Transcript (Annotated)

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CPC: <https://insightlawrence.org/>

Me: hi I heard from a friend that you provide information about abortion

Operator: Hello, you have reached the Insight Women’s Center. Yes, we do provide information about pregnancy options. Would you like to schedule an appointment for a pregnancy verification and to discuss options, including abortion?

Me: I’m scared to come in because of the pandemic. My parents said I’m supposed to stay home

Operator: I totally understand. Would you like me to text you the information?

Me: yes. Do you do abortions?

Operator: No. We do not perform abortions. Here is the link to a website about the abortion pill information. <https://www.athomeabortionfacts.com/>

Operator: This link takes you to an online magazine for information about pregnancy options. <https://issuu.com/care-net/docs/byd_3.1_digital_copy>

Operator: Is there anything else we can help you with? Any questions you might have?

Me: Oh wow that’s a lot of information

Me: I’m scared because I’m pregnant and my parents would kill me if they knew I was having sex. I want to get an abortion and I don’t know how

Operator: I understand how scary this can be. How old are you? The reason I ask is that in the State of Kansas you are required to have a parent’s signature if you are under the age of 18.

Me: I’m 18 but my parents are religious and super strict. Idk what they would do if they knew I was having premarital sex. They don’t even know I have a boyfriend

Operator: How would they feel about abortion?

Me: I don’t know. I just don’t think I can have a child right now I’m still in high school

Operator: Prior to you finding out you were pregnant, what were your thoughts on abortion?

Me: I’ve heard about it at church but I didn’t really think about it for myself until I got pregnant

Operator: Ok. I would encourage you to look through the information I texted you. We always encourage women to slow down with this decision making sure it is one you can live with 1 year, 5 years, or 10 years down the road. Please let me know if there is anything else I can help you with or answer for you.

Me: Are there side effects I should know about?

Operator: [after an hour] i apologize for the delayed response.. We were meeting with other clients. In the Before You Decide Magazine on page 18 and 21 It talks about the risks and long term effects of abortion. That was the second link I texted to you earlier.

Me: I read those pages and now I’m really scared. It says I could have PTSD and suicidal thoughts. Is that true? And a higher risk of breast cancer? I had no idea these were all side effects

Me: I thought it was a common and painless medical procedure kinda like an induced miscarriage

Operator: On page 16 of the magazine, it explains more about what you can expect with the Abortion Pill. As with any medical procedure or medication, there are always risks involved. We understand there is a lot to consider when making a pregnancy decision. If you feel comfortable leaving your house, we can schedule an appointment for a pregnancy verification and to talk through the information you are reading.

Me: On page 22 it says having an abortion can increase the risk of having a baby with autism or epilepsy. That’s so scary. I always wanted a family and kids later but I didn’t know having an abortion right now would make that harder

Me: I’m scared about the breast cancer and PTSD I just had no idea these were side effects

Operator: We don’t send the information out to scare you but to make sure you are completely informed as you make this decision. How does the baby’s father feel about the pregnancy?

Me: I definitely wanna make an informed decision based on accurate information. I don’t see anything about breast cancer and abortion on planned parenthood’s website and I know they do abortion so that makes me worried that not everyone is getting the facts

Me: He doesn’t know yet. I wasn’t going to tell him because he’s in college and I don’t want him to feel like he has to drop out or anything to become a dad

Operator: So who have you talked to about your pregnancy and decision?

Me: Only a close friend who told me you give information about abortion. I haven’t told my parents or boyfriend

Operator: Have you thought about telling them? Especially your boyfriend?

Me: Do you think he’ll be supportive? I don’t know if I’m ready to have a baby or start a family. What if I have to drop out of school to take care of the baby?

Operator: I don’t know him so there’s no way to answer that. We would be happy to schedule an appointment for you to come to the center and talk through this with you. We have information about how to tell your parents if you decide to. Can I schedule an appointment for you?

Me: I still need to think about it. Thanks for the information about side effects though I appreciate it

Operator: Your [sic] welcome.