

# Domestic Family Planning Services

As part of the Birth Control Access Campaign



## Title X Funding for Family Planning Programs



### Making Family Planning Accessible

In the Public Health and Service Act of 1970, as part of the national war on poverty, Congress passed Title X, a federal grant program to fund public family planning services. It is the only federal program devoted solely to this cause. The Office of Family Planning within the Department of Health and Human Services uses Title X to fund over 4,600 clinics that help millions people in the United States. The grant money goes toward purchasing family planning supplies, paying salaries of clinic employees as well as subsidizing various services. A major bonus of Title X is that it allows its diverse variety of family planning grantees to structure their programs for their specific local needs.

### Why is Title X Important?

Clinics with Title X funding assist mostly low-income patients who are unable to qualify for Medicaid or have insurance that does not cover family planning services. For these patients, clinics subsidize or completely cover family planning costs with Title X, thus making family planning more accessible. Accessible family planning is essential to preventing abortions and unplanned pregnancies

### Take Action!

Contact your State Representatives and Senators to urge them to increase Title X funding!

### Services and Limitations of Clinics with Title X Funding

Family planning services include contraception, treatment of STIs, preventative services, pregnancy tests and counseling, and educational programs. Patient-care is strictly confidential. Even minors have the right to confidential care, though clinic personnel are required by Title X to encourage teens to talk to their parents about family planning. Unfortunately, clinics are prohibited from using any Title X money toward abortion. However, clinics are required to provide information on all family planning services including foster care, adoption, and abortion. If a patient wants an abortion, the clinic can provide a referral. The biggest limitation on Title X is the amount of money it has available to distribute. Title X funding is presently \$283 million per fiscal year. Currently working through Congress, the Prevention First Act would increase funding of Title X to \$700 million.

For more information: NARAL Pro-Choice America 1/24/07; "Title X: Three Decades of Accomplishment," by Rachel Benson Gold, Guttmacher Report on Public Policy Feb 2001, Vol. 4, No. 1; Feminist Majority Foundation Newswire 6/8/07; Center for Reproductive Rights, "Title X Family Planning," Jan 2004

Find your local Title X funded family planning provider with the Office of Population Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Public Health and Science.  
<http://www.opaclearinghouse.org/search/index.asp>

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