

Take charge! Know your rights.

With or without a parent's permission, teens under 18 in Texas have the right to:



1 Consent to low-cost or free birth control at Title X family planning clinics.



2 Buy condoms & emergency contraception (Plan B) at any store, pharmacy, or online.



3 Get tested & treated for STI's, at any clinic including free clinics.



4 Decide what to do if you are pregnant: continue the pregnancy & parent or choose adoption, or have an abortion.



5 Have an abortion without your parents' consent through the judicial bypass process.

Questions?

Call or text us for free:
866-999-5363

JANE'S DUE PROCESS

www.janesdueprocess.org

If you are pregnant you can...

No one, not even a parent, can force you to choose adoption, abortion or having a baby.

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Ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas

Become a parent

- Your right to an education while pregnant & parenting is protected. You cannot be forced to drop activities or change schools.
- If your parents or partner threaten to harm you, you have the right to seek a protective order. This order says your parent or partner cannot come where you live, work, or go to school.
- You can consent to all medical care regarding your pregnancy, without your parents' permission.
- You can seek emergency shelter without your parents permission if you are kicked out or threatened.
- Your parents cannot force you to have an abortion or place your baby for adoption.

Have an abortion

- Abortion is safe and legal.
- You can get an ultrasound and abortion counseling at a licensed abortion clinic without your parents' knowledge or permission.
- Texas law requires that you have consent from a parent or guardian to have an abortion, or permission from a judge to have an abortion without parental consent.
- We can help you get permission from the judge through a process called judicial bypass. A judicial bypass allows you to have an abortion without your parents' knowledge or consent.

Choose adoption

- You can choose between a closed or an open adoption. With an open adoption, you will pick the adoptive parents and choose how much contact you have with them.
- You cannot sign final adoption papers until after you have given birth.
- You do not need your parents' permission to talk to a counselor at an adoption agency or make an adoption plan.
- If you choose adoption, you give all parental rights to the adoptive parents.
- No one can force you to choose adoption - not your parents, your partner, or anyone else.