

Life In Vermont

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What SCIENCE tells us about the preborn:

18 WEEKS

The baby can cry, his vocal chords are working.

7 WEEKS

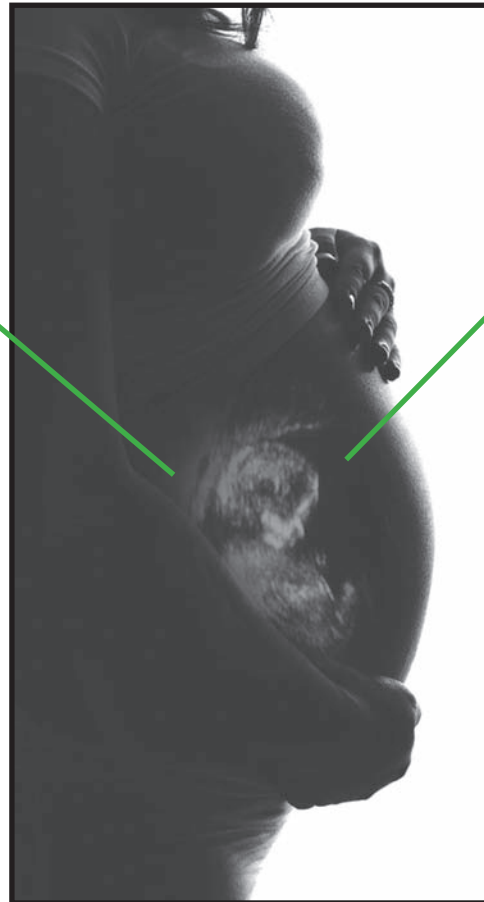
She has fingers, toes and ears.

3-4 WEEKS

His heart is beating.

6 WEEKS

Electrical brain wave patterns can be recorded.



20 WEEKS

The baby is 7-10 inches long, weighing about 1 pound, has hair and she can feel pain.

11-12 WEEKS

The baby can suck her thumb, has fingernails and unique fingerprints that never change.

1 WEEK

Implantation, the new life is composed of hundreds of cells.

8 WEEKS

All his organs are functioning; kidney, bladder, thymus, etc.

 **Amazing**

At just 24 days, an unborn baby's heart begins to beat regularly!

“Every human embryologist in the world knows that the life of the new individual human being begins at fertilization. It is not a belief. It is a scientific fact.”

Ward Kischer, Ph.D, Human Embryologist, University of Arizona

WORST.

DECISION.

EVER.

Amy's Story Montgomery Center, Vermont

"I had not one but two abortions. Back then, it was considered 'progressive' for women to take control of their bodies...and I fell into the trap of lies about abortion only involving 'tissue.' But the ache inside kept the memory alive.

The second time, I was married and I truly, truly wanted the child; but instead of being met with joy, I was told a baby would interfere with my husband's plans for graduate school. I was weak and alone....and I was so angry.....I knew it was wrong, but I did it.

I remember the nurse holding my hand and saying, 'Don't worry, it'll be over soon.' But it wasn't over for me; it just started years and years of silent suffering and guilt. I lost trust in people and began hating my very self.

Then, I learned about the power of God's forgiveness and mercy and I started to forgive myself. From then on, I could not be silent any longer, ever again.

Today, I edit other post-abortion testimonials from my Vermont home and post them on a website for women who want to help others avoid the pain of abortion. At times, it is difficult to relive my mistakes over and over, but it also reaffirms my commitment to stop the destruction of human lives."

Rick's Story Rutland, VT

"I played a very scared and mixed up part of my partner's abortion. I felt that I had nowhere to go for help including my parents or her parents.

I felt alone and scared; I could not support a family. I know now that this was a very wrong feeling. I should have reached out further for help.

I did accompany my partner to the clinic..... I felt helpless in the waiting room. I wanted to get up and run through the door and tell them to stop! I have to live with that feeling the rest of my life..... I felt I could not look her in the eyes without feeling shameful and guilty. Forgiveness has taken a long time."



I
**Regret
My
Abortion**

www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org

"There are few experiences that affect a person more deeply than abortion; there is a thread of profound guilt, shame, grief and trauma that runs through almost every story I've heard. Many believe they can never experience the love and forgiveness of God again, and could never forgive themselves. Throughout my years as a therapist and a Project Rachel retreat facilitator, I have witnessed women and men grieve, receive forgiveness and find peace - some for the first time in their life."

Julia Lewis, LCMHC, South Burlington, Vermont.

Project Rachel
<http://hopeafterabortion.com/>



Adoption Options

After finding yourself unexpectedly pregnant, you may be feeling a lot of mixed emotions.

You should know that adoption options have changed and expanded.



You might be surprised to learn that you have the right to evaluate and choose the adoptive parents. And even after placing your child in a loving adoptive home, you can still be involved through pictures, updates, and even visits.

If you prefer, you can opt for a private adoption where your identity is protected.

You have the flexibility to make a choice for your life and the life of your child.



"Dreams crushed, difficult decisions, heart breaking separation birthed out of selfless love. Out of emotional ashes rises love and hope, healing broken hearts and gently placing children in nurturing, caring families, helping them grow and develop their unique gifts."

Susie, Vermont Adoptive Parent

What is the Current Legal Status of Unborn Children in Vermont?

No law in Vermont recognizes the humanity of an unborn child at any point throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy, even though science and technology indisputably demonstrate that fact.

In Vermont...

**215 Animals and Plants
Have Legal Protection**



But in Vermont...

**unborn babies
have NO
legal protection.**

Read one Vermonter's story
about why it matters that her
babies had no legal recognition:
Google Bennington Babies

Search the
Vermont Statutes Online
with this link:

www.leg.state.vt.us/statutesmain.cfm



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