

We are **independent** because we are locally governed and our health care practices are not directed by corporate mandates or driven by national agendas. Our independence allows us to be accessible and responsive to our communities, free from restrictions, and it enables us to respond to emerging or immediate needs.

We are **nonprofit** because it enables us to provide support and services to vulnerable and historically marginalized communities. We are also responsible *to* the community, *to* our boards, and *to* our stakeholders.

We are **feminist** because we believe that individuals are capable of making informed decisions about their health care, that they deserve to do so in an atmosphere of dignity and

respect, and that they will be active participants in their care.

We are proud to be **abortion providers** and are part of a broader **reproductive justice** movement that advocates for a woman's right to determine whether and when to have children, to become a parent and to parent with dignity, to have a healthy and safe pregnancy, and to have healthy and safe families and relationships.

We are a **network** because we are stronger together. We work collaboratively to inform public policy, challenge legislative and regulatory attacks, educate and influence the work of allies, and to

raise and amplify the voices and experiences of the women we serve.



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Our role in the health care ecosystem

Formed in 1995, FAN is a national organization of 14 nonprofit, independent health clinics that collectively serve more than 120,000 clients each year in more than 20 communities across the country.

We provide educational and reproductive/sexual health care services regardless of a client's age, ability, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, language or economic situation.

We provide services and conduct programs with a comprehensive,

holistic approach to people's lives and needs.

Our commitment to high-quality care in an atmosphere of respect, dignity and compassion is paramount in our work, as is our outreach to and accessibility for underserved and historically marginalized people.

We live in a time of the corporatization of health care. FAN clinics reaffirm the value of a vibrant, grassroots-based health care system that is accessible, responsive and accountable to a specific community and to the unique needs of individuals.

FAN provides feminist perspectives and leadership to help frame the women's reproductive health and justice movement from the perspective of local independent abortion providers. FAN is committed to the mission of women making fully informed health decisions and having access to caring, comprehensive, quality health services.



FAN members, supporters at Heartview in Arlee, Montana, August 2010.

We are the providers on the front lines who have shaped the quality of reproductive health care since the passage of Roe v. Wade.

As the attacks on women's reproductive rights have intensified, and access to woman-centered abortion care has become more limited, it's critical for FAN to build and maintain the sustainability of independent feminist providers.

We are ready.

FAN members recently gathered at a retreat hosted by Mary Stranahan in Montana to develop strategies to support these critical goals in the next year:

Policy/Advocacy at the National Level

Increase visibility and leverage group expertise through presenting three workshops at national medical and advocacy conferences.

Establish leadership role with coalition partners by working to put front and center the feminist perspective and supporting efforts to **overturn the Hyde Amendment**.

Collaborate to **develop a state and**

national-level strategy for exposing and de-funding fake clinics, also known as Crisis Pregnancy Clinics.

Actively participate in the process of **health care reform implementation** on the state and national level to **ensure women's reproductive health care needs are addressed**.



Infrastructure and Capacity Building

Define and market the criteria of a feminist clinic. Convene monthly conference calls to keep members apprised of state/national issues and track progress toward goals.

Develop a **collaborative marketing plan** to highlight the importance of independent clinics via traditional and new media.

Establish a **central resource bank** for members in "best practices" and care delivery tools.

Hold an annual meeting for members to assess progress on goals and establish annual objectives for the coming year.