



## Nation's Oldest Abortion Business Closes After Doing Abortions for 36 Years

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**Oakland, CA (LifeNews.com)** -- The bad economy has been blamed for potentially driving up the number of abortions, but it is also responsible for closing abortion centers. An abortion business in Oakland, California that has done abortions for 36 years is closing because it can no longer afford to operate.

The Women's Choice Clinic of Oakland, considered by some to be the oldest abortion business in the nation that still exists, is closing its doors.

Linci Comy, WCC's executive director and a staff member of the abortion facility since 1977, says the economic crunch and the hurt it has caused for the state budget is the culprit. WCC has not been able to receive MediCal reimbursements from the state to pay for abortions it does on poor women.

"We haven't been able to make our rent payments," as a result, Comy told the Oakland Tribune.

"We've been waiting for the checks from MediCal and they're not forthcoming. To balance the state budget California has frozen payments for services already provided, and for us, that is a fatal decision," she told the newspaper. "With that and issues of the economy, it all came down on us in March. Our landlord let us know we have to be out in a couple of weeks. We're looking at bankruptcy."

In more than three decades Comy estimates that WCC has seen 64,000 customers and about 2,000 customers on an annual basis.

Comy said the abortion business will convert to a volunteer-based educational group that will distribute sexual education information to members of the local community.

Despite the abortion center closing, women in Oakland will not be without pregnancy help and information.

At least 10 different pregnancy centers in the Oakland area and surrounding communities serve women with pregnancy help and information, medical and insurance referrals, help with education, maternity and baby needs and other services.

The economy has also caused other abortion centers to close.

In January, the [Planned Parenthood center](#) in Latham, New York, a suburb of Albany closed down.

The Latham facility was the smallest run by Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood and, while it did not do surgical abortions, it dispensed the dangerous RU 486 abortion drug that has killed more than a dozen women worldwide and injured over 1,400 in the U.S. alone.

And, in March, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest [closed its facility](#) in Monroe, Washington due to tough economic times.

Although the center did not do abortions, it made abortion referrals to other Seattle-area Planned Parenthood centers

that do both surgical and drug-induced abortions.

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