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I am responding to the questions that you have regarding the Pregnancy Care Centre in Kamloops.

1. What services does the Centre provide? *We offer Pregnancy Options information (Abortion, Parenting, Adoption) every woman deserves to understand her options and have access to alternatives, Prenatal classes, Post Abortion Support, Empowering Moms & Step Up Dad's (both mentorship programs), Club M.O.M. (a weekly drop-in class for moms and their children under age 5), Empty Arms (peer support group for those who have lost a child through miscarriage or sudden death), Material supplies (infant & maternity clothing, diapers & formula – all donated to the Centre)*
2. Who is on staff, and what credentials/training do staff members have? *All staff & volunteers are fully trained to meet with clients to share information regarding ALL pregnancy options. Registered Nurses, Teachers and trained mentors, facilitate specific classes. Executive director – completed PCC training & ongoing education.*
3. What do you tell women who are considering an abortion? *Every decision that a woman makes regarding her unplanned pregnancy is a lifetime decision, whether to abort, parent or place for adoption. It is her decision – she should carefully look at each option. As there is no 'one size fits all' response to an unplanned pregnancy, it is important that she is offered the opportunity to explore all her options and be assured that her decision is respected.*
4. What do you tell women who are seeking contraceptive resources? *Our Centre is not a medical centre and as such our staff & volunteers refer women to their family physician who is the best person to advise and discuss the best form of contraception for her.*
5. Why don't you provide information on, or referrals for, abortions? *We provide medically factual information regarding all options available to women, including abortion, adoption and parenting. All Kamloops abortions are performed at the hospital and require a physician referral.*
6. Do you think your Centre is sufficiently clear about its stance on abortion? *Absolutely.*

7. Kamloops doesn't have an abortion provider. Do you think women in the community are adequately served?
*Kamloops has abortion providers – local doctors perform all abortions at Royal Inland Hospital.
Based on the information our Centre receives from the women who have chosen to abort their baby, yes, they are adequately served and were able to have the procedure performed locally.*

Sincerely

Shirley Bosman, Executive Director