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and a world — where
every human life is
cherished, protected,
and given the
opportunity to flourish.



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“For You created my
inmost being; You knit
me together in my
mother’s womb.”

— Psalm 139:13



PROTECTING VULNERABLE KENTUCKIANS: 2026 LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

**Safeguarding Life, Human Dignity, and Ethical
Medical Standards Across the Full Spectrum of Life**

Kentucky Right to Life

**We seek to advance a 2026 legislative
agenda that strengthens Kentucky's
already robust pro-life protections,
closes enforcement gaps, and
addresses emerging threats that exploit
vulnerable Kentuckians.**



PROTECTING VULNERABLE KENTUCKIANS: THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



This framework unifies these issues under one clear mission: to ensure Kentucky's laws, applicable to the circumstances of today's culture, defend human dignity and protect Kentuckians from exploitation, coercion, and commodification.

2026 PRIORITY THREATS & LEGISLATIVE RESPONSES

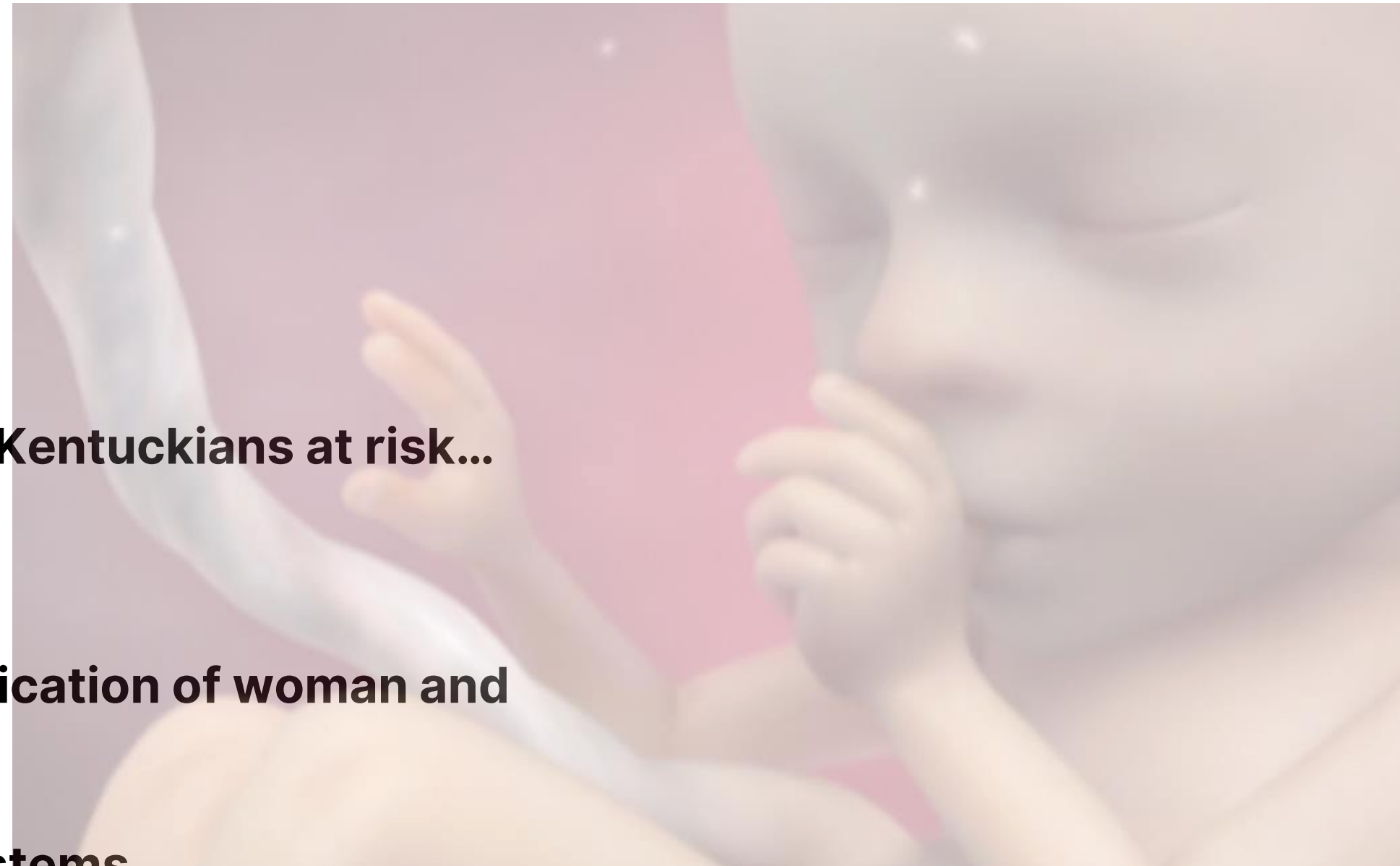
Kentuckians have long stood strong in their commitment to protect their most vulnerable citizens;

- **Restricting the intentional termination of unborn child (except to preserve the life of the mother)**
- **Banning assisted suicide and euthanasia,**

Outside entities...abortion cartels, misplaced compassion and distorted world views continue to undermine these protections.

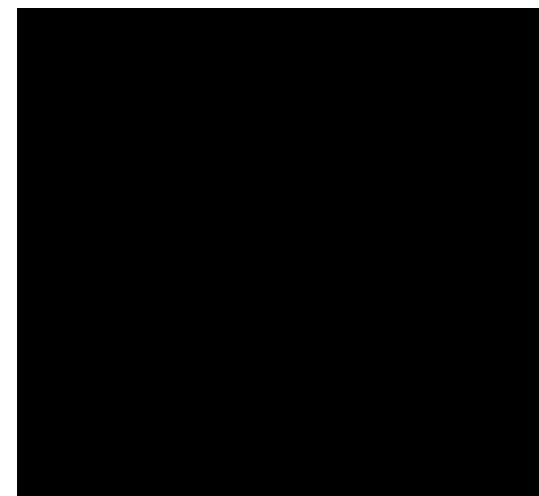
Weakness or gaps in our current laws put vulnerable Kentuckians at risk...

- **illegal abortion-pill trafficking.**
- **abortion travel targeting minors.**
- **commercial surrogacy profiteering and commodification of woman and babies.**
- **pressure for future MAiD expansion.**
- **ethical breakdowns within organ procurement systems.**

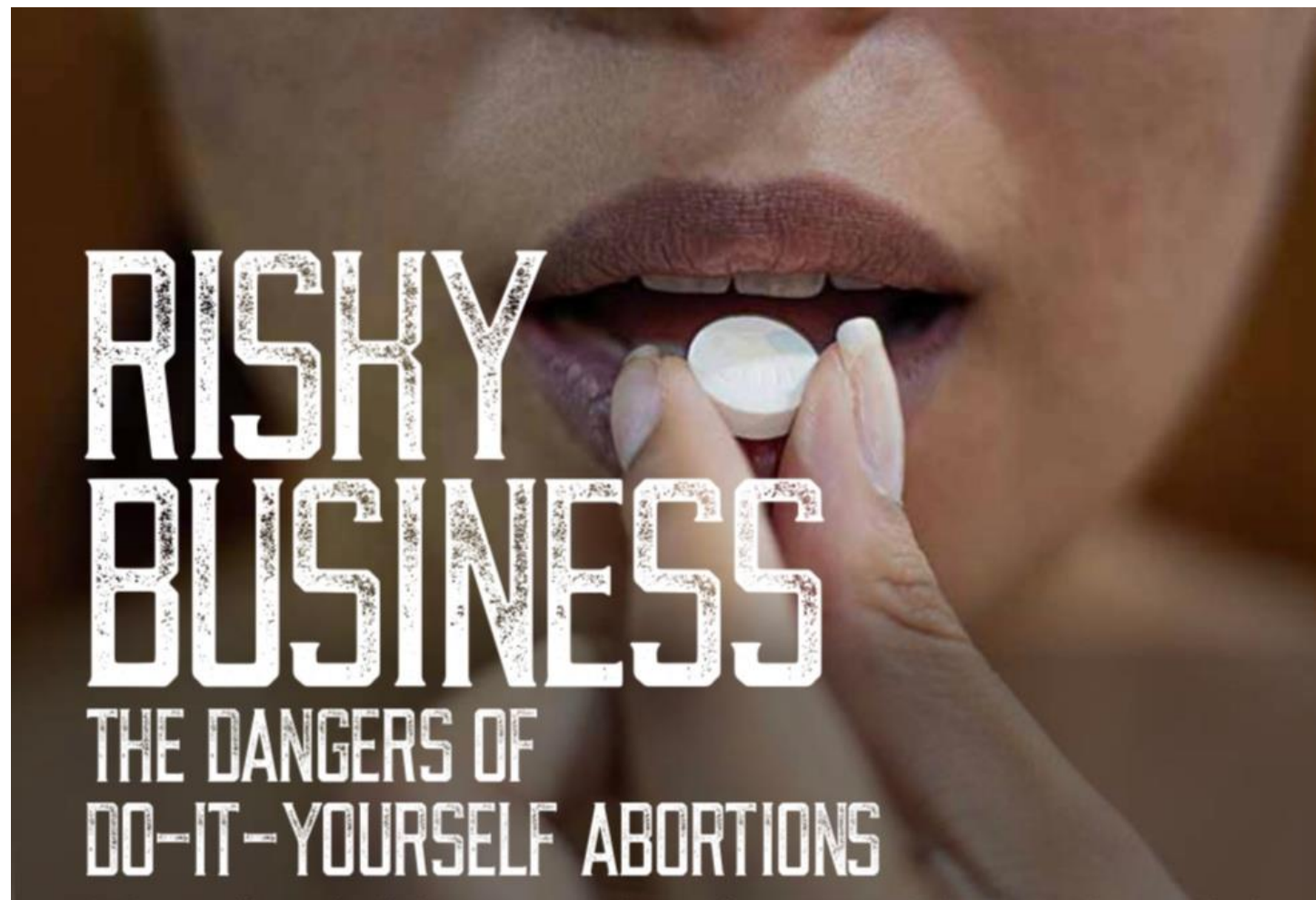


PROTECTIONS FOR VULNERABLE KENTUCKIANS

- **Address threats such as:**
 - **Death by Mail and Death Tourism**
 - **Abortion Pill Trafficking**
 - **Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia**
- **Emphasize compassion, care, and life-affirming alternatives.**



STOP ABORTION TRAFFICKING OF MINORS



- **Criminal Penalties for Abortion Trafficking of Minors**
- **Penalties for transporting minors across state lines to obtain an abortion without parental consent**
- **Digital ad disclosures for minors.**
- **Civil remedies for parents of minors injured in abortion procedures.**

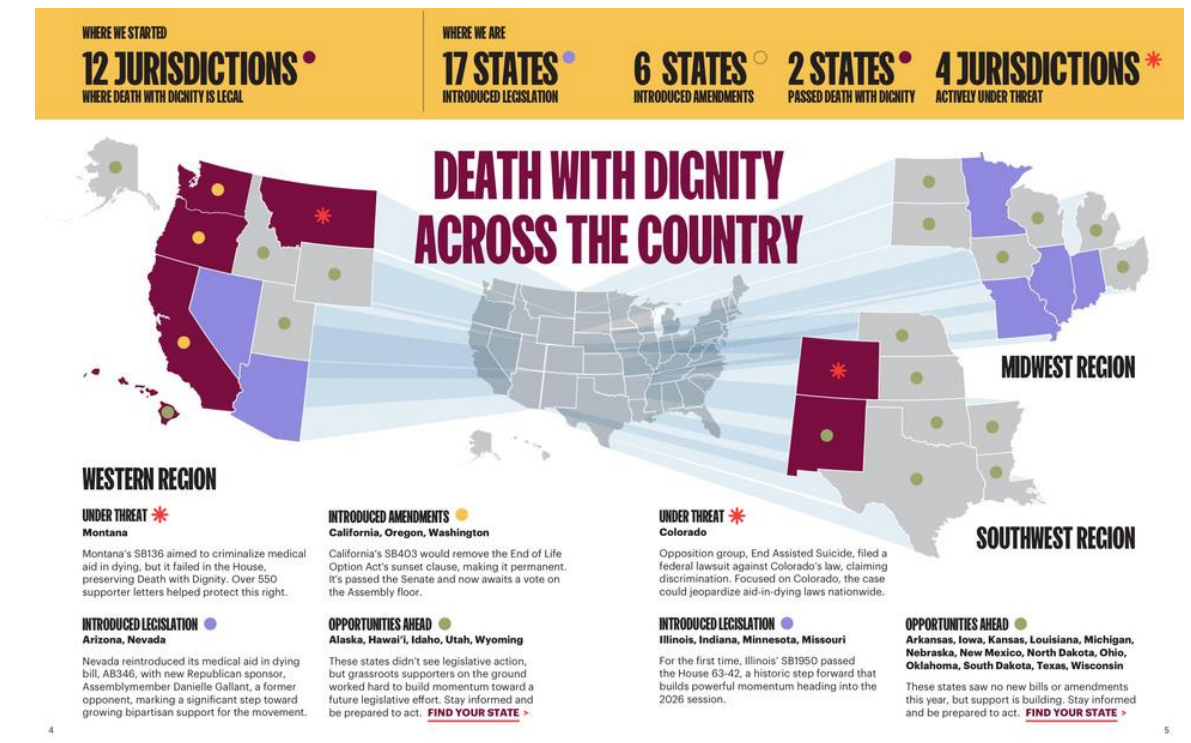
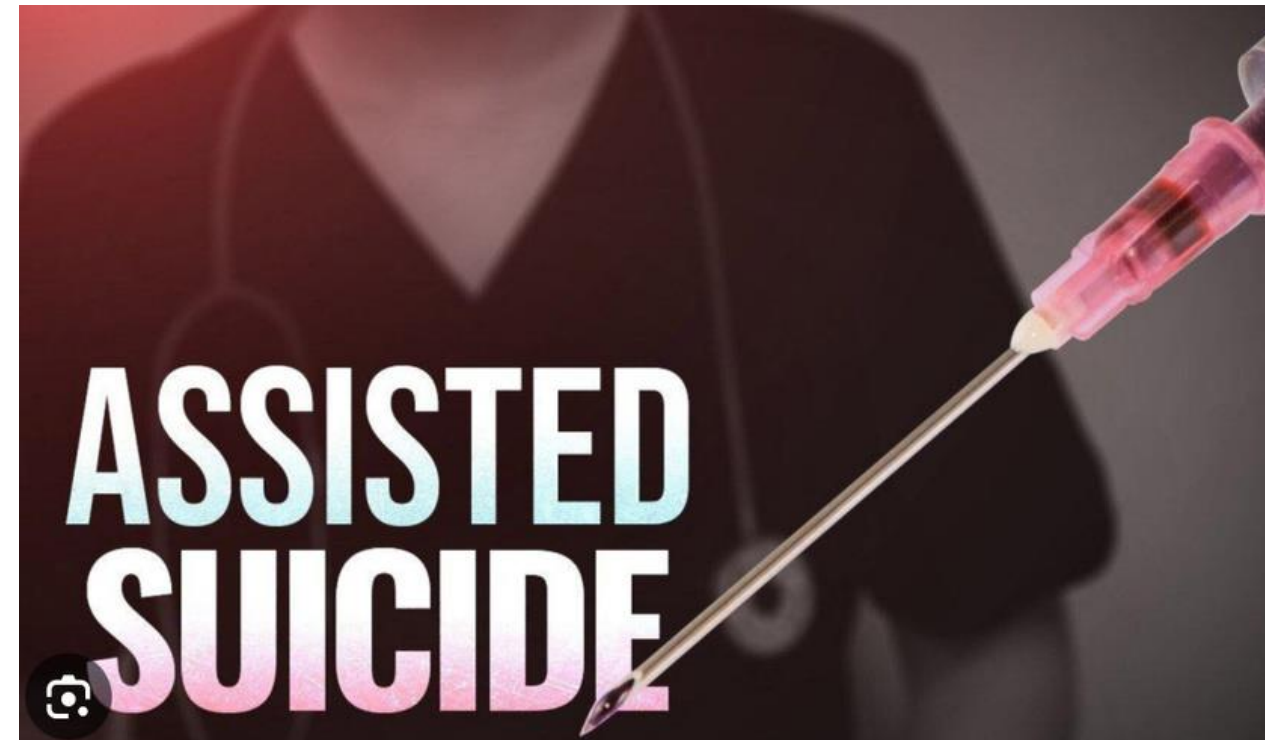
PREVENTING FUTURE MAiD (ASSISTED SUICIDE)

- **Medical aid in dying is the act of prescribing lethal medications to a patient who can self-ingest them with the intent of hastening their death.**
- Kentucky's statutes governing living wills and end-of-life decisions (KRS 311.621–311.643) expressly allow advance directives and permit refusing or withdrawing life-prolonging treatment in certain circumstances, but they do not authorize euthanasia or mercy killing. KRS 311.639 states those sections “shall not be construed to condone, authorize, or approve mercy killing or euthanasia.” .
- Kentucky law and case law have consistently treated any affirmative, deliberate act to end another's life (euthanasia or assisted suicide) as impermissible; assisted suicide is not legally authorized in Kentucky under current statutes.
- There have been legislative proposals in recent years to create a “Death with Dignity” / aid-in-dying framework in Kentucky, but such bills have not become law as of the most recent summaries; changes would require explicit legislation and safeguards patterned after states that have authorized medical aid in dying.



2026 legislation Protecting Vulnerable Kentuckians includes prohibiting the marketing, distribution, illegal transporting, mailing, and trafficking of Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD), i.e., assisted suicide kits, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Propose legislation to include criminal penalties and civil remedies for individuals and families harmed by these drugs.



- To date, 12 states, including the District of Washington, have legalized euthanasia, the most recent being Illinois, voting late in the night on the passage of Bill 1950.
- To the north in Canada, assisted suicide and euthanasia are permitted and include mental illness. In 2026, the laws will permit euthanasia for minor children.

Kentucky Organ Donation – Recent Headlines

- Review emerging ethical and policy concerns related to organ donation and transplantation in Kentucky.



A federal investigation has found that a Kentucky nonprofit pushed for organ donation procedures despite signs of life in patients.

By WKYT News Staff

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Organ Procurement Ethics

- **'Pause in Procedure' Act.**
- **Uniform Determinant of Death Standards.**
- **Reporting and Whistleblower Protections.**

A federal investigation has found that a Kentucky nonprofit pushed for organ donation procedures despite signs of life in patients, according to a report from the New York Times.

The findings are the result of a four-year investigation by the Health Resources and Services Administration into Network for Hope, formerly Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, the primary organization that facilitates organ and tissue donation in Kentucky.

The New York Times reports that dozens of cases were found where investigators determined that the process should have been stopped sooner.

Protections for Vulnerable Kentuckians Part III

Why This Legislation Is Needed

- Recent Kentucky investigation revealed serious ethical concerns.
- Reports indicate some patients may not have fully met death criteria.
- Federal reviews ongoing—state safeguards needed now.
- Honors donors while ensuring no life is taken prematurely.

Kentucky Proposal: “Pause in Procedure”

- **A safeguard to ensure no organ recovery proceeds when signs of life may still be present.**
- **Strengthens ethical standards and restores public trust in organ procurement.**

Protections for Vulnerable Kentuckians Part III

Who Can Trigger a Mandatory Pause?

- **Immediate family / next of kin**
- **Legally authorized healthcare surrogate**
- **Attending physician or medical care team**
- **Hospital personnel involved in patient care**
- **Organ procurement organization (OPO) staff**

Protection and Justice for Kentucky Women 2026

- **Focus on protecting women's health, safety, and dignity.**
- **Review and strengthen existing laws and programs that support women before and after pregnancy.**



Protecting Kentucky's Women and Children IV

Focus on Commercial Surrogacy and its implications:

- **Commodifies women and children (“rent a womb, buy a child”)**
- **Review international examples — list of countries that ban or restrict commercial surrogacy**
- **Include graphics from the existing three-part story**

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WHEN THE WOMB BECOMES A MARKETPLACE

What happens when surrogacy is driven solely by profit?

- Women may be pressured to sign contracts with no legal safeguards.
- Intended parents may abandon a child due to disability or gender.
- Surrogates may be denied medical autonomy or care



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SURROGACY IN THE U.S: PROMISE OR PERIL?

In recent years, the U.S. has seen a growing surge in commercial and international surrogacy arrangements. While some are formed with genuine intentions, others reveal deeply concerning ethical gaps—especially in states like California, where a recent case shocked the nation: 21 children were removed from a Los Angeles home in what authorities are now investigating as a potentially exploitative surrogacy scheme.



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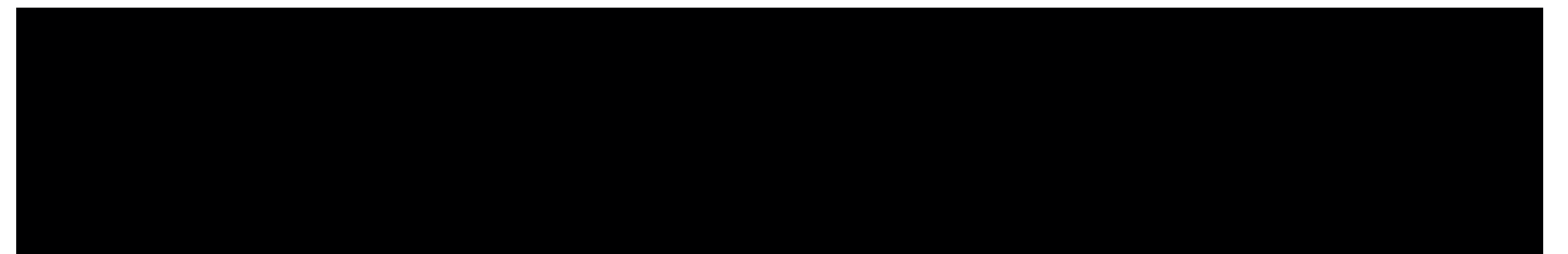
States with stronger
protections:

- **Louisiana** (only altruistic surrogacy permitted)
- **Nebraska** (surrogacy contracts are void and unenforceable)
- **Michigan** (criminal penalties for commercial surrogacy)
- **New York** (permits surrogacy but requires strict ethical standards and legal representation)

Supporting Couples Experiencing Infertility and Understanding IVF in Kentucky

With compassionate support for couples facing infertility in our state, we have no accurate data for Kentucky. All statistical reporting is generated by the National Reporting.

2026 legislation: statistical reporting on IVF practices in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to allow aggregate data on lives created, embryo transfers, live births, singles, and multiples—twins and triplets.



EDUCATION ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Continue educational
and awareness efforts
highlighting the beauty
and development of
human life from
conception.



Baby Olivia 2026

Thank You!

We look forward to sharing with you more on protecting vulnerable Kentuckians in 2026.

