

THE CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING – OR BEING DENIED – AN ABORTION

When people **can't** get an abortion, it affects them and their families for years.



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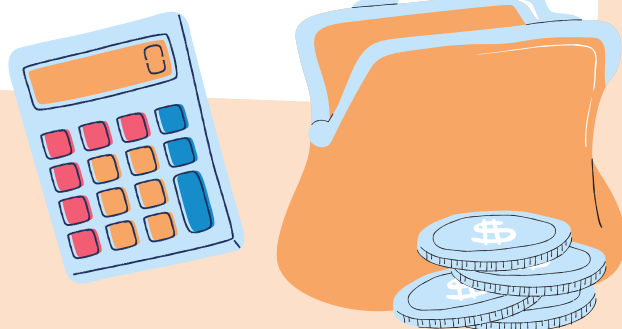
FINANCES AND CAREER

Those who get the abortion they want are more likely to set and achieve aspirational career and life goals.



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Those denied an abortion are more likely to be financially insecure and be living in poverty years later—along with their children.



PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Those who receive the abortion they want have better physical health, and have no short- or long-term emotional or mental health consequences.



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Those denied an abortion are more likely to have serious physical health problems related to carrying an unwanted pregnancy to term. They report more anxiety, higher stress, and worse self-esteem in the short-term.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Those who get the abortion they want are more likely to have a wanted child later, when the time is right. They are also better able to take care of the children they already have.



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Those denied an abortion are more likely to have trouble bonding with the baby, and their older children tend to have worse developmental and economic outcomes.



When people **can** get the abortion they want, both they and their children do better, for years to come.

In our groundbreaking [Turnaway Study](#), we followed almost 1,000 women in 21 states for five years, to document how having or being denied an abortion affects health and socioeconomic consequences for years beyond the pregnancy. The women who received and the women who were denied abortions were the same when we recruited them. All the ways in which their lives diverged are attributable to whether they got that abortion or not.

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