



Mission & Values Statement

Hope Clinic is an independent abortion provider located in Granite City, Illinois. **Our mission is to advance the human right to autonomy through the provision of the highest quality medical and emotional abortion care.** We have created values to guide us in the pursuit of our mission. These values have been carefully crafted by members of our team with the intent to promote the highest standards of care, ethical practice, and a positive workplace. Every person affiliated with Hope Clinic including leadership, front-line staff, volunteers, and learners are responsible for acting in accordance with these values as outlined below.

Accountability - We are responsible for our actions and for the quality of care we provide. We must answer to patients, community partners, and to each other. We expect ourselves and our colleagues to uphold our shared values and to act in the best interest of those seeking and providing abortion care. We commit to hold institutions that perpetuate harm accountable.

Autonomy & Self-Determination - The right to decide the course of one's life and what happens to their body is essential to human well-being. Each person deserves to be in control of their own destiny and must be trusted to make informed decisions for themselves.

Collaboration & Connection - We work collectively to foster a culture of empathy and understanding. We show up to work as authentic versions of ourselves and act in ways that allow all of our colleagues and those we serve to feel safe to do the same. We value ongoing communication, trust, and collaboration. We listen to the patients we serve and to each other. Every member of our team plays a vital role towards advancing our mission.

Compassion - Compassion means listening, connecting, and acknowledging individual challenges. We strive to provide dignified, empathetic, and intentional care without judgment. We treat everyone who comes in contact with us with kindness.

Social Justice & Intersectional Analysis - Everyone deserves to feel safe and welcome at Hope Clinic. We strive to advance equity, human rights, and justice. As a feminist organization, we acknowledge systems of oppression and privilege and examine how these systems impact the individuals and communities we serve. We seek to recognize our own biases, address their impact, and work to understand experiences beyond our own. We strive to counter racism, sexism, classism, cissexism, heterosexism, ableism, sizeism, and ageism within our organization and community.

Respect - Each individual is a whole person with unique and complex experiences. We work to treat every person the way they wish to be treated, while centering their dignity and worth as a human being.

Holistic Care - We work to provide each person we serve with individualized medical care, centering their physical and psychosocial needs. We promote sex positivity and engage in harm reduction through adopting principles of trauma-informed care and affirmative consent.

Adaptability - We face difficult challenges head-on. The landscape of abortion access and care is ever changing, and we aim to continue to grow as providers and community members. We constantly work to better ourselves, each other, and the world around us. We face these changes with a positive attitude, mutual support, and work to advance our mission.

Learning - We acknowledge that growth and learning are life-long processes. We invest in the future of abortion care through strategic planning, community outreach, continuing education, and serving as a multidisciplinary teaching institution. Through education and advocacy, we combat abortion stigma.