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On Friday, February 18th, the **U.S. House of Representatives passed HR 1**, a fiscal year 2011 resolution necessary for the continued funding of the Federal government. **If passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President**, HR 1 would eliminate or significantly reduce a number of vital programs across the country. For Planned Parenthood, HR 1 is the worst legislative assault on women's health care in our 95-year history.

What is the impact of HR1 for the women, men and teens of Kentucky and the U.S.?

- The elimination of the national family planning program will hurt women and families, including increasing the number of unintended pregnancies, and have a devastating effect on communities across the nation.
- The House-passed amendment to bar Planned Parenthood from providing health care services through **any** federal program will leave millions of women at risk for serious health problems, including undetected cancers, HIV & other sexually transmitted diseases and infections.
- These proposals will do just the opposite of reducing our nation's

deficit and fixing the economy. For every dollar invested in family planning, taxpayers **save** nearly \$4 in other health care costs.

In a vote by the US Senate on March 9, 2011, **HR 1 was defeated.**

However, the U.S. Senate also failed to pass their alternative. This alternative resolution would continue to fund Title X at current levels and would NOT include language to defund Planned Parenthood.

A Congressional vote provided for continued funding of the Federal government only through April 8th. A new funding resolution must be passed prior to April 9 for the Federal government to continue to function.

Health care for thousands of women in Kentucky and millions of women across this country is under attack, and we are here to say **NO. No to taking away family planning and birth control; No to taking away lifesaving cancer screening; No to taking away HIV and other STD testing and treatment.**

Planned Parenthood has launched 3 initiatives in support of access to life saving and life changing services and programs.

Planned Parenthood Truth Tour:

A hot pink tour bus is traveling the country to share information about the important work of PP and the devastating impact of these attacks of family planning.



Shirley L. Jones PhD, RNC, FAAN

Raise Your Hand: 1 in 5 American women have been to Planned Parenthood at some point in their lives: www.raiseyourhand.org

I Stand With Planned Parenthood: Across the country, we are standing up for women's health and for the high quality, compassionate and cost effective care Planned Parenthood provides. Join us: www.istandwithplannedparenthood.org

Locally, PPKY held simultaneous **I Stand With Planned Parenthood** events on March 7, in Lexington and Louisville., where 135 supporters came together to stand with PPKY and make their voices heard!

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Why I'm a volunteer for PPKY...

I am a pro-choice advocate and an active supporter of Planned Parenthood because...

1. They were a vital medical resource for me as a part-time, uninsured college student in the 90s;
2. They continue to provide low-cost reproductive health services and comprehensive sex education to those who are most in need; and,
3. They have been an advocate for the advancement of women for nearly 100 years.

I believe everyone should have the same access to health care and that government has no right to legislate health care decisions between a patient and their physician.

Without comprehensive sex education, the number of unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and abortions will rise.



Shevawn Akers, MSW

The advancement of women greatly depends on whether or not we choose to have children, how many children we choose to have and the amount of support we receive to provide care for our children. As primary caregivers, women are often required to sacrifice our personal goals and professional careers for the sake of our children. Others are faced with poverty as a result of an unintended pregnancy. PPKY works to end this inequity and provide equal opportunities for all.

Shevawn Akers, MSW serves on PPKY's Communications Task Force, planning events and fundraisers in Lexington.



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2010 By the numbers

Clinical services

9,905 visits to 3 centers
 2,143 breast exams
 1,904 cervical cancer tests
 2,747 STI tests
 2,648 pregnancy tests

Those we serve...

3,552 women (ages 20-39)
 245 mid-life women
 1,022 teens
 256 men
 3,025 Kentuckians below 150% of the federal poverty level

Education/Outreach

We reached more than **12,000 individuals**
 We educated more than **2,500 Kentuckians** (presentations and one-on-one)
 Peer educators reached nearly **3,000 youth and families**

Kentucky youth rally for sex education

On February 15, thanks to a grant from Planned Parenthood Federation of America, PPKY brought 40 high school and college students to the state Capitol to advocate for comprehensive sex education in Kentucky schools. Unfortunately many Kentucky schools continue to teach ineffective abstinence-only-until-marriage programs despite the fact that the state has the nation’s 8th highest teen birth rate and 7th highest rate of cervical cancer.

Participating youth represented 9 high schools and 3 universities from across the state. PPKY teenREACH peer educators and UK VOX members were among those in attendance, as well as UofL Medical Students for Choice. Two weeks prior to the rally day, youth attended an advocacy training where PPKY staff and peer educators, along with guest speakers from the ACLU, Kentucky Fairness and the Center for Women and Families, offered sessions on how a bill becomes a law (Advocacy 101), the current state of reproductive health in Kentucky, and relevant legislation (sex education,

teen dating violence, and LGBTQ rights). Youth also made signs for the rally and practiced speaking to law-makers.

As part of Rally Day, youth met with individual legislators and other government officials, and wrote more than 60 letters for those they were unable to meet with, sharing their experiences receiving or not receiving sex education in school.

PPKY’s youth joined the local chapter of the ACLU’s Reproductive Freedom Project for a noon rally in the Rotunda. More than 125 youth and adults from across the state, including several legislators and government officials, joined together in support of comprehensive sex education and Planned Parenthood.



From left: Intern Lauren Vandeveld, State Rep. Joni Jenkins, Peer Educators Max Allen, Alexis Perry, Laura Rebollo and State Rep. Mary Lou Marzian.

to the crowd about their experiences educating peers about sex, the poor state of reproductive health in the Commonwealth, and the need for comprehensive sex education in Kentucky schools.

The event was covered by TV stations from both Louisville and Lexington. The entire group was equipped with hot pink “Sex Education NOW” t-shirts and held signs that read “Protect our Future” and “I Stand With Planned Parenthood.”

Despite a small group of anti-choice protestors, the Youth Rally Day was an overwhelming success. The energy in the Rotunda was electric. Words such as “passionate”, “articulate”, “knowledgeable”, “energizing”, and “our future legislators” were repeatedly stated and heard by those in attendance.



Youth from across Kentucky gather in the Capitol Rotunda to support comprehensive sex education.

During the rally, teenREACH peer educator and high school senior Lyla Wasz-Piper, as well as former peer educator and UK VOX member Eriauna Stratton spoke

I Stand With Planned Parenthood



On March 7th, 135 supporters gathered in Louisville and Lexington to stand with Planned Parenthood. PPKY collected more than 100 petition signatures and notes to legislators voicing support for women's health.



Thanks to ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project, BBC Tap Room, community supporter Heather Falmen, The Grey Goose, Grape Leaf and Wiltshire Pantry for your generous donations of time, food & resources.



News and upcoming events

New Staff and Board of Directors

We are happy to announce a number of new staff and Board Members joining the PPKY family.

Welcome to:

- Ashley Henderson, LHC Client Services Specialist
- Hervey Howell, Board of Directors
- Arion Jett, BHC Educator & Interpreter
- Elizabeth Perkins, LHC Client Services Specialist & Interpreter
- Rev Elwood Sturtevant, Board of Directors

Accolades and Accomplishments

Congratulations to our graduating teenREACH peer educators:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Max Allen | Alicia Dawson |
| Anna Hansen | Beth Hansen |
| Jermaine Jones | Kamille Kelly |
| Kayla Lofton | Rae Staben |
| Lyla Wasz-Piper | |

As well as to graduating UK VOX members:
 Nichole Stark Anne Wasson
 Emily Skidmore

Upcoming Events

Teen Talk

Community teens are invited to meet with peer educators for informal discussions on sexuality, healthy relationships, safer sex & more!

- Louisville Health Center
First Tuesday of the month, 4-5 pm
- Bluegrass Health Center
To be announced.

GYT Movie Night

Community youth are invited to a viewing party of the MTV special "Fact or Fake" which will examine common myths about sex and dating.

- Louisville, Wednesday, April 13
- Lexington, TBD

GYT Outreach

Join PPKY staff and volunteers to raise awareness about reproductive health by distributing condoms and information at local bars and restaurants.

- Louisville, Saturday, April 23, 11pm-?
- Lexington TBD

Contact Morgan.Taliaferro@ppfa.org in Louisville and Arion.Jett@ppfa.org in Lexington for more information.

Let's Talk (Louisville): Parent/teen communication workshop

Thursday, May 21 , 6:30-8:30 pm
 Louisville Health Center
 Contact Morgan at 502-584-2471 x 1235 to RSVP.

Give Into the Groove (Lexington)

Fundraiser and concert promoting Lexington non profits, including PPKY!
 -Friday, April 29
 Buster's Billiard and Backroom

GYT STD Screening Day

Saturday, April 30, 10 am-4 pm
 -Bluegrass Health Center
 -Louisville Health Center

Every Monday in April!
 -At Eastern Kentucky University (students, faculty and staff only)

Get Involved

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

Call or visit 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

Services available at Eastern Kentucky University

Student Health, 521 Lancaster Ave.

Richmond, KY 40475

859-252-8494

Visit us online at www.ppkv.org.



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newsletters electronically. Email
ppky@ppfa.org to sign up!

A decorative background for a flyer featuring black and white illustrations of birds perched on flowering branches, bees, and butterflies. The text is overlaid on this background.

Save the Date!

And support PPKY education programs

Birds and Bees in the Bluegrass

75th Anniversary Celebration
Friday, September 16, 2011
The home of George and Nawana Privett
Lexington

Birds and Bees Bash

Friday, August 26, 2011
The Seelbach Hilton
Louisville

Invitations to follow