

LEGAL RESPONSE AND INNOVATION IN URGENT TIMES

The UCLA Law Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy is a think tank and research center developing long-term, lasting solutions that advance all aspects of reproductive justice and address the current national crisis of abortion access.

We are lawyers, policy experts, scholars, and researchers who are working to increase access to abortion and contraception, end racial and economic disparities in maternal health outcomes, support people who decide to build families, and dismantle the gender bias that limits reproductive justice. We do this by creating innovative legal strategies, policy solutions, and opportunities to convene around some of the most complex issues facing women, pregnant people, and families today.

Founded in 2022, we are independently funded and rely upon grants from state funds, foundations, and private donors to accomplish our many programs and objectives.



Abortion



Contraception



Fertility



Maternal health



Family economic justice



Menopause

Our current priority areas for legal innovation, convening, scholarship, and empirical research are:

- Building state constitutional law to protect bodily autonomy and equality
- Protecting abortion pill access, cross-state care and training, and health record privacy
- Developing new legal rights and protections during pregnancy and birth
- Protecting young people's health care access and autonomy
- Expanding contraception and abortion access directly at pharmacies
- Making building and supporting a family more affordable and accessible to all
- Showing impacts of government investment and disinvestment, especially for vulnerable populations, to inform budgets and policy choices.

The Center's Impact

- Building a **pro bono legal network** that has already supported over 60 urgent legal matters — helping providers and patients under threat and supporting community organizations facing real legal risks.
- Shaping **state constitutional amendments** protecting reproductive freedom — and advising government officials and advocates on how to use them to advance abortion access, birth justice, gender equity, and family formation rights.
- Leading efforts to **debunk junk science** used to restrict abortion pills — including coordinating over 260 researchers in comments to the FDA and briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Convening hundreds of experts — from legal scholars and litigators to pharmacists, prosecutors, and birth workers — to generate and test **new legal theories and policy tools** that are already shaping real-world outcomes.

The Center rises to the urgent challenges of this moment while devising new legal theories and solutions for the future.

To stay connected to our work and the latest developments in the field, the Center offers two newsletters:

- Our biweekly **General Newsletter** shares the Center's latest publications, event invitations, and insights on the legal and policy developments shaping reproductive rights.
- Our **Research Roundup** is a monthly digest highlighting the newest studies in sexual and reproductive health, featuring concise summaries, key takeaways, and direct links to leading academic research.

Together, these newsletters embody the Center's commitment to advancing evidence-based scholarship and practical solutions that expand reproductive health care, rights, and justice, while serving as a hub that informs, connects, and strengthens collaboration across disciplines.

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