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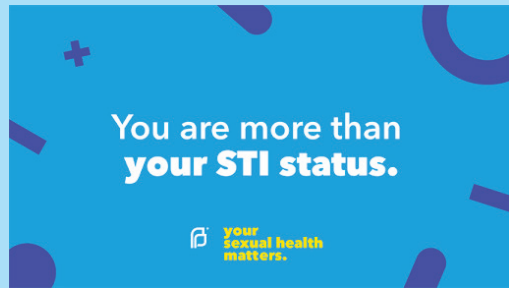
# April Connections

Welcome to the April edition of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' monthly newsletter. As a valued supporter, we would like to share the latest updates on the work you make possible at Planned Parenthood. We have also included important action alerts and upcoming events.



## YOUR SEXUAL HEALTH MATTERS

STI awareness month is an opportunity for Planned Parenthood to educate Texans and reduce stigma around STI prevention and treatment. Stigma can cause people to avoid talking about STIs with their partners, and shame can keep people from scheduling STI testing or treatment. As a leading provider of sexual and reproductive health care and education, Planned Parenthood's STI outreach campaign is designed to decrease STI stigma and promote routine testing.



## A NEWS CONNECTION

Texas is leading the nation in new cases of congenital syphilis. "Congenital syphilis refers to cases of syphilis that are passed from a mother to child during pregnancy. Left untreated, the disease can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, and early infant death...but each case is preventable."

Dr. Kjersti Aagaard, a professor and maternal fetal medicine specialist at the Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital shared, "There are so few diseases that we deal with that are truly preventable. For pennies on the dollar, this is one. Why wouldn't we do anything in our power to screen often and to prevent it from being transmitted generation after generation?" (Fort Worth Star Telegram)

Thanks to you and your support, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas screens and tests for syphilis at all health centers. Patients who are positive are referred to their local health departments for treatment.

## TEXAS ABORTION BAN - WHERE ARE WE NOW?

TeenAge Communication Theatre (TACT) is Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' performance group that supports and trains high school students in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to perform peer-to-peer outreach on sexual health issues important to teens. If you know a DFW area teen who would like to be part of a creative, empowering, and educational experience, auditions for TACT will be held on April 21st and April 23rd.

For more information call: (855) 314-0799 ext. 10180.



## TEEN COUNCIL AUDITIONS IN AUSTIN AND NOW DALLAS, TOO

Know a teen looking to make change in their community? Teen Council is a paid, year-long peer sex education program for Austin and Dallas area teens in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade during the 2022-2023 school year.

**Applications are due April 25 for Austin Teen Council. Applications are due May 20 for Dallas Teen Council.**



## TAKE ACTION

Want to stay up-to-date on all PPGT volunteer or advocacy opportunities? **Join our action network!**

**GET INVOLVED, TAKE ACTION**

WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS

## April is STI Awareness Month

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are common and can cause negative health outcomes if left untreated. Many STIs have few or no symptoms so routine testing and treatment is important.



Texas ranks 7th highest in HIV rates in the U.S., and also ranks above national rates for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis. (2019, cdc.gov)

# 46%

Nearly half of all new infections occur among US youth under age 25. (2021, cdc.gov)

### Our most common services provided are:



Birth control to help Texans plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and PrEP and PEP.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

### EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY

With your support, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas has been providing healthcare at our Tyler health center in East Texas since 1992. Join us to celebrate East Texas Giving Day on April 26th for a virtual fundraiser. Early giving begins on April 4th.

### EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY



### AMPLIFY AUSTIN 2022

You made Amplify Austin a huge success for Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' patients and programs!

# #1

Rank of Planned Parenthood in number of donations received out of all participating healthcare nonprofits



731 donors chose to contribute to Planned Parenthood

# \$122,676

in donations to Planned Parenthood from Amplify Austin donors





# \$1,000

Power Hour winner during Amplify 2022

### WAYS TO GIVE

Would you like to continue supporting high-quality healthcare services and sex education programs for generations to come? Contact Shawn Wills, Chief Development Officer, at (214) 363-3505 or [shawn.wills@ppgt.org](mailto:shawn.wills@ppgt.org) if you want to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood can ensure your commitment to high-quality care for all continues.

### Your gift of:

-  **\$1,000** empowers 5 teens with honest, accurate sex education
-  **\$650** offers 2 patients peace of mind with pre- (PrEP) or post- (PEP) exposure HIV preventive medication
-  **\$250** keeps communities healthy through the distribution of 1,250 condoms
-  **\$150** reduces sexually transmitted infections through testing and treatment for 1 patient

If you have a question or if you want to learn more, please contact the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or email us at [development@ppgt.org](mailto:development@ppgt.org).

