

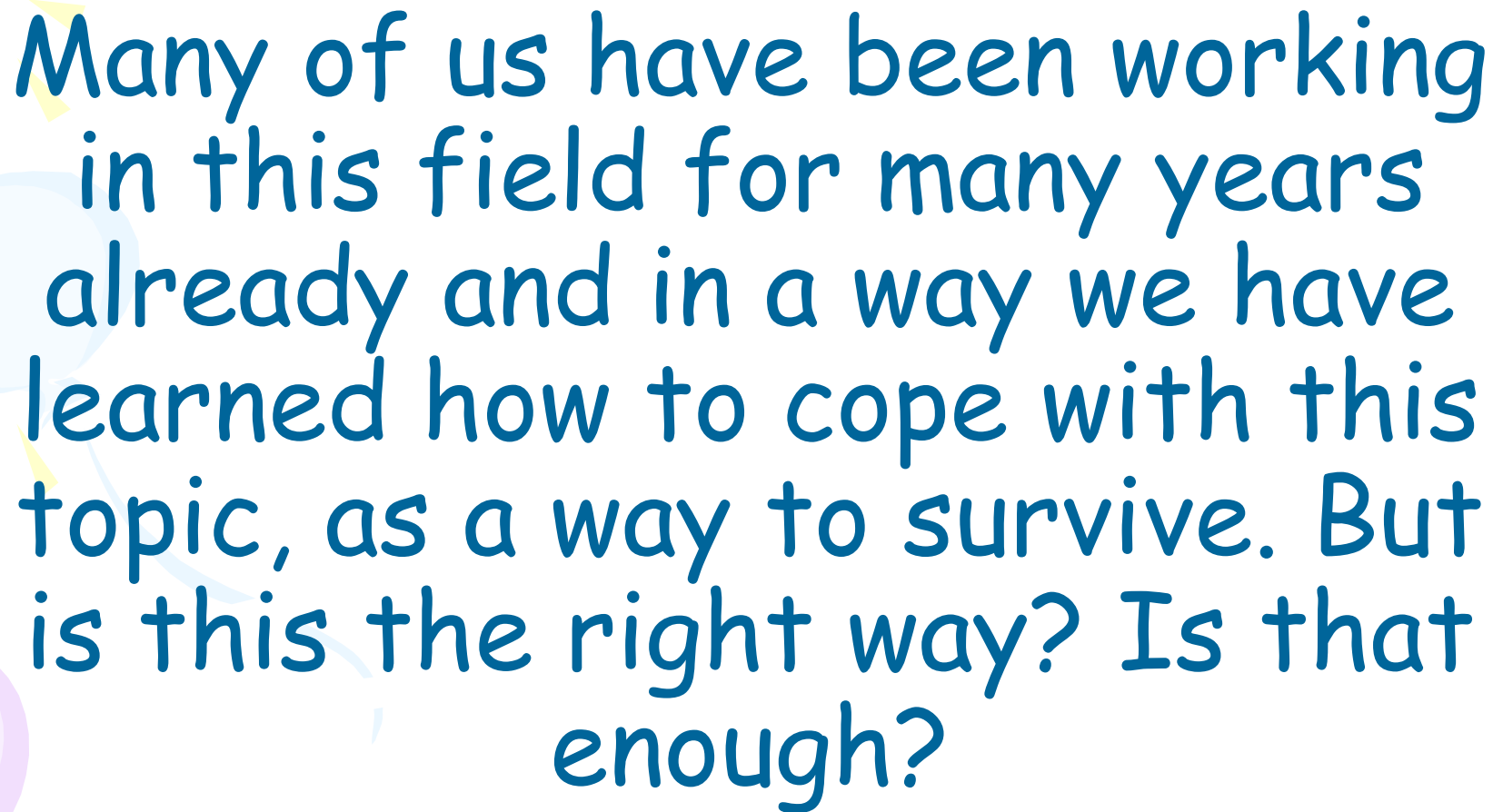
The background features several large, flowing, abstract shapes in shades of green, purple, and light blue. Interspersed among these are numerous small, yellow, starburst-like shapes, some of which are larger and more prominent, creating a vibrant and dynamic visual effect.

The needs of the healthcare provider



We often talk about women friendly services and quality of care.

However, we can only offer this quality of care if we also take into concern the needs of the provider.

The background features a white surface decorated with colorful balloons and streamers. A large green balloon is in the top left, a light blue balloon is in the middle left, and a purple balloon is in the bottom left. Yellow streamers and small yellow triangles are scattered around the balloons.


Many of us have been working in this field for many years already and in a way we have learned how to cope with this topic, as a way to survive. But is this the right way? Is that enough?

The background features a white background with decorative elements on the left side. There are three balloons: a light green one at the top, a light blue one in the middle, and a light purple one at the bottom. Each balloon has a yellow streamer and several yellow triangular shapes scattered around them, resembling confetti or streamer pieces.

At international level, we started FIAPAC: after the very successful Abortion Matters Conference in Amsterdam in '96, we realized that meeting and talking about this topic was a necessity, a life-saving obligation to ourselves.

A decorative graphic on the left side of the slide features three balloons: a light green one at the top, a light blue one in the middle, and a light purple one at the bottom. Each balloon is attached to a thin streamer and has several small, yellow, triangular shapes radiating from it, resembling confetti or streamer tails.

How do we stay 'sane' and
continue to work in an un-
supportive, often hostile
environment



In the seventies we had a strong women's movement supporting us, but is that still the case?

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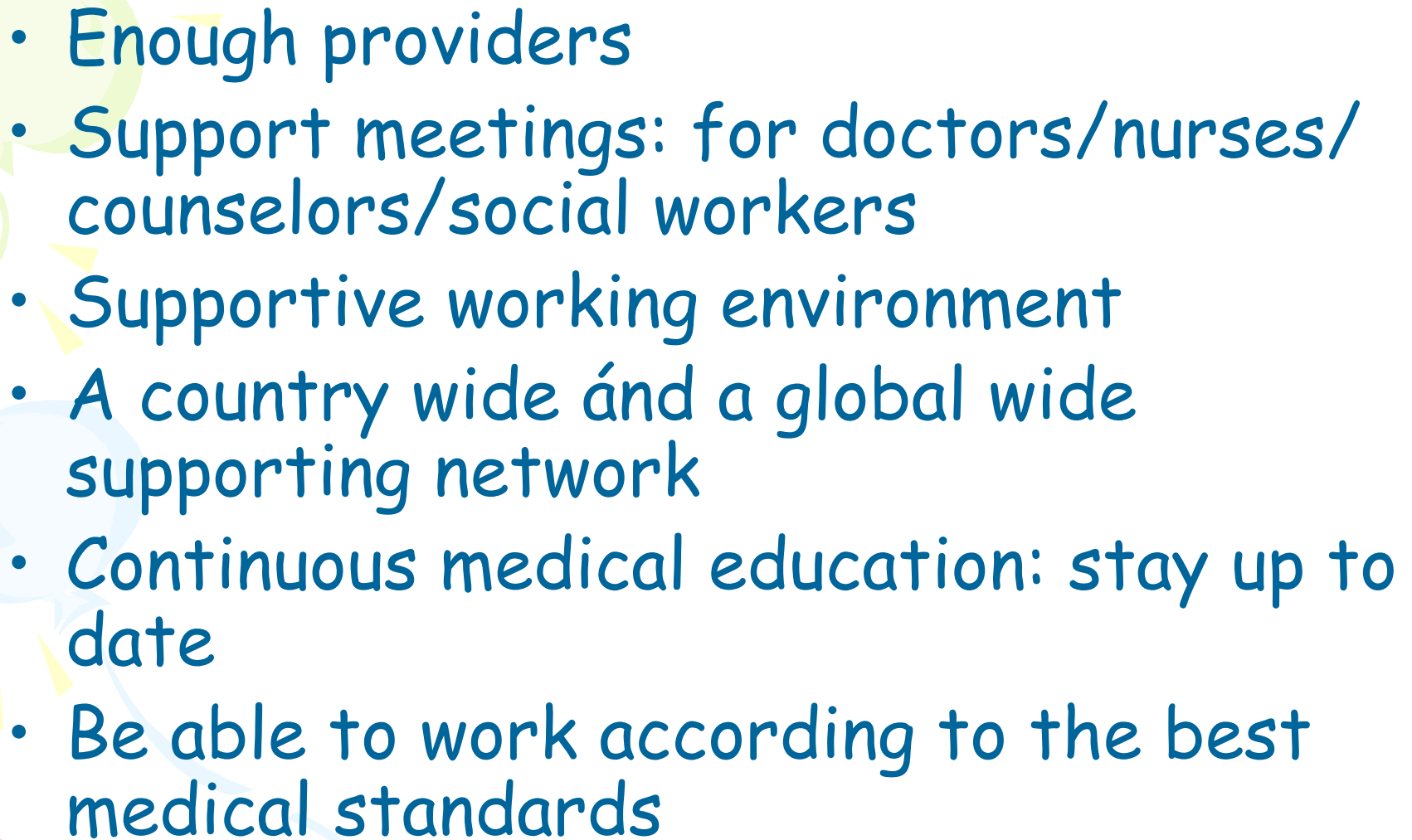
Abortion should take place in a
woman friendly AND in a
provider friendly environment



How can we turn it around, so we can feel proud of what we are doing?



What do we need?

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- Enough providers
 - Support meetings: for doctors/nurses/counselors/social workers
 - Supportive working environment
 - A country wide and a global wide supporting network
 - Continuous medical education: stay up to date
 - Be able to work according to the best medical standards