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To Shelby Ison, Ina Seethaler, +5

Jul 24



WGS, PPGA, and LiveWell,

Hello! My name is Jessica Newell, the president of a CCU student organization called ILLUMINATE. Our vice president Christina Rickard, and our Students for Life advisor Alicia Foreman, also say hello! I have them CC-ed to this email. I am emailing, both to introduce our organization, and to make a request.

ILLUMINATE has been active on campus since winter of '22, and our primary intention has always been to support pregnant and parenting students. When it comes to the differing reproductive circumstances that many students find themselves in, it is VITAL that they are met where they're at. Through our partnerships with Students for Life and "[standingwithyou.org](https://standingwithyou.org)", we are able to provide women with free and confidential pregnancy

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resources. PRCs offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, financial support, pre and post abortive counseling, sexual assault counseling, adoption referrals, STI testing, pre-natal vitamins, diapers, baby formula, and so much more. Just like Planned Parenthood, these organizations are non-profits.

In addition, many low-income women are unaware of their local FQHC (Federally Qualified Healthcare Center). There are 14 FQHCs for every 1 Planned Parenthood, and with abortion currently being a statewide issue, the lack of required travel is a great accommodation. They can also meet just about any healthcare need (reproductive related or otherwise), and their services go well beyond Planned Parenthood's limited facility.

I could talk about this forever, and this is just the tip of the iceberg! Here is our humble request.

ATTACHED LINKS TO EMAIL



Is there any way we can get these links up before the beginning of the upcoming Fall '24 semester? Specifically, before OK day [on August 19th](#)? That way we can refer students to your program link when we are tabling!

This past semester, we noticed WGS flags outside of Prince Lawn that recognized all of the women's organizations on campus... all but one. We assume that your program wasn't aware of our organization, so we hope to be in greater communication with you this semester. Please let us know if there is any way that we can partner with you this upcoming semester. We may have some differing opinions, but on behalf of ILLUMINATE, we hope to put these things aside for the advancement of women.

Thank you for your time and have a great rest of your summer!

All the best,  
Jessica Newell

INA'S RESPONSE:



Ina Seethaler

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To Shelby Ison, Sara Hottinger, +5

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Dear Jessica,

Thank you for reaching out!

As a unit rooted in feminist gender justice, WGS will not be sharing any of your suggested weblinks on our website.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers, like The Coastline Women's Center, are anti-abortion units that use lies and shame to force people to carry unwanted pregnancies to term. They are decidedly not medical facilities and are often not even licensed. Most trustworthy medical associations denounce CPCs. We have heard from many students with terrible experiences at CWC.

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Please also share information with your org members about the dangerous lies concerning reversing the effects of taking abortifacient pills. There is no such thing as a reversed abortion: <https://www.healthline.com/health/reverse-abortion-pill>

If you'd like to chat more about the materials I provided, don't hesitate to reach out. Please also feel free to join us at our events again this fall.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!  
Ina

MY FOLLOW UP:



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To Ina Seethaler, Shelby Ison, +5

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Ina Seethaler & WGS,

Thank you for your response and vulnerability in sharing your concerns.

ILLUMINATE is also a feminist organization, since we exist to empower women, but thank you for your honesty in viewing us otherwise.

I have personally worked with Coastline Women's Center, and here's what I can tell you. Their medical clinic is overseen by a local physician, staffed with a nurse manager, four additional nurses, a registered diagnostic medical sonographer, and multiple highly-trained counselors. I have shadowed many counseling sessions, and to say they go above and beyond is an understatement. They sit with women in their confusion, and meet them where they're at.

Alicia Foreman, our Students for Life RC, has also worked with various PRC's. If you'd like more



information about her experiences, feel free to reach out. She is great at what she does! I admire her patience and active listening skills. She has also never taken part in shaming women.

We are regretful to hear that you, and some of your students, have heard negative things. If this is your only impression of us, your worries are valid. That is awful to hear! Christina and I would love to give the WGS staff a tour of CWC if any of you have spare a moment next semester. We can introduce you to the owners, who I'm sure will be able to ease your concerns. Many PRC's have gotten bombed in the past few years, so if this is the information you are sharing about them, we encourage you to denounce these atrocious attacks as well. We live in a scary time, and I can only hope that students don't misconstrue opinionated information. Coastline received a bomb threat when I worked there as well, but thankfully that is all that it was. Everyone was safe!

As for abortion pill reversal, CWC started offering it fairly recently. It absolutely does work when administered correctly. There are countless

success stories! I'm sure WGS is already aware, but it must be taken within 24 hours of ingesting the first series of the abortion pill regime, RU-486. Mifepristone deprives the baby of the nutrients that they need to survive by stripping the mother of a hormone called progesterone. APR simply replaces the progesterone that is lost. Of course if it is taken too late, or after the misoprostol, it will be ineffective. In that case you are correct that it does not work.

Coastline has already received countless requests for their APR service, and after holding baby Dexter in their arms, they saw its effect first hand. Their client, Cassidy, regretted taking the pill. Coastline saved her baby's life. This is what choice looks like. To discriminate against a facility based off of their medical professional's values is to rob women of what they need. It doesn't matter where you stand or what you believe. Women deserve a choice.

I apologize for the lengthiness of this email! If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly. I also want to thank you for inviting us to join you at your events. Last



semester, we were unable to be a part of your FEMMFEST because our request was denied. We would LOVE to join your upcoming events, if you've changed your mind. Please keep in touch.

All the best,  
Jessica Newell

INAS FOLLOW UP RESPONSE: *\*after this email, Ina did not respond about an in person meeting or including adoption resources, and a no contact order was put in place between Jessica and Ina by the University\**



Ina Seethaler

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Thanks, Jessica, for the follow-up!

I'd be happy to have a conversation with you in person about our definitions of feminism.

For now, via email, let me just reiterate that, as an academic unit of higher learning, we rely on scientific fact and the consensus of the scientific community when deciding what information to share.