ‘Don’t ask, don’t tell’ [policy]... If we don’t ask how old her partner is, we don’t have to tell. And so Planned Parenthood actually allows victims of human trafficking to continue to be victims of human trafficking. And they’re okay with that. I went back to my office and I told my supervisor, listen, I’m trying to teach them about key concepts on Title X; they’re admitting that they’re not going to report cases of statutory rape.”

– Monica Cline, former health educator who worked with Planned Parenthood in Texas and New Mexico

[remarks at 23:30 [here](#)]

Because of Planned Parenthood’s record of failures when it comes to reporting suspected sexual abuse cases to authorities, Live Action has been working for several years to expose that it is not a mistake on Planned Parenthood’s part, but rather a deliberate behavior.

In 2008, Live Action investigators [went undercover](#) to eight Planned Parenthood facilities in Indiana, Arizona, Tennessee, Alabama, Wisconsin, and Kentucky and **found that staff were willing to repeatedly disregard mandatory reporting laws and cover up suspected statutory rape.**

Investigators posed as 13-year-old girls who were having sex with “boyfriends” as old as 31. Planned Parenthood staffers instructed them to lie about their ages and told them how to circumvent parental consent laws by going out of state to get abortions.

In one [video](#), a Planned Parenthood nurse in Bloomington, IN, admitted that our undercover investigator’s pregnancy should be reported as rape to child protective services but then pretended that she didn’t already hear the boyfriend’s age of 31, saying, “Okay, I didn’t hear the age. I don’t want to know the age.”

She instead advised the supposed 13-year-old to say that a made-up 14-year-old classmate got her pregnant. “Problem solved!” the nurse said.



# INVESTIGATION into Planned Parenthood's cover-up of child sexual abuse [Continued]



In [another video](#), a Planned Parenthood counselor in Memphis was caught telling our undercover investigator, who was posing as a 14-year-old girl, to lie about her 31-year-old boyfriend's age to get an abortion. **The staffer counseled her to lie to a judge about her boyfriend's age to bypass parental notification laws. She admitted that she should report the abuse but chose to do nothing.**



See the undercover investigative videos at <https://www.liveaction.org/what-we-do/investigations/sexual-abuse-cover-up/>

# INVESTIGATION into Planned Parenthood's complicity in human sex trafficking

**Planned Parenthood was not only caught on camera in multiple locations aiding and abetting child sex traffickers, it lied to the public about reporting them to authorities. Instead, it trained thousands of its employees how to avoid being caught in future hidden camera investigations.**

Live Action investigators went [undercover again](#) in 2011 posing as sex traffickers looking for abortions, birth control, and treatments for sexually transmitted infections to keep their 14- and 15-year-old prostitutes on the streets.

The undercover footage exposed Planned Parenthood employees at seven facilities in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., aiding the sex traffickers by counseling them on how to get their victims tested for STDs, the best way for them to get abortions, and how to work the system if they didn't have health insurance. Staffers also told them to lie on forms about their victims' ages.

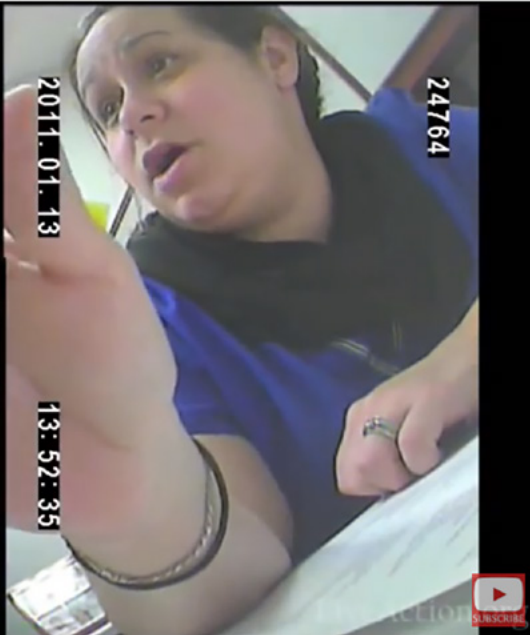
In this [video](#) from Perth Amboy, NJ, **Planned Parenthood manager Amy Woodruff coached our undercover "sex traffickers" how to secure secret abortions and contraception for their underage victims and how to make their operation "look as legit as possible."**

Watch the full tape of this investigation here.

**P:** If they come in for pregnancy testing, um - s\*\*t - at that point it'd still be - you'd still be. You never got this from me. Just to make all of our lives easier.

**Pimp:** Ok.

**P:** If they're fourteen and under just send 'em right there if they need an abortion. [Laughs] Ok?



# INVESTIGATION into Planned Parenthood's complicity in human sex trafficking [Continued]

**Woodruff warned them to have their victims lie about their ages to avoid mandatory reporting laws**, and advised, "If they're a minor, just tell them to put down that they're students." She said, "For the most part, we want as little information as possible."

After Live Action exposed the undercover footage on national media, Planned Parenthood claimed that it had done what it was supposed to do and that all of its locations had reported the suspected sex traffickers to authorities. But Live Action used the Freedom of Information Act to make public records requests of law enforcement agencies across the country to follow up on those claims. **The responses from local police departments, state police departments, and child protective services agencies showed that out of five states and Washington, D.C., only one state — Arizona — had any responsive records showing Planned Parenthood reported any suspected crime to authorities.**

Following the exposé, Planned Parenthood also claimed publicly that it would retrain its thousands of employees how to identify trafficking victims and follow mandatory reporting laws. From The New York Times, February 7, 2011:

Reacting to the release of videotapes in which its staff members advise an apparent sex trafficker, Planned Parenthood said Monday that it would retrain thousands of staff members across the country on its rules for reporting possible dangers to minors, and would automatically fire anyone who violated them.

..."We're doing this to reassure the public that we take these reporting requirements seriously," [Stuart Schear, vice president for communications at Planned Parenthood Federation of America] said.

...When the retraining is completed in April, "termination of employment is the only possible action" when staff members do not report potential abuses of minors, the federation said in a statement.

Schear also told the Associated Press, "We want to be crystal clear for those millions of people who come to us and trust us that we will never put a minor at risk."

However, Planned Parenthood manager Ramona Treviño attended the training but revealed in 2017, after leaving Planned Parenthood, that **instead of helping their thousands of employees identify and report potential sexual abuse and sex trafficking, Planned Parenthood trained staff how to spot undercover investigators and avoid being caught on camera.**

"I raised my hand and I said, 'I'm confused, when are we going to actually begin the retraining? What can I do as a manager to take this information back to my staff and enforce policies and procedures that would help protect women who are experiencing either sex trafficking or sexual abuse in any way?'" Treviño asked the trainer.

"[The trainer] immediately shot me down and she said, 'We're not here to talk about that, Ramona. We're here to teach you how to identify if you're being videotaped or recorded or entrapped in any way.'"

See the Human Trafficking undercover investigative videos at <https://www.liveaction.org/what-we-do/investigations/child-sex-trafficking-cover-up/>

# CONCLUSION: What can be done

*When a child is the victim of sexual abuse by a family member or the victim of a pimp who has forced her into a life of prostitution, she deserves to be protected, not to be victimized again by an abortion facility that seems to willingly and repeatedly turn a blind eye to her abuse.*

While Planned Parenthood continues to insist that it is focused on women's health care, a look at the organization's failure to report the sexual abuse and rape of underage victims paints an alarming picture of an abortion chain more concerned with selling abortions than with the health care of women and girls.

The tragedy of ignoring the abuse is that often these victims are returned to their abusers to be repeatedly traumatized again and again.

Planned Parenthood's culture of cover-ups must end. The cycle of abuse of innocent children must end. It's time for government, as well as Planned Parenthood's own supporters, to finally hold the abortion chain accountable for the women and children they have irreparably harmed.

**Because of Planned Parenthood's known flagrant violations of state laws that require it to report suspected child sexual abuse, HHS must investigate whether other violations have been covered up at its Title X facilities. Planned Parenthood's supporters in Congress must also finally join with their colleagues to put an end to all taxpayer funding of this organization that perpetuates the abuse of children.**

Planned Parenthood has made public promises over and over again to report sexual abuse, to retrain its staff to report abuse, and to fire those who fail in their duty to report. Yet from Planned Parenthood's unwritten "don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding pregnant children, to the fact that it lied about retraining thousands of staffers to help root out abuse, it has proven its willingness to deceive the government, the media, and the American people to escape scrutiny and to keep its funding flowing.

Planned Parenthood doesn't deserve the public's trust, and it's time the federal government stopped subsidizing its abuses with the public's money.

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