RUTH'S ARMY

Things aren't always black and white

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JUDGE BLOCKS TENNESSEE LAW THAT BANS HELPING A MINOR GET REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT

A federal judge has issued a **temporary injunction** against Tennessee's "abortion trafficking law," which criminalizes adults who assist minors in obtaining an abortion without parental consent, exposing them to prosecution and civil lawsuits.

In her extensive ruling, **U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger** determined that the law is likely unconstitutional as it restricts protected speech regarding a procedure that, although largely prohibited in Tennessee, remains legal in other states.

The law prohibits the "recruitment" of minors to seek abortions, a term the judge found to be vaguely defined, potentially covering a broad spectrum of discussions about abortion, including simply informing a pregnant teen of her options. Due to the vagueness of the **Families Rights & Responsibilities Act**, Tennessee public clinics ceased to provide birth control and STI tests to unaccompanied teens. This pause by Tennessee clinics has ended due to this injunction.

"Essentially, Tennessee has opted to criminalize certain communications related to abortions that are, in fact, entirely legal," the ruling, issued on Friday, stated. "Thus, it is a fundamental constitutional reality—one that Tennessee must acknowledge—that as long as some states permit abortion, it will be potentially accessible to residents of Tennessee."

VOLUNTEER FOR THE *NEXT* REACH CLINIC

Our tabling and marketing efforts have paid off as clinic days have been increasingly busy. **To register for our upcoming clinics, please visit this link to complete our updated interest form.** This will provide us updated emails for newsletters and volunteer opportunities. Moving forward we will use the website, Mobilize, to sign up for volunteering.

REPRODUCTIVE EQUITY & CONTRACEPTIVE HEALTH
REACH CLINIC

OUR *NEXT* CLINIC DAYS..
November 9th
December 8th

OCTOBER *ACHIEVEMENTS*

- **Ruth's Army** won Best in Black Award from **Manifest Magic** for support in women's health through the **REACH Clinic** and other work



- **Gen Action** is received funding from the Student Organization Council at **APSU** for their "Party to the Polls" event on 11/5

Gen Action has continued to be an active voice for reproductive rights on **Austin Peay's** campus. During October the organization hosted several meetings where they hosted guest speakers. For Halloween, the group hosted a Spooky Safe event where students decorated tote bags and supported created a space for like-mixed individuals to build community. On November 5th from 10:00-12:00 they will host an event, "Party to the Polls," where they will provide transportation to the polls via a party bus!

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NEXT IN-PERSON MEETING

Our next in-person will be on Wednesday, December 11th from 6PM - 8PM. We will be meeting at Music City PrEP in Nashville where we'll have the opportunity to learn more about one of great contributions for the REACH Clinic.

MUSIC CITY PrEP CLINIC
PREPPING FOR AN HIV-FREE NASHVILLE

Music City PrEP Clinic
225 S 11th Street 101 A
Nashville, Tennessee 37206

PLAN *C* PILLS

If you haven't heard the great news, Tennesseans can still obtain Plan C pills. Generous practitioners living in states where Plan C is legal and accessible, are assisting through PlanCPills.org. You do not need to be pregnant to order pills through the website.

