

This interview has been lightly edited for clarity.

AMELIA BONOW:

Hello! Hello! Welcome to Abortion Academy. We're so excited that you're here. We're gonna let people arrive for just a couple of minutes before we get into it with our friends from Just Choice.

Oh, no. I just erased my introduction that I wrote for you for this. So now, I'm gonna go back to my email and find my draft, and then we'll start in a moment. This is what I get for doing way too many things in iPhone notes.

Hi, everybody! Thank you for being here with us. We just... I just realized that this is our 19th Abortion Academy, which made me feel really excited and proud, and I genuinely think that every single session has been incredible. And I'm just so grateful to everybody for showing up like in the middle of your work week, in the middle of your day.

We have been experimenting with different time slots. We initially were doing these at like 5 PM, Pacific and we started making adjustments when we were having international guests. And then we kind of decided to go with the noon Pacific time slot that this is, and let us know how this is working for you. You can put a thing in the chat in the Q&A if you want to. And it seems like this is good. I feel like people are kind of like maybe having this on in the background while you're plugging away at emails or whatever. And maybe that's better than like at dinner time. Okay, I'm gonna drink some water. And then we're gonna get into it-

I have poured water on myself. We're having a real day over here.

Molly and Laura are our special guests.

MOLLY RAMPE THOMAS:

Yes, we're feeling it.

AB:

They're moving offices today and are having a wacky Wi-fi issue. And they're on a phone that they're sharing. We're making it work. That's what we do right.

MRT:

Yeah, we just like to be really close to each other at all times. Last time we did this, Laura actually had covid. So that was awesome. She found that out after... Yeah, she doesn't have Covid right now. That's cool, that's cool. But she does have a cold. So.

AB:

Did she give you COVID?

MT:

No.

AB:

Wow!

MRT:

I know it's really impressive.

AB:

Really impressive. Okay, well, let's keep our fingers crossed that no one has Covid or Norovirus, or whatever else is happening, cause it is happening.

So hello, friends of Abortion Academy, and Laura and Molly. My name is Amelia Bonow. I use she/ her pronouns, and I am the executive director of Shout Your Abortion. SYA is a nationwide organization, working to normalize abortion and elevate paths to access, regardless of legality. We make resources, campaigns, and media intended to arm existing activists, create new ones and foster collective participation in abortion access all over the country and the world which is really one of the reasons why we're so excited to talk to Molly and Laura, because the model of just choice we feel is very conducive to people participating in others care. This idea that we can help each other without, you know, fancy college degrees, or like a lifetime of experience, and that like there is a world where you really want to get involved in helping the people around you. And you have some time. You have a good heart. You have a good head on your shoulders, and most importantly, like you're willing to learn and to be accountable to your collaborators and accept and receive feedback, and you just get out there and do your best. And I think that the Just Choice model feels revolutionary in the way that it is potentially accessible and replicable.

So Abortion Academy, if you're not already aware, is a monthly Webinar series where we introduce you to one of our brilliant colleagues, or in this case two of them, and in general, we hope that Abortion Academy will deepen your knowledge, help you connect some dots between issues you're navigating regionally, and what's happening at the national and international level. And ultimately to give you fresh ideas to take back into your community.

Audience members will be off camera and muted for security reasons, but you will be able to ask questions in the chat throughout the session. And our speakers will talk to us, for...I don't know, maybe half an hour, and then I will pop back up. We'll have a convo. We'll take the questions from the chat, and we also have live Spanish translation available, which I should have said earlier. Apologies. But if you go to the lower right on the Zoom bar, there's an interpretation button with a globe, and you can choose to listen in the language you'd like- English or Spanish.

So Molly Rampe Thomas and Laura Sullivan from Just Choice, are here to talk to us today. Just Choice is a grassroots organization founded by people with a range of experience with abortion, adoption, parenting, and the foster care system.

The organization is built around the principle that a pregnant person cannot make an ethical adoption decision without having access to all their pregnancy options, including abortion. Just Choice is contacted by pregnant people who need support, whether that be emotional, financial, administrative, or otherwise, and staff help them navigate both their pregnancy decisions and the systems surrounding pregnancy that are so notoriously harmful, especially to marginalized folks. So the Just Choice staff perform many of the same functions as a social worker might. And the organization is essentially the pro-abortion's abortion movement's version of a crisis pregnancy center. And we I don't know about you all, but I've been having a lot of conversations with movement colleagues about how much we wish that our movement ,and whoever has a bunch of money and supports abortion access, would have invested in like a pro-abortion CPC model something where people are able to like, show up and just receive like...be really like met where they are and helped through.

Uh-oh, did we lose our guys? Did we lose our guests? I'm not seeing them up top.

MV:

I think we did lose them.

AB:

Okay, I bet that they'll be back. Everyone just sit tight.

What was I saying... about CPCs like...I don't know. I know that CPCs receive like hundreds of millions of dollars in Federal funds, and I don't see the pro-abortion version of a CPC being something that the Democrats that we all know and love are willing to rally behind, especially something that is fundamentally working outside of systems, which I think is another thing that's like really exciting to me about the Just Choice model is like how much this isn't totally a within the systems approach. And these are folks that understand systems, but are not necessarily part of them.

I don't know what we do in this situation. Do we have any ideas? Feel free to throw your ideas in the chat. I feel like they'll be back. But I wish it would happen. Let me text them.

Oh, I bet the phone died. Oh, right, they were on a phone. So yeah, Molly and Laura moved offices today. And we're having wi-fi issues. And so they were on a phone. But the fact that...yeah, I bet it did die because Molly has read receipts on, and she has not seen my text.

This might be a rescheduling moment. I don't know. Michelle? What do you think?

MV:

I think we give it five.

AB:

Okay, let's give it 5. Thank you for hanging out. Thank you for giving a heart. Yay, that's so nice. I don't want to just sit here and blab. I wish we had some hold music for you. Feel free to talk to us in the chat if you want.

Oh! I think Molly is back.

MV:

They're back.

MRT:

Oh, my God! We're so sorry!

AB:

That's okay.

MRT:

[We've been having issues with the] internet all day, and it just kicked us out. We're moving. We moved locations so-

AB:

Oh, my! Gosh! No, don't worry about it. Okay, we're all about making it work. Yay, like all of these affirming emojis.

MRT:

I know. Thank you. I'm telling you. This is how our day's been going. [We're gonna] go off camera for a second, so you don't see all this.

AB:

Okay, do you want to stay off camera or-

MRT:

We're here and we're ready.

AB:

Okay, cool. Well with that. This is really adorable. Okay? And I feel like it's very fitting. It's like life. Yeah, fucking mess all the time. Nonstop.

MRT:

A day in our life for real.

AB:

Yeah, it's like, everything is really hard and chaotic. And we're not gonna stop trying.

Okay, we're excited to hear from you. I'm going to hand it over to you. Tell us about Just Choice.

MRT:

We're so excited to be here. Thank you, guys so much, and thanks for everybody who's listening, too. So my name is Molly Ramp Thomas. My pronouns are she/her and I'm the founder of just choice, and Laura is here, as well. Laura Sullivan. She/her pronouns, and she is my right hand. So I started Just Choice 14 years ago. I was actually, at the time, running the core programs for our local YWCA. And at any given time, our number one client was a single mom, and then from there, 50% of them were pregnant.

And so I started to be the go to person for people who needed abortions. From there I began a relationship with a local abortion provider and really started to just talk with them about how... like would there be a possibility that we could make clinics a safe place for pregnant people to come to hear all of their options, and I sort of had this dream of opening up abortion clinics and adoption agencies in the same location, but also to help people be able to parent their kids, because that's what I was doing in the homeless shelter. That idea was sparked also from an article that I had read, and it was about a crisis pregnancy center masking itself as being pro-choice, and that people were going, and, you know, believing that they were going to enter to get an abortion, and instead were pressured into keeping their pregnancy.

So what happened is that I was welcomed into the abortion movement specifically by independent abortion providers. And so I was welcomed in as like the Adoption Agency that they could trust. I did that work until Roe V. Wade fell, and when Roe V. Wade fell, I decided that it was time to go back to that like deep roots of my mission, and that was to be a direct competitor to crisis pregnancy centers.

So, our local city actually funded us to open up, to have (we are headquartered in Columbus, Ohio) to have Columbus, Ohio have this space that could serve as a direct competitor to crisis pregnancy centers. They gave us a half a million dollars to open up specifically a parenting program. So, what happened was that we were able to present to them like, when a pregnant person comes to us, we offer deep, all options, counseling support. From there, we can always help them access abortion via funds and via providers, you know, we don't stop until we help them succeed in that plan. We're able to for the very, very small percentage of them that choose it, we're able to help them create adoption plans. But we really do struggle with helping people to parent.

So what they did is give us money specifically, the two things that we're doing to help people parent is [that] we are offering respite care to them when moms are in need of it, and we are also giving deep mutual aid support. Last year, we gave \$150,000 in mutual aid support, and sort of our dream is an 'ask and you shall receive' model. So again, like, if you look at crisis pregnancy centers, they, you know, do free ultrasounds and then they give a free pack of diapers. And we're like, No, no, we're gonna we're actually working on doing free ultrasounds, too. But we do that in partnership right now with clinics. But we can get them the things that they need all the things that they need with no strings attached. Diapers are never free at crisis pregnancy centers. Diapers are always free with us.

So I feel like I'm jumping all around, but essentially our dream is to use the RJ framework and actually be the person serving the tenet of being able to parent the children people have in safe and sustainable communities. So the ultimate goal is to be able to keep families together. So yeah, Laura, when I brought her on it, was specifically so... Laura was brought on specifically to make the option to parent real at Just Choice, and she brought with her a model that was created by sort of a religious movement. So we took all of the parts of their stuff that was working and created our own model with it, and we've been able to since Laura came, we've helped almost 150 kids be hosted while their moms did things like, you know, sometimes people are coming to us, and they're getting all options counseling, and they have jail time to serve, so they'll deliver, and then we'll keep the baby for them while they serve their jail time, and then we're able to give the baby right back to them. That's just one example. We have partnerships with local agencies here to be able to have them find us, because finding us is actually really hard. In Ohio alone, crisis pregnancy centers have a four million dollar marketing budget. We have no marketing budget. So all of our referrals come directly from abortion clinics or the partnerships that we've created in our community.

LAURA SULLIVAN:

Thank you for doing all of that talking, Molly. As you can hear, I'm losing my voice, but a quick intro on who I am and what I bring to this work and what I add to our approach. I know in the beginning we talked about everyone on our team having some sort of lived experience, so I am a social worker, and I started my career as a children's services worker or family police, however you identify that, [and] foster care. I did that for a few years and realized that I wasn't actually helping anyone, and I had come to that work because I wanted to help people. I was born to teen parents. Both of my parents were teenagers when they had me, and my mom was a rape survivor, and I was conceived in rape. So there was a lot of complexities in how I grew up, being raised by young people who were really, really traumatized. And so I went into social work thinking I was going to help people, and in that I learned I wasn't actually helping people, and that that system that we have been told is helping families and keeping them together and helping them get the resources they need, we actually weren't doing that. So, given my experience as an unhoused youth when I was a teenager, I lived with lots of different people who weren't my family. I was never system involved. But I had to live with people who weren't my family to survive. And so I bring all that experience, children services, plus my own individual experience, to this work. And that is how we've created the hosting or respite program. And so it really takes into account, what is the system doing? What is the system saying? What are parents navigating? And also what are children experiencing? What does that feel like for them?

So Molly mentioned, we work with moms that have babies, or have just had babies, or figuring out what to do, or they have young kids. We also work with teenagers. So kids who have fallen through the cracks of our safety net. So maybe they're not in children's services, luckily, but they are living in unsafe situations, or they're navigating the world on their own as teenagers. And when you're a teenager navigating the world on your own without parental support, you do a lot of really dumb shit to survive, and the hosting program has been an answer to that. It started as a few one off situations. But it's really become something that's really unique. And we've been

able to help people, and that looks like anything from young like teenage boys who have gun charges or stolen car charges to girls who are trying to access the judicial bypass to get an abortion, and they need a place to stay or to recover. We'll share some stories, because I feel like that's helpful. But that's a little bit about the work. And when we talk about the hosting program, what we're saying.

Um...Sorry, I'm out of my rhythm since we had that huge mess up at the beginning.

So I feel like it's important to maybe break down the model a little bit more. So, the hosting program I feel like is specifically the model that's most important, because we all know what it looks like to help people navigate abortion, and then adoption is such a small part of our work. We'll talk about that.

So helping people to parent looks like giving them the money that they need. And we do this really, really well in Ohio, because that's where we have the resources. But we also support people in other states.

So I guess a story that emulates this and all of our work is we are supporting a young person in a Western state in Missouri in foster care, and when you're a kid in foster care, your legal parent is the state, and that really sucks for a lot of reasons. But in this particular situation, this teenager wanted an abortion. She was told she wasn't allowed to, because at that time in Missouri, abortion was not yet legalized, and so she had to stay pregnant. And then she wanted to parent, but because her parents are the state or foster care, they know all of her terrible bad things [like] her list of all her bad behaviors, all the things she's done, all the mistakes she's made like [they're] not going to let you parent, and that's just not how it works like she deserves the right to try to parent. And so her and her family contacted us, and we were able, with an organization in St. Louis., to raise money and support her and her aunt. During that process, you know, the caseworkers tried to force her into a maternity home. We were able to stabilize her with her aunt, and she delivered her baby. But then, when she was in the hospital because she had been moved to a foster home. Once she was in the hospital, the foster parent just abandoned her and didn't come back. And then some nurse brought in paperwork for the maternity home again. And this kid's in the hospital like she just gave birth. She wants to try to parent, and they took her closest social connections out of her life and abandoned her at the hospital, and then said, your option to parent, is to go to this maternity home, and we, with the help from some other organizations, were able to find her an attorney to represent her. And we're gonna see where that goes. But it's those complexities, I feel like, are something that maybe we, unless you're in or you've experienced the children's services or family policing system, you maybe don't understand, and I'm happy to answer any questions about that. But those are like one of the messy situations that we get creative and try to find solutions for.

And we were... honestly what we did was we worked with an organization on the ground, and they raised a shit ton of money to help this family stabilize and have a house to live in. And I say that to say because I think that's how we're going to get through these next few years is by doing things like that, coming together as a community, raising money, doing bold shit that says

we're not just going to go along with the status quo. We're going to give people what it is they need. And we, as a community, are going to show up to do that.

MRT:

Yeah, I was gonna just say, you know, the way that you see us partnering with abortion clinics really is like, maybe a pregnant person comes...and we just had a call today from a pregnant person from Georgia, who is 32 weeks pregnant trying to get to Maryland. She was calling all these places, but she just needed some extra help. And so we have people on our team who can do that, you know, do the additional to support her to make sure that she can access that late term abortion and give her the resources she needs. We're able to help her connect with someone who, in her language, too, to make sure that she could feel really heard and understood. And then nuances we weren't picking up that we were able to get with that support, too.

So abortion clinics will refer pregnant people to us to sometimes do that deeper all options counseling, but also sometimes, you know, a pregnant person just leaves. They think they can figure it out on their own, but they're not able to do that. So they call us. We connect them to the funds, we connect them to the providers, or maybe they're calling us, because they are too far along to access abortion, and they want to create an adoption plan. And so from there we're able to make sure that they're centered in their plan. Make sure that they have access to all families, including LGBTQ families. Make sure they're not going to, you know. There's thousands of adoption agencies in the United States. Only five of us are recognized by the abortion movement, so making sure that she's connected to an adoption agency that she can trust, and really with the goal of keeping her in an open adoption plan, as well.

And again, you know, last year we served almost a thousand women. We did nine adoption plans. So that's for a very, very small percentage of the people we serve. And then the other percentage is that parenting help. And people say, well, how can you like... yes, you can do that really great with your local people which we really can, because we can host really well there. But there's never been a time that we haven't had mom call us, or a pregnant person call us, considering parenting, that we haven't been able to access through our partnerships in other states, even starting with the abortion clinic to say, 'Okay, we have this person tell us some names of places we could begin to call.'

So, you know, we sort of tell anyone who is an ally to us, or a family, or a volunteer or interns, anyone who wants to help support our work that we have, you know, this low barrier for entry, but we have high expectations once you get here, and that's really just that we take each person human by human. You know we aren't operating...we try to not operate in any model of white supremacy that we're trying to race through all of that, and really lean towards the voice of the person experiencing it, plus the voices of the people on our team who have experienced it themselves as well to support them.

So yeah, I think the other thing that Amelia we talked about was, you know, funding for us, too. You know we, the city funded us, and our county also funds us. That's our major funding

sources. We know now, with Trump in the administration, that we will most likely be losing that funding so we're in conversation with other donors about that. I still think you know, no matter what, though, we'll never be an agency that has a four million dollars marketing budget. And so we sort of say, you know, we're going to find each other through each other, you know. It's this idea that we really have to be in deep community with each other in this moment. It's going back to our roots and going back to each other that we're going to be able to make it through. We know that the people that you all love, and that we're fighting for every day, and you're fighting for every day are going to be experiencing life a much fucking harder than they already do. And so we just know we need to just slow down, be in unity with each other and really lean towards the RJ framework. And we are. We just had a call with Sister Song really to honor them for what they created this model that we can all follow. And really, I think we're just grateful to Shout Your Abortion for inviting us on here to really talk about the tenet of RJ that we don't always get to lift up in these spaces, and we're just really grateful for that.

AB:

Yeah, let me ask you some questions. Do you wanna chat a little or Laura, did you have anything to add?

LS:

No, I was just gonna tell more stories because I feel like, yeah, no, you, I mean. Yeah.

AB:

Stories are great.

Well, my first question was going to be if you could tell us a little bit about some situations like some things that you're able to do, that you're not able to do as a social worker? You know, like ways that you're...which I'm sure it's a lot of things, and I'm not trying to...that maybe sounds like a weird setup. But it's like, obviously social workers are constrained within these systems.

LS:

Yeah. So we talk a lot and are having conversations like with our team and with outside people about mandated reporting. And this idea that, you know, we think that if your state calls you a mandated reporter, that like no matter what, if somebody tells you something concerning you have to pick up that phone and make a report.

AB:

Can you give a definition of mandated reporting for folks who might not be familiar?

LS:

Sure. I'm sure every state's definition is different, but generally what it is is you're in a profession, whether it's a social worker, a teacher, a child care provider, a doctor, a nurse, that if you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, that you have to call your local children's services, family policing hotline. And that mandate is sort of made up right, because if you don't make a report like you're not...no one's coming after you. Right? Like, that's just not happening.

But I think it's important to understand that like, sure, yes. Maybe there are some times because we-

I'm not saying we shouldn't protect children, and we shouldn't keep them safe. But when you really understand what making that report means, you understand that you actually aren't keeping children safe by making that report a lot of times. And so we work through that a lot. So specifically in teenagers, right, because they're the ones that are talking to us and navigating but if I hear something, or if I know a mom is using or relapsing like...if I can provide safety and support and resources without picking up the phone and calling children's services, that's what we're going to do, because calling Children Services oftentimes means more hassle, more harm, and actually not resources. Right? Like Molly said before. I say, help is not on the way. When you call, you're not helping somebody.

So, for example, I'll just use a story here because it's fitting. So this week, [we] were working with a minor for a judicial bypass, and she reported some really concerning things at home, some physical abuse and just things being withheld from her, and that happened, and, like she had told us that, like historically. And then I had to go out and respond and like, because she needed help, and she's like 'my parents called the police on me', and when I got there the police were there, and they had already left, because they were done talking to everyone. So I said, 'Hey! Like just checking in like, what am I walking into?' And you know the cop was like, 'you know, she showed me some pictures of where she was hurt in the past, and she told me some concerning things, but like, I don't know, there's not really anything we can do.' And I was like, 'Oh, okay, thanks.'

So the kid didn't have any marks, but she was reporting concerning things, and the cop was just left, which is fine, I appreciate that. But then we were navigating...this child got a bypass, and her parents found out about it, and that elevated her safety risk, but they already knew about it. And so I was talking to our local Planned Parenthood navigator, and she's like, 'well, just remind her I'm a mandated reporter. So if she tells me anything, I have to report it'. And I was like: 'Well, I don't know that that would actually be helpful, because the police were already out, and she disclosed this to the police, and they didn't do shit about it. So I don't know what you think you calling children's services with these complaints are going to do, right?'

And that's just a time where, like, we know, we just have to keep this kid safe because calling children's services is only going to make her life worse, because, you know, she's a pregnant teenager that's having sex. And so she's obviously not believable, and her parents are frustrated with her rightfully. And you know all these narratives that, like we know, the worker is going to come in with. There's not actually any resource to keep that kid safe but the relationship is what keeps her safe. Her knowing she can call me, she can call the other advocate that she was connected to, and you know, we have a safe plan for her, but adding that to her life isn't going to be helpful.

MRT:

And, for her, number one was accessing abortion. That had to happen first. And so that was our ultimate goal. Like, she just needs to get this abortion complete. We can help her try to navigate

the rest afterwards. But just, you know, if anything that the Planned Parenthood navigator can do to support like if she gets there, and she's further along, and she doesn't have the money, call us. Don't send her away like she cannot leave without getting that abortion that day. So just really trying to be that extra advocate for them, you know, instead of who they may believe children's services could be to them.

Also, Laura and I are social workers so we are mandated reporters. We do have some members of our team that are mandated reporters. There's times where we bring them in, but we also operate from like, again, you know, if you talk to your state, you can actually ask them how many like... ours was something like a thousand reports were made last year. 500 of them were immediately not even reviewed. Of the 500 of them, maybe 50 of them they investigated, and only 13, they actually did something on, and half of those were felony cases, you know. So it's just like, you know, there's this like threat like this is going to happen and we would just say, Check out the threat. Is it legit? It really isn't, you know, but the threat that you're doing to her life by calling children's services is much greater for her. And there's times where we're here to help a pregnant person. But once they, you know, catch a children's services case sort of. We have to then navigate in that system, and it just a lot harder for her.

Sometimes there's resources in the system that we can access and are helpful, but the majority of the time it's just adding extra layers of hurt to her, and barriers to her being able to keep her family together.

LS:

And so an example of a mandated reporter situation, or children's services, and somebody who-

So we have worked with...we get a lot of referrals from a local organization that supports trafficking survivors. And so we work with a lot of young moms who've been there already parenting, or they're pregnant, and they're giving birth, and they've just come out of trafficking. And so they're traumatized, and their life is really messy and it's chaotic, and they don't have a ton of resources. And those moms, once they give birth, they don't have people around them to support them so we become that. And so, just in this past year, we supported three moms who were fresh out of being trafficked, and they had babies, and all of them needed to either access mental health treatment, substance use treatment, or had to resolve issues within the criminal legal system, and rather than their children going directly into foster care, we were able to temporarily take care of their kids so they could go to treatment or go take care of whatever the warrant was, and serve their little sentence, and then they got their kids back afterwards, and we were there to support them and stabilize them with the host families becoming like the aunties that they didn't have, and that they couldn't rely on. Now, they have that social support, and that's really helpful. We all need social support, but especially when you're in such a vulnerable space. It's really the difference between succeeding and not succeeding.

AB:

Yeah, and I-

MRT:

Sorry I was just gonna say it's hard to heal without community.

AB:

Yeah, absolutely. I wanted to talk..well, I was going to ask you about boundaries. But one more thing on the mandatory reporting front. I mean, I think, that in this time, systems have failed us. We know that the cops are very, very frequently harmful, [and] very, very infrequently helpful. And yet, like, I definitely empathize with not knowing what to do when a situation is... like when a person is not safe or is making other people unsafe and like I feel very comfortable, you know, in wild situations that, like, you know more, I think, more than a lot of people. And I have de-escalation skills. And yet, like I've called the cops in the last year, and it's, I think, a very, very, very tricky call to make. I've also called like I have a lot of feelings about involuntary commitment and like whether or not that's something that-

But I've had loved ones that I don't know if they'd be alive today if they didn't go to the hospital. for two weeks.

LS:

So I think that's the difference, Amelia, and, like you have to do this, no matter what or being able to use your judgement. Sometimes it's appropriate, and it makes sense, and it's the only tool we have.

AB:

Yeah. That was what I was asking like are you hard line, don't ever do this?

MRT:

So children's services, 70% of the calls they receive are calls of neglect. Neglect is a parenting issue, not a-

LS:

Poverty.

MRT:

Neglect is a poverty issue, not a parent issue. So for cases of neglect, we're like, Well, can we? Is there something we can do to help, you know?

AB:

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

MRT:

In cases of like abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse. We would call, you know? It's just that we have to ask ourselves, are we doing more harm, or is there something else we can do instead? So yeah, I think you're right. I mean, ultimately-

AB:

It just has to be case by case, you know.

MRT:

Exactly.

LS:

And I think what people don't understand is so often, if you call in a physical abuse report for an older kid, it's screened out or seen as like this is a bad kid making bad choices, and their parents just trying to discipline them. It just gets so messy, and it's just like it's not gonna help. So what can we do instead? Now again, like, I'm not saying I never call, but I'm assessing the situation, and I'm talking to other people to make sure I'm not just like stuck in my own blind spot. I'm always getting a second and third opinion. But when you understand what that system's actually gonna do, you're like, yeah, calling isn't gonna be worth it. But if it's a sexual abuse case and the person is saying like 'I want help', I'm gonna... you know, because if you just call because you're told it, and the kids like I'm not tell anything, again, you're just harming that kid because they're not ready to talk about it. And if they don't acknowledge that, they can't be protected.

AB:

Yeah, it sounds like, your main point is like, this is a largely empty threat that is made to force people that have direct interactions with these folks into like being a narc, and in a way that just doesn't generally help anyone.

LS:

Yeah.

AB:

And that what we should be doing is operating from a place of our best judgment, and not sort of preemptively complying in a way that substantiates these systems and like makes them work. And I think that that's a really salient point to be made as we descend into this sloppy authoritarian hellscape is like this shit isn't all just happening because of, you know, just enforcement. It's happening because people comply before enforcement even needs to occur. And whether we're talking about ICE or we're talking about, you know, ratting people like just telling on people for whatever. And like the Feds, the cops, whoever coming and asking you a question in an effort to make you complicit in whatever the fuck that system's objective is. You do not have to answer. You don't have to answer. You don't have to talk to the cops. You can shut the fuck up, you can say I don't know, and I think that the more of us get comfortable with that idea and think about how we would react if, like a system knocked on our door and asked us a question, and the more we practice 'I don't know, I don't know' like, and the more that we read up on sort of like what we do and don't have to do-

MRT:

Yeah.

AB:

The safer our communities will be.

LS:

Absolutely. I think... I don't think that this new knowledge of calling the police or family policing isn't helpful is the only thing that brings us to this. But I think we also have to recognize that we've always needed to and now we especially need to step up for each other and be there for each other, because the systems aren't saving anyone.

AB:

Yeah.

LS:

But we can take care of each other if we do it, and that takes work and effort and sacrifice and definitely discomfort. But that's what's required to create the world that we say we want.

MRT:

We had a situation that just happened where we were talking to PPFA because they have a referral on there-

So they're starting...they're trying to add resources where they're helping pregnant people who want to access abortion or to parent, and so we had a conversation with them to be like 'yo, your resources are actually sending people to crisis pregnancy centers and children's services'. And so I feel like...I just want to say [that] I feel like, if you work for an independent provider or for Planned Parenthood right now, the one thing that you can do is check out your resources on your website, or if you're an ally, check out your resources. If you have a CPC or a religious affiliated organization listed, if you have children's services listed, just please take them off. Our team would be happy to brainstorm resources in your community. We have the capacity for people to call [and say] 'okay. I live here...-

AB:

That's amazing.

MRT:

'...Help me', and we would just be totally down for that, because what we offered to PPFA is like, 'hey, could we come to your national meeting, and just do a brainstorming session with people' because, you know it is...again, we're in Ohio alone. We're operating against a four million dollar marketing budget. We can't have PPFA referring to crisis pregnancy centers so y'all just are supporting them, and by supporting them, that means that they, you know...the pro-life movement, the anti-choice movement, the one thing they know that the legal piece of it they're not always able to achieve. What they can always achieve is making crisis pregnancy centers as strong as they fucking can.

AB:

Yeah.

MRT:

And that way no one can access abortion so we don't get any referrals online because pregnant people cannot find us. They cannot find us above a crisis pregnancy center. So we are just saying like, just like, at the very least, look at your agency's referrals and just make sure they're good, you know. And that might mean calling and saying, 'just making sure you're still operating', because truly a lot of places aren't operating anymore so that you can just like at least know that you're sending someone away with an unhelpful list.

AB:

Another place where we have seen a lot of CPC referrals is in student health centers, and we do have friends of SYA who have successfully organized to get those referrals taken off of the Health Center list. And I think it's a great like small organizing task that you were just talking about Molly for folks who work at clinics and.....just see where the referral lists are in your-

MRT:

Yeah, I even think that-

AB:

Like if you see a CPC, challenge that.

MRT:

Yeah, I think to...like, listen, they can get free stuff at a CPC. That's sometimes why people go most of the time [because] they're going to get a free ultrasound. That's the biggest barrier and they can get in...they can walk in and get a free ultrasound that's going to always be a barrier, but like, could your clinic ever offer, like Sunday mornings free ultrasounds, or something like that? Could your clinic also save a closet where you fill it with baby supplies, so that if someone does leave that you can actually fill them up with some things that they need just so they can get settled so they can take a breath for a second? You know, the things that they would turn to a CPC for, could you possibly give that to them as well. You know what are these small things that we can say, 'Oh, well, we do that here, too'.

AB:

Right.

MRT:

It would be our dream that you know... it would be so cool if we have some abortion clinics reaching out to us. We started a hosting model in California already, too, because hosting to create a respite care model is actually you do it with volunteers and and getting mutual aid

resources. I mean, there's times that we don't have mutual aid dollars. We just put on our site like, 'hey, we're looking for money for a mom to pay rent', and it almost always is getting paid. So like mutual aid it's sometimes... it's easier than you might think, especially if you have a great social media account. It's just like, okay, well, what are some of the things that we can do so we can start to make CPCs irrelevant?

AB:

So one question that I have about and I want to-

Jex is saying in the chat: 'I'm so appreciative of this conversation about the harm caused by family policing systems, which ought to be a common part of our conversations about family planning services, but are so often left out of the dialogue.'

And we have another question about how do you find your host families which I want to ask in a sec. But I was just, Molly, what you were just saying reminded me of...you know I think that I love that you all talk about your model being replicable, and I also think that like any work where people are directly engaging with pregnant folks, and or you know, in your case, like parents who are struggling, it's so high stakes and it also, I think, really... high stakes, meaning like you know, it's if you...people's lives are in your hands, you know, and I also think it's uniquely tricky, because this work, specifically as well as I think practical support, can really draw like a savior complex type person. And I think, a white savior complex type person, and I want to ask about how, as you said, it's like the mutual aid part is easy, and the idea of creating a host program makes sense.

But how do you train and vet volunteers? And how do you... I know you said earlier, Laura, and you've said it before like that you want there to be a low barrier to entry to this work, but like a high expectation of conduct which I really love. How do you make sure that the people that are volunteering with you, or hosting, or are coming to this work are not doing harm? And how do you address it if you feel like that's happening?

MRT:

Yeah. Well, you said you have their lives in your hands, but we know that their lives are in their own hands, you know. So it's like starting there. You know, we are just here to walk hand in hand with them. You know, our whole team operates from the model that we belong to each other. So what can we do to help each other in this moment? Helping her is helping me, you know? And so you know when our volunteers come, they're going to make mistakes. But like the moment we hear them say some white savior bullshit, we're just stopping it, you know.

AB:

Yeah.

MRT:

Anytime that we begin to see judgment or shame, we're just redirecting it. And I think it's that we build a trusting relationship. I mean, you can go to our website. You can go to our social media.

You understand when you come to us to volunteer that we ain't playing, you know. So like they come and they'll come to us and say 'the situation is happening. I don't want to do anything wrong here', and we're just able to talk it through with them. But you know we know that people have authority over their own lives. We're just trying to see what we can do to support in that moment so they don't have to turn to harmful systems.

I think also, you know Laura and I are both white, obviously. Our whole team...we have brown and Black folks on our team, and we turn to them. They lead the way. Often, too, there's times where they're really saying, 'hold up! I don't know if you're seeing this, but this is harm', and we're listening. Also, we are constantly spending time-

We have sort of a mandated time a month that our white members of our team have to review the tenets of white supremacy, see that we're making sure that we're not operating under them. And then we're using that, too, with any like white volunteers that are coming to us. But it's so important. What you're saying is so important because if we don't do it, we're just replicating the CPC model, you know, like they're like, you know, or the saving baby bullshit idea, you know, we're...you know, the system has already failed the pregnant people we are working with. They were failed when they were babies. You know, most of them were kids of the system and so they're just so desperate to not have their kids be kids of the system so systems have failed them their whole life. And so we're just trying to, you know, remind them of the strength that they have, and connect them to the resources we just happen to know about.

LS:

And in the spirit of not perpetuating harm, the high bar for...or low bar for entry, high standard of conduct. I did not create that. That is Maurice Mo Mitchell. And so I don't want to pretend that those are my words, but that is something that I stay grounded in when meeting with someone, because I think we're seeing now more than ever, right, like we're not perfect. We're all capable of causing harm. And if we exile somebody or say 'no, you're not, you know you're not this enough, you're not that enough to join this movement', we leave people out, and people think they can't belong, and then we lose people, right? So like I've been-

I'm sure I'm not the only person on here that likes to listen to podcasts where they're talking about, you know, on the right, you just have to latch onto one of their issues and on the left, we're like, because we understand we're all interconnected, you know, we have this like demand that you advocate for all things. I think we need to aim for that, but exiling people or kicking them out or saying like this isn't the space for you, just because we're not all showing up perfect also isn't helpful. And so Miriam on our team reminds me like we're all capable of harm, and when she said that to me it was very freeing, because I think I was so worried about like not causing harm and getting it right all the time, and there was freedom in that, like, we're all capable of fucking up and causing harm. But we're also all capable of fixing it. Where there's rupture, there's room for repair, and that's really important.

AB:

There's a comment in the chat, just a comment as a pro-choice adoptee. [They said]: 'It's so

distressing to hear adoption presented as the answer. Members of my local Gop believe adoption is the humane compromise for rape. I appreciate your work in sharing how few women choose adoption. It's a very different kind of journey for birth mother and child.'

There's a couple questions about how you find your host families. And then I do have a question about boundaries. But how do you find your host families? And there's another person asking how to become a host family out of Ohio.

MRT:

I want to just say, too, really quick about adoption. Like again, adoption is going to be...1% of pregnant people choose adoption. The turnaway study that was done found that when pregnant people are turned away from abortion, only 9%. So their study found 9%. But what the stats are usually showing is around 1 to 2%. So it's a really small percentage.

There's one thing I just want to say, really quick. I'm sorry I don't want to take up [too much time] but you know, abortion and adoption do have this really important connection. So before the passage of Roe V. Wade, 80% of pregnant people were forced into adoption situations. After the passage of Roe V. Wade, only 1% of pregnant people.

AB:

Wow! I never knew that.

MRT:

Yeah. So abortion rights actually unintentionally gave rights to those choosing adoption and that suddenly, there were all these families, and so very few people choosing adoption that they would say, 'hold up! I want to choose the family. I want to stay in touch with them. I want my expenses paid'. So without abortion being brought to the table, birth parents, or pregnant people who chose an adoption didn't have any rights, so abortion gave them rights. So what our fear is, is this same shit that she's talking about which is this rhetoric that adoption is the answer. It is absolutely not the answer. Forcing it on women is only going to cause harm. We never want to go back to that.

What scares us is that while when abortion rights are getting taken then we start to see people fuck with their adoption laws. Like all of a sudden, in Ohio, women used to get \$3,000 in living expenses. Now they get \$6,000 and we're like 'bomb!' you know? Like they need more than \$3,000. It's never enough. It's bullshit, you know. At the same time, I'm like I see you. What they're doing is they're trying to make it more enticing.

So you just have to...It's just this delicate. It's like understanding. It's having people you trust, people who are working in the RJ framework to say, like, 'hold up, this is what's happening. We need to slow down'. Every pregnant person deserves access to all options legally available to them. So just to slow down, talk through all their options. And if they do choose adoption, making sure that they're choosing an agency that you know will support them, and that means that they are doing two things- they are screaming from the mountaintops that they support all

options [and] you see it all over their website, and that they support LGBTQ families. That's only five agencies. You can find them on all options. ACN also has a list. So just go to places that you trust if you're making that referral. We do not want to go back, you know, any more than 1%.

We actually want to eliminate adoption. We believe if we do this work right, there won't be pregnant people having to choose adoption. But for the very small percentage of people who it is right, we have to center them and do everything in our power to help them have a plan that gives them peace.

AB:

Say more about eliminating adoption, Molly like when-

MRT:

Yeah, our goal is to keep families together, you know-

AB:

What about a situation? What about a situation where a person is pregnant and doesn't want to be a parent and doesn't want to have an abortion?

MRT:

Yeah. So again, for the very small percentage of people. It's the same as like, you know, it's the same as like, can we really abolish the foster care system? You know, some people who are in, you know, who have been in the foster care [system] say like, 'we don't think it can be abolished, we think it can be reimaged.' So maybe that's all that we can do.

But I think that if this, if we are doing well for the pregnant people in our community, we're going to see less adoptions, not more adoptions.

AB:

Right. Okay.

LS:

The host family question. I don't wanna leave it unanswered. So someone in Ohio wanted to know?

AB:

There's a person that's just asking in general, how do you find your host families? And then there's somebody that says: 'how does someone become a host family out of Ohio?', and then they say I am in MA, which I assume means Massachusetts. But I don't know why you're asking about Ohio necessarily-

LS:

So first, where do we find our host families? Well, we've started with everyone that we know. So Molly and I don't really have many friends anymore, because they don't answer our calls,

because they know we're always just calling them and saying, 'hey, we have this situation. You got room in your house'. No, that's partly it. So within our team and within people that we know, like in our circles that are doing this work, or who are like minded, maybe they're not doing this work, but we know that they're safe, we take them through that host family process if they're willing.

MRT:

So we started with us, and then we expanded from there.

LS:

Yeah, we're trying to figure that out. We don't know the answer to that yet. We don't have enough host families right like we don't have enough families to meet the need. We're trying to like talk to different organizations but everyone's just spread really thin so that it can be challenging. We try to go to faith centers that are affirming and that are safe to just engage with them and find maybe people that would be interested in it. And then, if you're in another state, and this is something you're interested in, you know I'm not aware, besides the really evangelical Christian model of this. I'm not aware of any other place where there's a hosting program that stands up and is ready to take people but if that's something you're interested in, I always want to talk to people about it. In California, Tina Rios, she's doing a lot with reimagining child safety, and she had expressed interest in doing a hosting program, and so we gave her all the information and helped her get it going and started.

MRT:

And our team did that in 24 hours, so we can help. If someone wants to start a hosting program in their state, we can provide you with the stuff that we have- the documents, the training that we do. We can support you in any way we can. So we're...I think just call us, and we'll dream with you.

AB:

Yeah, tell us. I mean, that's another amazing offer, as was the thing about helping folks like root out their local CPCs and find alternatives, and if you could help us know the best way to contact you. That would be amazing. If you want to like, put that in the Q &A. We'll put it in the chat. I don't know if that's the best way to do it.

And this person-they are talking about Massachusetts. They said, 'People at my liberal church are always asking how they can directly help pregnant people' which I think is a great question.

MRT:

Yeah. Oh, my God, a church could be really bombed because you could be finding someone who'd be interested in starting the hosting program. We could help them do that, and then maybe they'd be willing to meet some mutual aid deeds, too, so that could be really fun to talk about.

Hey, because we're on my phone, can you put our emails in Molly@justchoice.org and Laura@justchoice.org?

AB:

Yes, yeah, we can do that.

You're doing great. There's another person that's saying: 'great comment to the person who was talking about like the false binary of adoption. I grew up very conservative in church, in a church who talked about adoption as an equal replacement. I love and learned a lot from the book, Relinquished. So yeah, shout out.

I wanted to ask about boundaries, because I feel like that's like a tricky part of this is. I wonder how you...like clearly you're both-

Do you have like babies running around in your house right now, like you have, like all at all times, just like..?

LS:

I have a-

MRT:

Laura takes teenagers which, by the way, anyone is interested in and teenage boys which is beautiful-

AB:

Teenage boys, wow!

MRT:

Yes, it's so beautiful!

They essentially run her house. It's like, every time I come. I'm like, Oh, my God, you know. Yeah, it's so fun. And I usually am taking babies because I have kids who like to take care of babies. But yeah, I mean we have to take care of each other, you know. The boundaries are hard. But like, we have limitless time off. If someone is hurting, we know that we give them the space they need.

Yeah, I just think we know that we need to take care of ourselves. And we've created a team that it's okay to do that. But you know, boundaries are hard. I mean, it's like we don't really have boundaries with clients, I mean, because their needs are-

It's so quick, but so-

AB:

Yeah.

LS:

Well, I wouldn't say we don't have boundaries, right? I would say we don't have like strict professional guidelines like you never cross this and I justify that by saying I'm going to treat every person I interact with the way that I hope my sister would be treated if I had one, or the way I wish my mom would have been treated, and that is not with rigid rules and regulations. It's, you know, it's the same concept, right? Like we're gonna meet you where you're at, this low bar. And you know, we're gonna like we're gonna hold you to get you where you said you wanted to go, not where we want you to go. What is it that you want, and just like I would say to Molly or Molly would say to me, like, 'You know, you're not like this ain't it [or] this isn't working' like you know, we talk to moms like this is where you said you wanted to be and like, this isn't going to get you there, and and that's fine but like, let's just readjust, or let's examine this. And it's, you know, sometimes when people are in crisis all the time, and because they do. They just like vacillate in and out of crisis and that can be really hard and like, beat down on our team. And we'll say like, 'listen, we're gonna get you taken care of then, like we're not gonna be available this weekend, and that's gonna be hard, but I'm coming back on Monday, and we've got you good. You've got a plan, and I'll be back on Monday to check on you.'

And you know, that usually works. And people figure stuff out. And as long as we create a level of safety, then they can do that.

AB:

That's amazing. I mean, because I think one of the things about social work is like there are boundaries there, you know, social workers are not giving all their clients their personal phone numbers and saying call me night or day. And, you know, just thinking about...like the world is so fucked up. A lot of our focus in Abortion Academy these days is like a mutual aid framework, like working outside of systems framework, people just like finding each other in community and like making it work, doing what needs to be done and leading with like their heart, and not from some kind of like I must work within the lines that I've always seen before.

And at the same time, like I do... I live in Seattle, and there is like such a fucking terrible, heartbreaking, housing crisis, and also Fentanyl crisis. And you know, I can imagine myself walking around in my early twenties, and just not being able to set boundaries with folks the way that I am now, and just not having the ability to decide when to take something on and how far to be present with with it, and I think that that's something that is going to be difficult for people that are like down to to do shit in this kind of new way is to like, decide where the their own personal life-

MRT:

Yeah, I think we all have a boundary that our team knows we have. I think the other thing is like, you know I have a meditation coach that I have. You know we're doing...we do what we can. And, you know, even just using that example. When I created Just Choice, I was creating it from a place of fear and anxiety. And then I did this work, and when we recreated Just Choice, I was

able to do it from a place of peace. And so it looks so different for my team. I think that you know they know they deserve peace. We deserve peace, and the people we work with deserve peace so we just try to uphold that. If we're in chaos, they're in chaos. We can't help anyone if we're operating in chaos. So we do allow those moments to slow ourselves down. But I just think we don't work within those rigid boundaries. [It's more like] keep yourself safe-

LS:

And know that you're protected in that. I think it's operating from a space of abundance, and operating from a space of honesty, and having people around you that will keep you honest, like I would be fucked up all the time if it wasn't for my people around me that are like. So you need to take a break.

AB:

Yeah. Totally.

LS:

And like people being willing to say that to me and me being willing to hear it and accept it. I think that's really important. So like we could get eaten alive by this work but we can't, because then we can't help people. I totally trust that people know what's right for them, and that makes it easier to step back like people know what's right for them. They're operating in an unjust system. And so we can work to make the systems be better and help people navigate them, but ultimately they know what's right for them, and when you can really lean into that, it does relieve some of the pressure on you, and leaves less room for harmful saviourism.

AB:

Yeah, absolutely. And I feel like you know what you're describing with your team is really beautiful. And I think that this is just like a statement about how our work needs to be collective and like, there's something just very individualistic about the burnout model of just like, I'm going to run myself into the ground and then be useless to myself and anyone in my life, let alone strangers that I'm trying to help. And it's like it sounds like you guys are operating from a place of like people tagging in and out as needed, and handing stuff off to each other as opposed to like, I'm holding all of this and then I'm crumbling, you know, which I think is also like that individualistic orientation, I think, is very rooted in a savior mentality, for sure, a lot of times.

MRT:

Yeah, white supremacy at its finest.

AB:

Yeah.

There's a question in the chat: 'any suggestions as to what wording we and others should use to search for the alternative to CPCs?'

So I think that I think that you're asking if we want-and this is something that we've talked about, which I think I owe you an email, or maybe you owe me an email about like SEO stuff- which one of the issues with like what Just Choice does, and with this model is that it's really difficult to search for, because the antis have such a strong SEO game that trying to elevate like pro-abortion orgs that will also assist people who are parenting is... it's like indistinguishable. And it, just, I think, sends you to the person with the four million dollar budget.

MRT:

Yeah and so if we say, well, you need to spend time researching their site, you're gonna be like, well, I mean, they talk about it [and] they say they offer all options like, so you need to make sure, like, are they saying they offer offer abortion referral services or abortion...you just need to read in the fine lines. If they're talking about like God loves all babies, if they have pictures of baby feet, or pictures of baby bellies, you know, I think those are some of the big signs. But the places that I think you can turn to are like Abortion Care Network and I mean, I want to say PPFA. I'm hoping that they're going to honor the conversation we had, but Abortion Care Network, I think, is definitely a safe place where you can go to find resources. All Options Indiana is, you know, a very well recognized and safe place to go. Just Choice is a safe place to go. I think that the only way we're going to find each other is through each other like I said so I'm just hoping people never feel like they're going to overwhelm us like, just reach out, and we can send you to a great place. We want to be able to do that.

AB:

That's amazing. Yeah, that's really cool. Like, I've said to you, I just love how un-gatekeepy this all is. It really just shows such a profound trust in people, both the people that you serve and the people that want to get into this kind of work that you're like 'we can share our work with you or to you. We can share our documents with you, we trust that you can do this'.

Yeah. It's also very antithetical to paternalism and the patriarchal approach of helping people, you know?

MRT:

Yeah. Whatever we have we are willing to give, and we think it's the only way. And people have given it to us, too, you know. So it's how we've gotten...I mean, we just moved today into a free space, you know, like people are giving to us and the one thing we can give is like yeah, the documents we've created and things like that.

AB:

How can we support you? How can folks support Just Choice and [get you guys what you need]?

LS:

Talk about us. Talk about us and lift us up. If you're an organization and you have a website, something that I've been told helps SEO is if you're listed on other people's websites. I don't know how that works, but if you have a resource page, put us on your resource page.

We always need money that's not tied to somebody's desired outcome so we can just give to people for what they need. So money donations. If you're in Ohio, obviously, we'd love for you to hit us up and let's talk and engage. And if you're somewhere where you have an organization, and you have the resources and you want to figure out how you can help people like talk to us about it, and we'll help you because we think that is helping us.

MRT:

You can follow us on social media, too.

AB:

Is there anything else that you wanted to share that you didn't get to? We were

MRT:

I don't think so. No. This is so awesome. We were legit panicking when we got kicked out, so I'm happy we got to have this conversation. [Thank you] for letting us settle in, and I think we got to list some good stuff up.

AB:

Yeah, absolutely. It's really just such beautiful work. I think that it's like...yeah, I think that we have to believe that we can build a better world, and I feel like you are doing it in such a...it's just really inspiring, you know. And I say this all the time, but it's like I totally believe in us. You know.

I cry like every Abortion Academy. It's like my tradition, but no, like I think it's such a scary time but there is also something really hopeful about the number of people that are divesting from believing that systems are coming to help us, believing that politicians are coming to help us, believing that we just have to do it that way. And I think that there is a consciousness forming where people are like, no, we have to like just get out there and take care of each other. And you are really doing that in a beautiful way. So thank you.

MRT:

Amelia, we love you so much. And I wish you could see this. We have all these people starting to follow us. It's popping up on my phone. So-

AB:

Oh, that's so great! Awesome.

MRT:

Ask and you shall receive.

AB:

Hell, yeah.

MRT:

That's so bomb.

AB:

Amazing. Yeah. And I'm like embarrassed to say that I don't think we have you on our resources page, but we will remedy that immediately. And yeah.

MRT:

Thank you.

AB:

You're the best. Okay. I hope that your day gets less fucked up, and thank you for joining us in the midst of it, and I think it was like perfect, because...yeah, I mean, it's like perfectionism is part of white supremacy and is part of just-

It's like inaction is the thing that we need to avoid and doing it and doing your best, even if it's fucked up and the phone dies and you're, you know, it's like, let's just try. Let's just do our best.

MRT:

Yeah, like let's just try.

AB:

Laura's like voice is going away.

LS:

I canceled every call I had this morning. I was like 'I can't be ready. I only have so much left, and I need it for this'

MRT:

Yeah. Well, we just got like 40 new followers just by doing this call.

AB:

That's really awesome. Well, we love you.

MRT:

Thank you.

AB:

Yeah, thank you so much. Take care, you guys. Bye, bye.