# THE NATIONAL INFERTILITY ASSOCIATION



Family Building:
Understanding The
Legislative
Landscape

### What will I cover today:



Protecting Access to Care

Current Activity







### About RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association

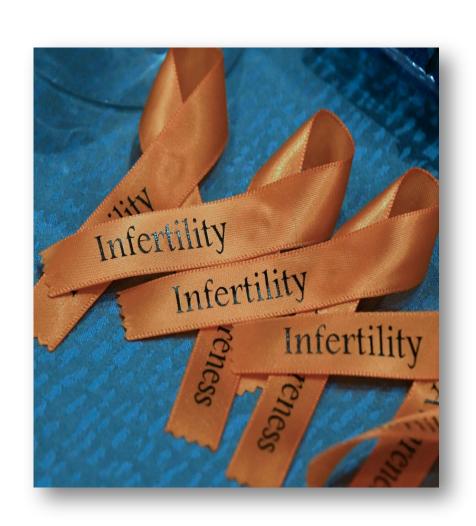
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Founded in 1974, RESOLVE is dedicated to ensuring that all people challenged in their family building journey reach resolution through being empowered by knowledge, supported by community, united by advocacy, and inspired to act.



### **Quick Facts:**

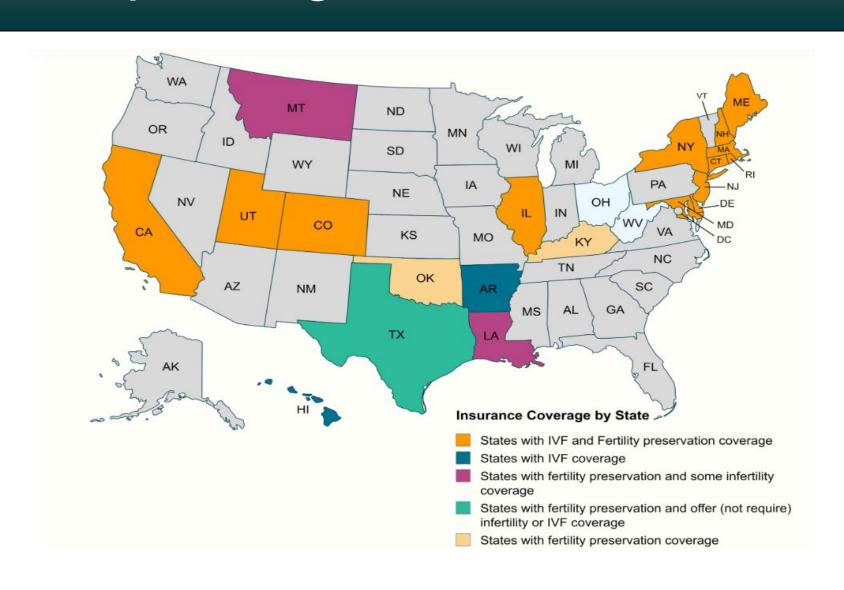
- Staff of 13 people
- Annual Revenue of \$3.1 Million
- Hundreds of volunteers



## We expand access to care via three key initiatives at RESOLVE:

- State Insurance Mandates
- Policy changes at the Federal Level (Congress and/or Administration)
- Coverage at Work Program

### Expanding Access to Care



### Expanding Access in 2025 Through State Insurance Mandates

Worked on IVF/FP legislation in WA & MN – those bills have died

Still active in OR and NV for IVF/FP

Active in NJ for Medicaid coverage

EHB Process in CA

Activity in NY, PA, & MI

RESOLVE hosted Advocacy Days in MN and WA

### Federal Legislation in 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

Veterans
Infertility
Treatment
Act

IVF for Military
Families Act

Access to Family Building Act

FEHB Fairness Act IVF Tax Credit Bills NDAA Cryo Program for Military

### Protecting Access to Care





- Organizations and groups that have always opposed IVF are now active and mobilized
- The popularity of IVF presents challenges to the groups aimed at limiting or regulating access, yet they are well funded and in this for the long haul
- Promotion of "health and safety standards regarding the practice of in vitro fertilization" – this language is in most of the Republican supported bills in Congress
- According to the Heritage Foundation, the "IVF Industry Must be Regulated":
  - Genetic testing
  - Embryo Cryopreservation
  - Limitations on the number of embryos created

### **HOW DID WE GET HERE?**





# It Started with Alabama

#### The New York Times

Alabama Rules Frozen Embryos Are Children, Raising Questions About Fertility Care





Ala. court order defining frozen embryos as children has fertility doctors scrambling

### The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

Shock, anger, confusion grip Alabama after court ruling on embryos



Patients undergoing IVF in Alabama share fears after providers pause treatments



Alabama clinics pause IVF treatments after frozen embryo ruling





















### **Alabama Supreme Court Ruling**

White House invited RESOLVE's CEO to a meeting to discuss the future of IVF with other key leaders, and Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) invited her as his guest to the State of the Union on March 7, 2024.

In March 2025, a RESOLVE patient advocate from Alabama testified at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on reproductive rights.



Readout: In Wake of Alabama Supreme Court Ruling That Has Halted Access to IVF, White House Hosts Convening with Advocacy Groups to Discuss Importance of Work to Protect Access to Fertility Services





### IVF Regulation = TRAP/TRIP Laws

- Targeted Restrictions on Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws are designed to close down abortion providers through chipping away at abortion access under the guise of "women's health"
- Medically unnecessary requirements
- Medical societies oppose TRAP laws as they don't improve safety
- The opponents of IVF know how to do this, have done it for years with abortion, and will not be swayed by scientific or medical information, especially on IVF.
- We now expect TRIP laws –Targeted Restrictions on IVF Providers



### More Legislative activity to watch for

Embryo storage regulation

Fertility Fraud – state and federal

Donor conceived persons rights and regulations

### IVF Executive Order

- What is it? What does it do?
- What happens next?



**▼ PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS** 

### Expanding Access to In Vitro Fertilization

The White House

February 18, 2025

### How to Get Involved



Your Questions and Peedback

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