The Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) is the largest abortion provider in the U.S., performing nearly 330,000 abortions per year. This accounts for 32% of the total 1,058,000 abortions per year in the U.S., or about 1 in 3, according to the latest data. According to Dr. Deborah Nucatola, Senior Director of Medical Services for PPFA, as of 2014 Planned Parenthood performed up to 40% of U.S. abortions.

Abortion accounts for approximately 50% of Planned Parenthood’s health services revenue. In addition, nearly 50% of Planned Parenthood affiliate revenue comes from government subsidies. Planned Parenthood has historically been a supporter and major participant in fetal tissue sales with involvement documented as far back as the 1990s.

Planned Parenthood is organized like a franchise, with many affiliates sharing the brand name and reporting to the national office. Within PPFA, there are numerous departments that control and oversee various aspects of the franchise. Important for baby parts sales are:

Medical Services:
Planned Parenthood’s Medical Services Department, headed by Dr. Deborah Nucatola, oversees all medical practice and research at Planned Parenthood affiliates. Medical Services used to oversee fetal tissue collection as a “research study” of Planned Parenthood affiliates, but has decided that is “overkill” and since left it up to the affiliates.

CAPS:
The Planned Parenthood Consortium of Abortion Providers manages abortion policy for Planned Parenthood affiliates. CAPS is responsible for Planned Parenthood’s new late-term abortion expansion.

Litigation and Law:
Planned Parenthood’s Litigation and Law Department believes that PPFA has significant liability for fetal tissue sales and therefore “just really doesn’t want [PPFA] to be the middle people for this issue right now.”

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7 Pg. 47, PPFA Transcript, Ibid.
8 Pg. 43, Ibid.
9 Pg. 28, Ibid.