



Abortion Support Collective  
Guiding Values

We value and respect all cultures, races, sexual orientations, and gender identities and expressions. We want to be as welcoming as we can be and provide a barrier-free experience for all persons in need of abortion. Our volunteers are 2SLGBTQSI+ affirming and respectful of all cultural and religious traditions and practices. We aim to provide a welcoming and compassionate atmosphere. We understand and respect that all individuals have their own unique lived experiences. We can and will advocate for you, your gender and pronouns, and your beliefs and practices.

**Access:** In the Greater Sudbury and Manitoulin Island district, located in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg, we have geographical access to abortion. However, there are invisible barriers, particularly in targeted communities within the area, which obscures and blocks this right. Access to abortion is a fundamental right. Our collective aims to work in support of ensuring that right, through the simple provision of support. We aim to combat these barriers through welcoming support, holding space, and firm advocacy.

**Equity:** We aim to provide relief from societal barriers encountered by individuals from targeted communities and groups. We acknowledge that the rights and freedoms of individuals from targeted communities are at risk. We also affirm and respect the unique lived experiences of all persons.

**Inclusion:** We acknowledge the history of mistreatment of BIPOC, transgender and gender non-conforming people, and people from targeted communities by the medical community. We aim to provide welcoming and affirming support for all persons in need of abortion without prejudice or bias. We value and respect the need to be acknowledged and accepted in one's own body and identity. We also recognize that self-advocacy in vulnerable positions is difficult. Our practice is to support and advocate for all individuals in need of an abortion.