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CONFUSION SURROUNDING ABORTION ACCESS REMAINS HIGH AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

AbortionFinder is an easy-to-use search tool connecting people in the U.S. to verified abortion care and support.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A recent survey from <u>Power to Decide</u> found that more than <u>seven out</u> <u>of ten respondents (73%)</u> indicated they did not know of a clinic or health care provider that they could go to if they wanted or needed an abortion in the near future. Of those, <u>41% reported</u> that they did not know how they could find a clinic or health care provider.

As we approach another year without *Roe v. Wade*, the decision that affirmed a constitutional right to abortion, confusion amongst young people on where to turn to get an abortion remains high.

"Even before the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, immense barriers to abortion care disproportionately harmed young people, people of color, those in rural areas and people with low incomes. The *Dobbs* decision that overturned *Roe* has created an even more dire abortion access landscape. Across the country, many people are unsure where they can go to access abortion care, potentially worsening health outcomes as people navigate various state bans and restrictions," said Power to Decide CEO, Dr. Raegan McDonald-Mosley, MD, MPH.

In 2020, Power to Decide launched <u>AbortionFinder</u>, a comprehensive directory of trusted, verified abortion providers and assistance resources in the United States. Since its launch, AbortionFinder has had 8.25M visits, of which 6.5M (over three-quarters) have accrued since the *Dobbs* decision.

"With more than six million visits to AbortionFinder after the *Dobbs* decision, it is clear that people need and are actively seeking trustworthy resources on abortion care. As attacks on abortion care continue, we remain committed to ensuring that people have accurate information about abortion options so they can make informed decisions and access the care they need," continued <u>Dr. Raegan McDonald-Mosley, MD, MPH.</u>

AbortionFinder helps people identify appropriate providers based on gestational age, the next available appointment near them and funds or other support to help pay for and get to their abortion appointment. AbortionFinder is regularly updated as state laws and service provision

change and provides medically accurate information about abortion options, with detailed <u>state-by-state guides</u> available in both English and Spanish.

This survey was conducted by Power to Decide using Ipsos probability-based online panel, KnowledgePanel. Data were collected from September 29, 2023 – October 6, 2023 among individuals 15 to 29 years of age, assigned female at birth. A total of 1,150 surveys were completed with a margin of error for total respondents of +/- 3.5 percentage points adjusted for design effect, at the 95% confidence level.

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