



PASS Awareness Week

June 25-29th 2001

PASS on the healing...

**By age 45, 43% of women in the United States have had at least one abortion. Worldwide the numbers are even higher.*
Of the 43%, many are affected by PASS.**

Our mission is to raise PASS Awareness
and to offer healing support.

Together, we can make a
difference in the lives of women and
their families who have suffered by an
abortion. Together we can let them
know that they are not alone.

What is PASS?

PASS is an acronym for Post Abortion Stress Syndrome. After an abortion it's possible that a woman will have some normal feelings of grief, guilt, sadness, crying and loss. If the feelings become severe, interfere with her daily activities, persist for a long period of time, or lead to other more serious problems, she may be suffering from PASS.

Some PASS problems can be severely disruptive to a woman's life, and PASS can trouble her for months and even years after her abortion. The good news is that women can recover from PASS, can learn to heal from their abortion, and can go on to have happy, healthy productive lives. Women are usually afraid or embarrassed to even admit to having an abortion, let alone talk to anyone else about problems she might be having. Women are encouraged to think it is 'their fault' if they have trouble after an abortion, and that the abortion itself had nothing to do with how she feels, and that PASS is just some 'anti-choice myth'.

People need to know that Post Abortion Stress Syndrome is a real medical issue,
and can cause serious emotional or physical complications after an abortion.



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* - Stats quoted come from the Alan Guttmacher Institute website - <http://www.agi-usa.org/> -