

## Statement of Principle

1. Option 1 is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His Church. Therefore Option 1, embodied in its volunteers, is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord, both in word and deed, to women in crisis pregnancies. Commensurate with this purpose, those who labor in Option 1 board members, directors, and volunteers are expected to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.
2. Option 1 is an affiliate of Heartbeat International and we hold ourselves to the highest possible standards regarding accuracy, confidentiality, legal and regulatory requirements, and financial management.
3. Option 1's client information is held in strict and absolute confidence as required by South Dakota law.
4. Option 1 is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues and related concerns.
5. Option 1 is committed to integrity in dealing with clients, earning their trust, providing promised information and services, and eschewing any form of deception in its corporate advertising or individual conversations. Clients always receive open and honest answers.
6. Option 1 is committed to assisting women to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Through the provision of God's people and community at large, women face the future with hope and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.
7. Option 1 never discriminates in providing services because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or marital status of its clients.
8. Option 1 never advises, provides, or refers for abortion or abortifacients, but we are committed to offering accurate information about abortion procedures and associated risks.
9. Option 1 offers assistance free of charge at all times.
10. Option 1 is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women and of the fact that abortion only compounds human need rather than resolving it.
11. Option 1 does not refer single women for contraceptives. The value of sexual integrity will be emphasized with single clients when discussing the topic of birth control. Health issues relevant to various forms of birth control may be addressed with single and married clients. When a married client requests contraceptive services, she will be referred to a physician.
12. Option 1 recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion but is not biased toward adoption when compared to the other life-saving alternatives. Option 1 is independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to the other helpful referral sources. Option 1 receives no payment of any kind from these agencies, does not enter into contractual relationships with them, and does not share office space with them. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of Option 1. Option 1 neither initiates nor facilitates independent adoption.
13. Option 1 provides a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients.
14. All of our staff, board members, and volunteers receive appropriate training to uphold the standards listed in the Statement of Principle.

## Option 1 Statement of Commitment

I believe I am called by God and convicted by Scripture to minister with compassion to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

I desire to be His light in darkness by speaking truth in love.

I will uphold the biblical standards by which this organization operates in both my public and private life.

I will abide by the Statement of Principle.

Therefore, I am committing to the ministry of Option 1, as a volunteer for one year with the minimum of 2 shifts per month.

I hereby pledge that as a volunteer I will:

1. Attend all volunteer meetings/make-up meetings required by Option 1.
2. Pray regularly for my part in the ministry and for the ministry as a whole.
3. Fellowship with other believers for encouragement and edification (this means being part of a local Christian church and attending regularly).

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CSD/ED Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_