



FAMILY PLANNING KEEPS WASHINGTON FAMILIES STRONG

Family planning is a basic economic issue for women and working families in Washington State. But federal funding to pay for that care is at risk, and so are thousands of Washingtonians.

- Unintended pregnancies put women at greater risk of homelessness, family hunger, poor birth outcomes, and long-term dependence on publicly funded programs.
- Families are strongest when women can make the health care decisions that are best for them. When women control when and if they have children, they have more career and education opportunities, healthier pregnancies, and are less likely to depend on government programs.

FEDERAL FAMILY PLANNING FUNDING AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Each year the four Planned Parenthood affiliates in Washington State receive approximately \$29 million in federal funding to pay for the contraceptives, cancer screenings, STD testing, other critical family planning services, and education we provide to thousands of low income women and working families.

In 2015, Washington Planned Parenthood affiliates provided health care to more than 98,000 low income women and men and education to many thousands more with federal funds:

- ✓ 87,500 people with \$21 million in federal Medicaid funding (includes Medicaid managed care, fee-for-service, and the Take Charge family planning program)
- ✓ Many more than 10,400 people with \$2.5 million in federal Title X dollars
- ✓ Thousands of at-risk youth with \$6 million in federal education grants

*NOTE: Patient numbers are estimated based on average Medicaid reimbursement rate of \$240 per patient per year. The Guttmacher Institute estimates that family planning providers are typically reimbursed for only about half of the actual cost of seeing patients when services are paid for with public funds.

THE MATH IS SIMPLE

- **If 98,000 women lose access to federally funded family planning services at Planned Parenthood, the state can expect 28,224 additional new unintended pregnancies, at costs that will begin accruing immediately of more than \$112 million for births and abortions.**
- For every 1,000 women who lose access to publicly funded family planning, 288 new unintended pregnancies result, including 144 births and 98 abortions. That means that lost federal funding to Planned Parenthood in Washington represents more than 14,000 births and 9,600 abortions.
- There is no other provider that can step in to provide low-reimbursement family planning care to over 98,000 low-income women and men if the federal government stops paying Planned Parenthood for their care.
- **For every \$1 invested in family planning, the state saves at least \$7 on unintended pregnancy costs and long-term social service costs.**

Don't let Washington women and working families lose their contraceptive care!