

# *Project Stork*

*Stories To Organize Reform Kit*



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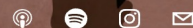
*Since the beginning  
of time...*





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# *Project S.T.O.R.K.*

## *Stories To Organize Reform Kit*

Goal: *To create a reservoir of stories from individuals / families navigating ART to build their families*

- *Amplify patient experiences\**
  - *Highlighting barriers through lived experiences*
- *Humanizing policy debates*
- *Equipping advocates with tools for storytelling*

*... with the hope that policymakers & stakeholders can use these stories to combat recent legislative threats to IVF access (reproductive right)*

# *Amplifying Patient Experiences*

## **Dueling approaches to infertility vie for Congress' attention**

Back-to-back congressional briefings pitted IVF against a less studied method for helping families conceive.



**This 'natural' infertility treatment is backed by Maha. Is it the right's path to limiting IVF?**

# *Timely & Pressing*

## *Congress*

### *Access to Family Building Act 1/2024*

Rep. Susan Wild & Sen. Tammy Duckworth introduced this act to establish a federal right to all ART and protect both providers and patients from state-level restrictions.

## *California*

### *SB 729 9/2024*

Mandates private insurance coverage for infertility treatments, including IVF.

- Implementation delayed until 2026

## *Alabama*

### *LePage vs CRM 2/2025*

The Supreme Court ruled that the frozen embryos are legally children under state law

- State legislature passed emergency bills granting legal immunity to IVF providers

## *Arkansas*

### *Restore Act 6/2025*

Mandating state insurance coverage of restorative reproductive medicine treatments (RRM)

- Legislative tactic to limit IVF

A low-angle, nighttime photograph of the Grady Hospital building. The building is a multi-story structure with a mix of light and dark stone or concrete panels. A large, illuminated cross symbol is visible on the facade, with the word "Grady" in a bold, sans-serif font to its right. The sky is dark, and some streetlights are visible in the lower left corner.

# *In Georgia...*

## *HB 428: IVF Protection Law, 2025*

*- Codifies the right to IVF in the state law, specifying that nothing in the GA law should prohibit or prevent patients from obtaining IVF.*

## *HB 94: Fertility Preservation Mandate, 2025*

*- Requires state commercial health insurance plans in GA to cover “medically necessary fertility preservation” for patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus, including cryopreservation of gametes, embryos, or ovarian tissue for up to one year.*

# *Privilege, Policy, & the Price of Parenthood*

*For me, I moved onto IVF because my employer covered it...*

*I never wanted to be a mother until I was in a healthy space with myself...*

*It's ridiculous that I feel so lucky that my D&C was so cut and dry...*



*I was worried I was just going to have to keep them frozen  
... I almost was like, okay, let's get rid of them now  
because I don't know what's coming...*

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## DEAR MRS. DOYLE

John Cruitt's mother died two days before Christmas in 1958. He was a third grader in Cecile Doyle's class. And an act of kindness she showed him became stamped in his memory. So, more than 50 years later, he wrote her a letter.

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## A KNOCK AT THE DOOR

One late October evening, Juliet Jegasothy was home alone with her baby when her doorbell started ringing. Terrified, she hid in her room and called her husband, who was working late. At StoryCorps, she recounts a spooky night in her new home.

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