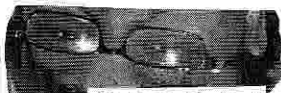


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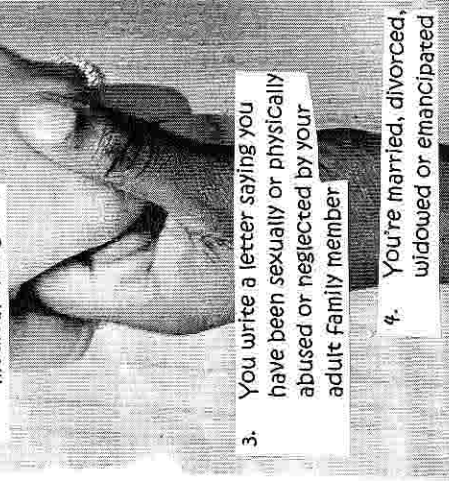
OK, I like the sound of that. Now what?
 → You can get a lawyer to rep you in court if you don't want to tell an adult family member about your abortion. The ACLU of Illinois Judicial Bypass Coordination Project can get you a lawyer **FOR FREE**. Call or text 312-560-6607 and they'll hook you up with information and support. This whole process is totally confidential.



-OR-
 You decide to have a "Judicial Bypass."
Say What?
 → That's how pregnant teens get the right to an abortion without telling an adult family member.

Your doctor doesn't have to tell your parents if

1. They go with you to have the procedure
2. Your doctor decides there is a medical emergency



3. You write a letter saying you have been sexually or physically abused or neglected by your adult family member
4. You're married, divorced, widowed or emancipated

Tips and links for knowing your options.



Am Pregnant!

Don't have access to a computer? Call the Chicago Girls' Coalition at 312-322-2101 to help you find your local library.

Doctors can tell your parents

1. In Person
2. By Phone
3. By mail (if the first 2 failed)



-OR-

You can bring your doctor a letter from your parents saying that they give up their right to be notified. For help writing this letter for your parents to sign, grab a sample here:
www.illinoisbypasscoordinationproject.org



Parenting



Do you feel prepared for the responsibility of another life? Raising a child, dedication, money, and time...

When becoming a parent you no longer think about just yourself, but your baby also- you have to give them medical care, food, financial support, and education. If you do decide to have a baby, don't freak out! There are folks who can help you provide those things for your child. Check out www.dhs.state.il.us to learn about the different ways the state can help you and your baby.

So I know my options and I want to have an abortion. Now what?
 → Even though you can decide to have an abortion without your parent's consent you don't need them to say Yes, abortion clinics still have to tell your parent.

That's the Illinois Parental Notice Law-

AKA- The Parents Gotta Know Law

Your doctor has to tell an "adult family member" that you're getting an abortion 48 hours before you get it. That's someone who is your parent, grandparent, step-parent who lives with you, or your legal guardian.

You can have an abortion if you feel mentally physically prepared. Figuring out whether you want to have an abortion and how much you want to pay for it is a hard decision, and you can make it within a certain amount of time. Clinics like Planned Parenthood will help you learn important medical info and the Chicago Abortion Fund can help you get money to pay for it. Don't wait until it's too late to get informed- check them out at:



Abortion

www.plannedparenthood.org and www.chicagoabortionfund.com

Adoptions are very important decisions that can be hard emotionally but beneficial in other ways. No matter how confused you are- there are people who can help you. To learn more, check out www.state.il.us/dcf/adoption/agencies and get the support you need.

Also- You have rights as a birth parent! Get to know them here:
http://dcfswebresource.dcf.state.il.us/procedures/procedures_404/homepage.htm#page=14



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