

ABOUT THE BRIGID ALLIANCE: Talking points for partners and allies



The
Brigid
Alliance

**Abortion should be
borderless, burden-free
and accessible to all**



MISSION

The Brigid Alliance supports people who must travel long distances for abortion care.

Working across the United States, we arrange and fund confidential travel, lodging, childcare, and logistical assistance, closing the gap between the need for an abortion and the ability to access one.

KEY MESSAGES

1.) For many Americans, the costs and logistical challenges of physically getting to an abortion provider are primary barriers to access – and only getting harder.

- **Legal barriers are just one factor that can prevent someone from accessing an abortion** – particularly people struggling to make ends meet, young people, queer people, disabled people, and Black, Indigenous, and other people of color.
- **Most people must travel to get an abortion**, especially in the wake of the recent Supreme Court ruling.
- **In addition to paying for the procedure itself**, the added costs of transportation, time off work, childcare, and food and lodging for overnight trips is out of reach for many abortion seekers.

2.)

The Brigid Alliance is working to make abortion access above-ground, borderless, burden-free and accessible to all.

- **Wherever a client needs to go, we find a way to get them there** – but we are much more than a travel agency.
- **We provide all-inclusive support for people needing to travel to get to abortion care.**
 - In addition to bus or plane tickets, gas and parking, we arrange and pay for food, lodging, mobile phones to maintain communication and, for the majority of abortion seekers who already have young children, childcare.
 - Our client-facing coordinators are full-time staff, trained to deliver non-judgmental, trauma-informed and compassionate support, and the funding we provide is unconditional – we trust that our clients know best what they need.
 - We have deep relationships not only with abortion clinics, but with the hotels and other funding and practical support groups that provide support for our clients.
- **The Brigid Alliance is the only national organization working to provide travel and other practical support for abortion access,** and we are the only one that specializes in long-distance travel, the need for which is increasing.
- **We cater to clients beyond 15 weeks of pregnancy for whom it's generally more expensive and harder to find a provider near home.**
 - Often our clients have already had to delay their procedure while trying to pull together money, take time off work, find child care, book an appointment for the procedure and navigate confusing laws – not to mention unsupportive communities and sometimes unsupportive health providers.
 - Most of our clients are forced to travel more than 1,000 miles and have travel costs of at least \$1,000.
- **Since 2018, The Brigid Alliance has helped thousands of people across the U.S. get to abortion care.** Many would not have been able to without our help.

3.)

The Brigid Alliance is part of an ecosystem of support organizations that is propping up abortion care access in this country and that desperately needs more resources to face growing demand.

- **There are abortion funds and groups that pay for the procedure all over the United States** and some that cover discrete elements of travel for abortion care, but most are operating at a state or regional level and rely on volunteer support.
- **We work hand in hand with this network** and would not be able to do what we do without these partners, who refer clients to us and who connect us with local providers and services when needed.
- **Unlike many of our partners, the Brigid Alliance employs a full-time paid staff led by clinical social workers,** allowing us to provide a level of dependable, responsive, and holistic support that would not be possible otherwise, and our client coordinators have the training and resources needed to handle the more complex cases that are often sent our way.
- **Together, we and our partners** are filling critical gaps to make abortion possible for Americans from every state, but we are already stretched thin and face surging demand in the wake of Roe being overturned.