



Dear Pregnancy Center and Adoption Agency Directors:

Thank you for all you do for women and families in our state! As you may already know, Act 84 became effective on August 1, 2022. Act 84 **expands** the “Choose Life” special prestige license plate program. Qualifying organizations can spend funds from the Choose Life plate program for “counseling and other services intended to meet the needs of expectant mothers considering adoption for their unborn child and expectant mothers considering parenting their children.” **There have been no new changes to the law since 2022.**

Prior to 2022, qualifying organizations were required to use 50% of the funds received through this program to only provide for the material needs of expectant mothers considering adoption for their unborn child.

Now, the law allows qualifying organizations to use the 50% of the funds received through this program to provide for the material needs of expectant mothers considering adoption and for the material needs of expectant mothers considering parenting their children including clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities, and transportation. This change applied to all funds disbursed after August 1, 2022.

RS 47:463.61.E.(3) now reads (we have bolded and underlined the important new phrase of the law):

*“Organizations receiving monies under this Section shall use at least fifty percent of such funds to provide for the material needs of expectant mothers considering adoption for their unborn child **and for the material needs of expectant mothers considering parenting their children**, including clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities, and transportation. Such monies may also be used to meet the needs of infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents. The remaining funds may be used for counseling, training, and providing pregnancy testing, but shall not be used for administrative, legal, or capital expenditures.”*

It is our hope that this change to the law will allow qualifying organizations to continue and even expand your service to mothers in unplanned pregnancies through the generosity of Louisiana citizens with Choose Life plates on their vehicle. Please let us know if you have any questions.

For a Pro-Life Louisiana,

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