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*Planned Parenthood of Maryland
Anne Arundel County*

Creating a Stronger, Healthier Community: a fact sheet

What does Planned Parenthood bring to the Annapolis & Anne Arundel County community?

- A resolve to address the problems caused by teen pregnancy, astronomical HIV/AIDS infection rates and a crucial lack of affordable healthcare.
- A commitment to a future in which pregnancy & birth are a time of joy, health & personal choice.
- A future in which every child is born wanted & loved.

We are one of the most trusted sources of information & tools for women, men & families making important decisions that affect the health of the entire community.

Who benefits from healthcare services?

With 8 locations across the state, the Planned Parenthood of Maryland Annapolis Health Center (PPM-AACo.) is the second busiest PPM Health Center in the state. We saw patients at over 3,400 visits in the past year.

Specifically, our patients are:

- 76% uninsured
- 54% between the ages of 20-29
- 22% living below poverty

What kind of healthcare do you provide?

By helping people understand & control their fertility, we help prevent unintended pregnancies, which can cause distress, economic hardship & an increased burden on our state's social service safety net.

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We help people of *all* ages stay healthy through exams, counseling, referrals & educational programming. When all else fails, we are also here to provide women who wish to terminate their pregnancies with safe, professional abortion care through the 13th week of pregnancy.

For all medical services PPM-AA Co. accepts most commercial insurance & has a sliding fee scale for the uninsured and underinsured. Our most utilized service is providing birth control. We offer a range of patient services, including:

- Birth control & counseling
- Routine gynecological exams
- Colposcopy screenings
- Diagnosis & treatment of sexually transmitted infections
- Emergency contraception
- Pregnancy testing, all-options counseling & referrals
- Abortion services
- Prostate/testicular cancer screenings

What do you do to educate & inform people?

Our staff is sought after by agencies across the state to train their educators & outreach workers; we are the premier sexuality education providers in Maryland. We are regularly found leading discussions in the schools, community centers, government agencies & other nonprofits. Tailored to reach specific audiences, including teens, their parents, teachers, social workers & counselors, our programs include:

- Single & Multi Session Education Programs -- Each year we provide educational programs for adolescents & adults throughout the state on topics ranging from pregnancy & sexually transmitted infections prevention to healthy relationships.
- Peer Education Program -- Trained Peer Educators facilitate *Teen Talk*, a monthly discussion for fellow teens about issues ranging from birth control to talking to your parents about sex.
- Training Institute -- We train staff from the Department of Juvenile Services, Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, Maryland School Counselor's Association, public schools across the state, and many others.

Do you have a presence at the Capitol?

We strongly believe that decisions about reproductive health should be discussed in the exam room, not in the court room. At the state & federal level, we ensure that decision makers actively support policies that increase access to affordable reproductive health care. We work hard to stay in front of policymakers to ensure the issues of reproductive freedom stay front & center. Through the www.plannedparenthood.org/maryland website, more than 7,000 activists are kept abreast of the latest updates & have an easy way to contact decision makers.

What's in store in the Annapolis/Anne Arundel County Community?

We will never stop working to remain the most recognized & respected leader in Maryland for reproductive healthcare, education & advocacy. Friends of Planned Parenthood – Anne Arundel County is hosting a 40th Anniversary event in October.

HERE: Planned Parenthood across Maryland

Since 1927, Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) has been an important part of Maryland's healthcare delivery system providing affordable basic gynecological care & birth control, as well as scientifically accurate information to help people make informed decisions about their bodies. PPM also advocates for policies that support women's right to chose, as well as affordable healthcare & science-based sex education in schools.

As an affiliate of, and accredited by, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), PPM operates eight Health Centers throughout Maryland. Five of these Health Centers have full-time Spanish/English bilingual staff. PPM headquarters is co-located with the Baltimore City Health Center.

- PPM serves more than 17,500 clients a year across the state in Annapolis, Baltimore, Easton, Frederick, Owings Mills, Towson, Salisbury & Waldorf with more than 27,400 total visits.
- The majority of our client visits are for well-woman gynecological exams, contraceptive information & counseling and sexually transmitted infection testing & treatment.
- Our fastest growing Spanish speaking client populations are at our Annapolis and Easton Health Centers.
- The Baltimore City Health Center sees the highest number of patients.
- A not-for-profit service organization, PPM receives about 20% of its operating budget from the State of Maryland Family Planning grant.
- PPM sees the largest number of patients of any State Family Planning Grantee, though it receives a small share of the total grant.
- 70% of PPM patients are between the ages of 18-29.
- PPM is a participant in the Infertility Prevention Project, screening thousands of women each year for Chlamydia – a prevalent sexually transmitted infection with the potential to cause infertility. PPM also provides screening for gonorrhea, syphilis & HIV.
- Yearly, PPM reaches an additional 6,500 adolescents, 3,000 adults & 800 professionals through education, training & outreach efforts combined.
- PPM is an active partner with local & state organizations such as the Coalition for Healthy Youth, The University of Maryland School of Social Work, The Johns Hopkins Center for Adolescent Health, & the State Department of Juvenile Justice.

THERE: Planned Parenthood across America

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) is many things to many people: A trusted health care provider, an informed educator, a passionate advocate & a global partner helping similar organizations around the world.

For more than 90 years, Planned Parenthood has promoted a commonsense approach to women's health & well-being, based on respect for each individual's right to make informed, independent decisions about sex, health & family planning. Our 95 unique, locally-governed affiliates operate nearly 880 Health Centers across the nation. Planned Parenthood often is the only source of family planning for a large proportion of the women we serve. Planned Parenthood provides sexual & reproductive healthcare, education & information to 5 million women, men & adolescents worldwide each year.

- Planned Parenthood Health Centers focus on prevention: 82% of our clients receive services to prevent unintended pregnancy.
- Planned Parenthood services help prevent more than 621,000 unintended pregnancies each year.
- Planned Parenthood provides nearly 1 million Pap tests & more than 850,000 breast exams each year, critical services in detecting cancer.
- Planned Parenthood provides more than 3.3 million tests & treatments for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, each year.
- 3% of all Planned Parenthood health services are abortion services.
- 1 in 4 American women has chosen Planned Parenthood for healthcare at least once in her life.

Informing & Educating the Community

A respected leader in educating Americans about sexual & reproductive health, PPFA delivers comprehensive & medically accurate information that empowers women, men, teens & families to make informed choices & lead healthy lives. Planned Parenthood provides young people with honest sexuality & relationship information in classrooms & online. Nationwide, more than 1.2 million adults & youths participate in Planned Parenthood educational programs every year.

Leading the Reproductive Health & Rights Movement

On campuses, online, in statehouses, courts, in community settings & in the media, Planned Parenthood is a visible & passionate advocate for policies that enable Americans to access comprehensive sexual & reproductive health care, education & information. Whether talking to members of Congress, parents or faith leaders or arguing cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, we fight for commonsense policies that promote women's health,

allow individuals to prevent unintended pregnancies through access to affordable birth control, and protect the health of young people by providing them with comprehensive sex education.

Planned Parenthood has more than 4 million activists, supporters & donors nationwide. The Planned Parenthood Action Network enables online activists in all 50 states to stay on top of the issues & get involved with campaigns that advance and protect women's rights and health.

Also furthering Planned Parenthood's mission are several advocacy networks:

- College students mobilize through Vox[®]: Voices for Planned Parenthood, which has chapters & programs on nearly 180 campuses around the country.
- The PPFA Clergy Advisory Board mobilizes fellow clergy & lay religious leaders in the PPFA Pro-Choice Religious Network, a national membership group that advocates for the right of women & men to make informed, morally-responsible choices about their reproductive lives.
- Planned Parenthood Republicans for Choice[®] promote the principles that individual rights & reproductive freedom are core Republican values & should be reflected in Republican Party policies.

The Planned Parenthood Action Fund is an independent, nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization formed as the advocacy & political arm of PPFA. The Action Fund engages in educational & electoral activity, including public education campaigns, grassroots organizing & legislative advocacy.

EVERYWHERE: Planned Parenthood around the World

For many individuals around the world, access to vital sexual & reproductive health services & information is blocked — by poverty, a lack of basic services or politics & war. Planned Parenthood works with local partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean to overcome these barriers by increasing access to health services & education. We nurture local leadership, foster sustainable health & education programs and fight for legal, social & political improvements in communities around the world.

Planned Parenthood's international program also advocates for sound U.S. foreign policies that improve the sexual health & well-being of individuals & families globally. The international program serves 935,000 women, men & teens in 20 developing countries. PPFA is also a founding member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, based in London.

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