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#### Agenda

- Introduction to CPCs
- ■The FACT Act
- NIFLA v. Becerra
- Reproductive Rights in California
- Future of Reproductive Rights After NIFLA
- •Questions!

What are CPCs?

#### "Crisis Pregnancy Centers"

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- "Crisis pregnancy centers", "pregnancy resource centers" "pregnancy health center" or fake health clinics
- Organizations who do not want anyone to have an abortion

#### Who are they funded by?

- Usually religiously affiliated
- Anti-Choice groups

#### CPC's in California

#### Prevalence

As of 2015, 228 CPCs existed in CA

#### Deceptive tactics

- Poaching patients
- Misrepresentation of services
- Misrepresentation of licensing
- False claims about medical effects of abortion

\* Who do CPCs target?

- Low income
- Women of color

- Youth
- Rural areas

### The FACT Act

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#### Licensed

 CPCs must post a notice that the State provides low or no-cost family planning services, with the phone number for that County's social services department

#### Unlicensed

 CPCs that are not licensed as medical facilities must disclose that fact

NIFLA v. Becerra



#### Background of the case

- National Institute of Family and Life Advocates filed the lawsuit in S.D. Cal. on behalf of 100+ CPCs
  - Sought preliminary injunction
  - District Court denied request
- Ninth Circuit affirmed holding that the FACT Act did not violate freedom of speech or freedom to exercise religion under the First Amendment
- Supreme Court took up speech question only
  - CWLC amicus brief compelling interest
  - Oral argument occurred March 20, 2018
  - 5-4 opinion released June 26, 2018



#### Majority Opinion (Justice Thomas)

■ Five justices joined the majority: Thomas, Roberts, Kennedy, Alito and Gorsuch

Held that both the licensed and unlicensed notice procedures likely violated the First Amendment

 Rejected "professional speech" intermediate scrutiny standard for licensed facilities Dissent (Justice Breyer)

4 Justices joined the dissent: Breyer,
 Ginsburg, Sotomayor and Kagan

Breyer criticized the majority's opinion in light of the Court's decision from Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)

# Reproductive Rights in CA

## California's History Protecting Reproductive Rights

- Maternal mortality rates
- Insurance coverage for contraception and abortion
- Constitutional rights to reproductive freedom

# The Future of Reproductive Rights after NIFLA

#### The Future of Reproductive Rights

- In California
- In other states
- ■The future of Roe v. Wade



Questions?