

**Melissa Ohden** is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977, which she ultimately learned about at the age of 14 and has medical records documenting the procedure and her survival.

With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, and child welfare.

Melissa was formerly a College Outreach Speaker with Feminists for Life and is the former Patron of Real Choices Australia. She has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, and the Australian Parliament. Melissa is on the Board of Directors for the Vitae Foundation.

In 2012, Melissa founded The Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). Since ASN's inception, Melissa has been in contact with over 287 survivors.

Melissa and her husband, Ryan, live in the Kansas City, Missouri, metro area with their two daughters, Ava and Olivia.