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New abortion study merely states the obvious

Today's news that a new report from the Christchurch Health and Development Study shows that women who have abortions have better educational outcomes than women who don't is merely stating the obvious.

"This report is hardly a startling revelation, in fact one could question whether any study was even required for such conclusions to be reached" says Family Life International media spokesperson; Brendan Malone.

"Women who keep their babies instead of aborting them obviously then invest time into caring for, and raising those children, which means that they don't have the time to immediately devote to study like women without children do."

"It's like someone suggesting that their research has shown that people who eat fatty foods are more likely to put on weight" said Mr Malone.

The new report from the Christchurch Health and Development Study also fails to take into account the growing number of education providers who now provide facilities where mothers with babies can continue their studies. Some of these providers even allow mother and baby to be in the classroom together.

"It is also important to remember that the Christchurch Health and Development Study has already shown that women who have abortions are much more likely to experience serious depression. This is borne out in the experiences of our post-abortion counsellors who regularly help women who are struggling with serious emotional pain and trauma after an abortion."

"I don't think that any sane person could support the notion that a woman's mental health should be endangered merely for the sake of a few years of education, especially in our modern education environment which allows women many more opportunities to continue their studies at a later time" says Mr Malone.

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