

RAAP will sunset after 6 years providing expert legal compliance support to the sector.

In only 6 years, RAD's legal compliance program, Regulatory Assistance for Abortion Providers — RAAP — has served nearly 200 abortion providers in 45 U.S. states and territories, with over 8,000 hours of pro bono legal services. As of December 31, 2024, RAAP will come to a close.

RAAP Sunset: Q&A

As the RAAP program sunsets, we understand you have questions.

How was this decision made? Why now?

When RAAP began in 2018, abortion providers had a crucial, unmet need for legal compliance support to navigate the growing web of TRAP laws. Since then, we've witnessed the expansion of strategic and systemic legal support, as allies across the country have mobilized around the loss of Roe. We have great confidence in the abortion rights legal groups and public and private sector allied attorneys, who are now supporting abortion providers and supporters.

RAD's approach has always been to identify emergent needs, address critical gaps, and empower providers to adapt and respond in dynamic and challenging environments. The growth of legal service resources now available to clinics has provided us with a clear signal that it's time to shift RAD resources and focus on new, emerging challenges in the field.

Who made this decision?

This decision was made through careful assessment and thoughtful deliberation over the past year by RAD leadership, Advisory Board, RAAP Director Janet Crepps, and RAD's recent Executive Director, Bonnie Scott Jones.

What does this mean for those of you that currently receive RAAP legal advising?

The RAAP team will continue to provide the full scope of compliance services that RAAP is known for to both existing and new clients through the end of September 2024. After that, the RAAP Director will finish outstanding projects and wind up remaining work. RAAP will officially end December 31, 2024.

Where can providers go for compliance support once RAAP ends?

Our allies in the field continue to grow and expand the abortion field's legal compliance work. Throughout and following this transition, RAAP and other RAD staff will be on hand to help providers locate other sources for legal advice through partnerships like the [Abortion Defense Network](#). We care deeply about independent abortion providers' access to legal compliance resources and are committed to ensuring a smooth transition of support.

When do RAAP services officially end?

December 31, 2024.

Will RAD provide any future legal support?

RAD will continue to monitor and work to address providers' legal support needs. This includes providing support through our [Abortion Provider Legal Defense Fund](#) and through our work with the Abortion Defense Network.

Is the end of RAAP due to a financial loss? Will this impact other programs?

RAAP did not lose funding. The decision to wind down RAAP is based on changes in the field and the growing work of our allies to offer this support, as explained above. Other RAD programs operate on their own strategic trajectory and timeline and are not impacted by the RAAP sunset. If you have questions about other RAD programs, you can reach us at info@radprogram.org.

What will happen to RAAP staff?

The RAAP team has been diligent, dedicated, and committed to serving the legal needs of abortion providers across the country. The sunset of RAAP coincides with the retirement of Janet Crepps, RAAP's founding Director, at the end of 2024.

RAAP staff attorneys have played a critical role in serving the legal needs of abortion providers. We know that whatever they do next, they will continue to shine, using their knowledge and expertise to make critical contributions to the organizations lucky enough to have them next.

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What has RAAP accomplished since its founding in 2018?

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- supported providers in navigating the complexities of TRAP laws and various other legal and regulatory obstacles and threats through expert legal compliance assistance.
- built a body of knowledge and shared our insights through our published resources and guides.
- participated in over 100 conference presentations, webinars and trainings for clinicians and attorneys.

Who can we contact for more information on the RAAP transition throughout 2024?

For questions of the RAAP sunset and transition of our legal advisory work, email RAAP@radprogram.org.