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PPKY receives full accreditation

Planned Parenthood of Kentucky was visited by the Planned Parenthood Federation of American (PPFA) affiliate accreditation site review team March 1 – 3, 2010. This on-site visit is part of a rigorous assessment of programs, protocols, systems and governance that is conducted every 3 years to ensure the highest quality of Planned Parenthood services and programs.

Prior to the on-site survey, PPFA experts completed an off-site review of PPKY's Governance, Administrative, Medical, Quality Assurance-Risk Management and Human Resource policies, procedures and programs. During the on-site survey, PPFA surveyors reviewed scores of medical records, visited 3 of the 4 sites, observed clinical operations, audited personnel records, evaluated information technology and facility security and systems and interviewed Board Chair Christie Moore, medical staff, nurse practitioners and every member of management.

January 2010 marked the launch of a revised set of accreditation indicators drawn from the PPFA Standards

of Affiliation. The 100 indicators are the direct application of the Standards of Affiliation prescribed in the PPFA bylaws, or in the case of medical services, the PPFA Medical Standards and Guidelines, Regulatory agencies, ARMS (Affiliates Risk Management Services) Quality and Risk Management requirements and IPPF accreditation standards.

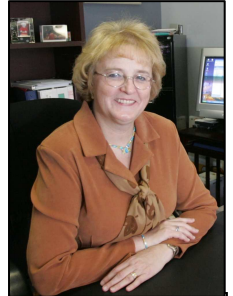
Each of the 100 indicators has one or more core performance outcomes that must be successfully addressed. These competencies are referred to as "Elements of Performance" (EOP) and are widely used by healthcare accreditation bodies. There are 560 EOPs with some individual EOPs having a 4-8 page list of required actions to achieve the identified performance outcome. This highlights the rigor of the PPFA accreditation process.

This was PPKY's first accreditation survey since Planned Parenthood of the Bluegrass and Planned Parenthood of Louisville combined operations on January 1, 2008. As such, the on-site survey team also assessed the standardization and

integration of services, programs and systems across all PPKY sites. PPKY Staff and Board of Directors received high praise for the achievement

of these fundamental cornerstones necessary for future growth and long term sustainability.

With highly favorable reviews from both the off-site and on-site surveyors, **PPKY was recommended for full accreditation.** This is a significant accomplishment, and one that could not have been achieved without the support, energy and commitment of our outstanding employees, volunteers, and Board of Directors. As President & CEO of PPKY, and on behalf of the patients and community members we serve, I wish to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication.



Shirley L. Jones
PhD, RNC, FAAN

Why I'm a peer educator at PPKY...

By Eriauna Stratton

I work for Planned Parenthood of Kentucky because I know what I do counts. I am getting health information out to my peers in the community in hopes that they will make better decisions in the future. Often teens today don't receive the accurate information they need to protect themselves. This can lead to unwanted pregnancies and STDs.

In fact, the reason I became a peer educator is because at that time I had 3 friends who were either pregnant or had a baby and I was only 16. I wanted to educate others in hope of preventing any

more of my friends from having kids before they were ready.



Eriauna (on right) with Congressman John Yarmuth and fellow peer educator Lyla Wasz-Piper (middle) in March 2010.

Kentucky has the 8th highest teen pregnancy rate and the 7th highest rate of cervical cancer. Unfortunately, our entire community isn't being reached. While African Americans are only 7% of the population in Kentucky, we represent 34% of the new HIV/AIDS cases. Therefore, our job is to continue to expand our services to more people.

Although I'm graduating this May and will no longer be a teenREACH peer educator, I will continue doing my part by joining VOX (Voices for Planned Parenthood) at the University of Kentucky this fall.

Eriauna is a senior at Male High School in Louisville. She has served as a peer educator since February 2009.

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2009 by the numbers

Clinical services

10,636 visits to 4 centers
 2,315 breast exams
 2,073 cervical cancer tests
 3,283 STI tests
 3,293 pregnancy tests

Education/Outreach

We reached more than
11,300 individuals
 We educated more than
3,000 Kentuckians
 (presentations and one-on-one)
 We distributed over
1,000 PP gift bags

Those we serve...

4,303 women (ages 20-39)
265 mid-life women
1,399 teens
226 men
3,717 Kentuckians below
 150% of the federal
 poverty level

Tell us your story: Real stories from real people

“I love Planned Parenthood. Everyone is so nice and very professional. No one here judges you; they just want to help. Whenever I need anything this is the first place I call.” October 2009

“As a resident assistant at (a local) university ('74-'76), your staff provided information and services to so many young women, and to myself.” January 2010

“This office has made it possible for me to keep myself protected, informed and happy. I don’t have insurance. PPKY has provided the services I need.” February 2010

PPKY provides services for men, too!

Although many people associate Planned Parenthood with women’s health only, PPKY has worked hard to extend education, outreach and services to males as well. Over the past year, PPKY has implemented a number of exciting men’s programs throughout Kentucky.

Beginning in July 2009, staff from the Bluegrass Health Center (BHC) have made monthly presentations at Lexington’s Hope Center to a male-only Life Skills class in the organization’s drug rehabilitation program. PPKY educators provide information on safer sex, condom use, STD prevention and male and female birth control methods. Participants range in age from early twenties to sixty plus and come from across Kentucky and the U.S.

“The men in this program always have questions,” said Jennifer Johnson, BHC Educator and Community Advocate. “It’s clear that for many of them, this is the first time they’ve been given information about the full range of birth control methods and safer sex practices available to them and to their part-

ners.” By demonstrating that PPKY believes men need and deserve this information and encouraging them to contribute equally to both their own and their partners’ health and safety, the men have responded with interest and gratitude.

PPKY has also conducted outreach and provided free HIV screening to several groups of male migrant

workers residing in Shelbyville. Bilingual educators and volunteers conduct education presentations related to behaviors, risks and safer sex, and then offer participants the opportunity to be screened for HIV/AIDS. More than 45 individuals have been reached since November 2009, with plans for continued outreach ongoing.



Male teenREACH peer educators, like Tevin Payne (left) and LaShawn Gilliam (right), both students at Central High School in Louisville, work to educate other young men about safer sex and healthy relationships.

Remembering our friend, Dave Bowman

By Kim Greene

My heart is warm with memories of a fellow board member and friend who we suddenly lost last December. I want to share with you the gratitude that the entire PPKY family feels for having known Dave Bowman.

Dave was a longtime and active volunteer leader and friend of Planned Parenthood. He previously served on the board of Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capitol Region in Austin and then, after moving to Kentucky, on the board of Planned Parenthood of the Bluegrass (PPBG). He later became a founding member of the board of PPKY, logging multiple hours over many months to successfully form the statewide affiliate in 2008.

If there were a profile of the "Ideal Board Member," I'd nominate Dave. He was completely engaged in the work of PPKY. Dave was always willing to do whatever was needed, whether it was co-leading a major fundraising effort or functioning for a day as security at

one of the health centers. He was right there. Always right there.

Dave acted on his convictions. He was a fearless and articulate advocate for Planned Parenthood. He spoke up publicly on behalf of PPKY and the rights and needs of the women, men and teens we serve. Dave could speak directly and clearly about reproductive health issues and do it in a way that people of all political stripes listened.

He spoke up in board meetings, too. Dave would ask right-on-point questions, helping all of us clarify our thoughts. He also entertained us with his dry humor, frequently dropping a pun or one-liner into a conversation.



Dave and Kim at the Cocktails for Choice fundraiser in 2008.

Dave was generous in so many ways, including his time, energy and intelligence. But he will be remembered most for his generosity of spirit. Dave was always a strong advocate for others and he was a friend to many. An advocate and friend PPKY and our community were fortunate to have and know.

News and upcoming events

IMPORTANT NEWS

Okolona Satellite Office Closes

In an ongoing effort to enhance our services and programs, PPKY continuously assesses and makes changes to strengthen our operational systems to better serve the community and our clients. Changes in patient trends have led us to make the difficult decision to close our Okolona satellite currently open on Mondays. This decision will help focus our resources more efficiently to continue to provide critical health care and education programs throughout the Commonwealth.

We have communicated with our patients to ensure a continuity of care during this time of transition. The Louisville Health Center is located 15 minutes from the Okolona site and provides services Monday through Friday, including until 8 PM on Tuesday and Thursday.

Accolades and Accomplishments

Congratulations to our graduating teen-REACH peer educators!

-Hannah Greene -Yovanna Jones
-Tevin Payne -Eriauna Stratton
-Sarah Walters

As well as to graduating UK VOX Executive Board members:

-Alecia Fields
-Stephanie Hopkins

Thanks for all you've done! We'll miss you and good luck!

Upcoming Events

Teen Talk

Community teens are invited to meet with teenREACH peer educators and PPKY staff for informal discussions about healthy relationships, sexuality, safer sex and more!

-Louisville Health Center
 First Tuesday of the month, 4-5 pm
-Bluegrass Health Center
 To be announced. Call for more info!

PPKY Happy Hour (Louisville)

Meet other PPKY supporters and learn more about how you can get involved!
-Wednesday, April 21, 5:30-8pm
-Additional information TBA. Contact us for more information!

Give Into the Groove (Lexington)

Fundraiser and concert promoting non-profit organizations in Lexington, including PPKY!
-Friday, April 23, 7 pm-midnight
 Buster's Billiards and Backroom

GYT Screening Days

As part of the national GYT (Get Yourself

Tested) campaign, PPKY will be offering free HIV and low-cost STD screenings.

-Saturday, April 24, 11 am-4 pm
 Bluegrass and Louisville health centers
-Monday, April 26, 9 am-3 pm
 Eastern Kentucky University

Get Involved

We need your help! PPKY is actively seeking community supporters in both Louisville and Lexington to serve on our event planning committee.

We Need

Help PPKY collect much-needed new or gently-used items:
-Couches and chairs for new teen room at Louisville Health Center
-Dishes, pots and pans
-DVD player and TV
-Digital camera
-Laptop or desk top computer (with XP or newer operating system)
-Office furniture
-Baskets
-Auction items for upcoming fundraisers (restaurant gift cards, sports tickets, etc)

Call us at 1-800-230-PLAN or go to www.ppsy.org to find current information on upcoming events and other ways you can get involved with PPKY!



Your partner. Your friend. Your plan.

Bluegrass Health Center

508 W. 2nd St.

Lexington, KY 40508

859-252-8494

Louisville Health Center

1025 S. 2nd St.

Louisville, KY 40203

502-584-2473

EKU Office

Student Health, 521 Lancaster Ave.

Richmond, KY 40475

859-252-8494

Request an appointment online at www.ppsy.org

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Save the Date!
And support PPKY education programs

Birds and Bees in the Bluegrass
Friday, May 14, 2010
5:30-7:30 pm
The home of Ralph and Pam Miller
Lexington

Birds and Bees Bash
Friday, August 27, 2010
The Seelbach Hilton
Louisville

Invitations to follow

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