

public affairs update

President's Backwards Budget Cuts Family Planning Programs

Last month, President Bush released his final budget proposal. This budget puts politics over women's health; bolstering ineffective abstinence-only programs while under-funding effective family planning programs.

This budget represents a misguided approach to our nation's health and welfare priorities; proposing devastating cuts to funding for Medicaid family planning, which provides access to contraception and other family planning services to low-income women; failing to appropriately fund Title X, America's family planning program; and increasing funding for ineffective abstinence-only programs.

The best way to prevent unintended pregnancies and promote healthy families is to invest in Title X and Medicaid family planning programs, and ensure more women and families have access to affordable, quality reproductive health care and comprehensive sex education programs.

Sadly, this president's budget is backwards, puts politics over women's health, and does not invest in commonsense prevention programs that work.

Office of Women's Health in Pennsylvania?

State Senator Connie Williams (D-17) and State Rep. Bryan Lentz (D-161) have introduced legislation that would establish an Office of Women's Health within the PA Department of Health.

The Office of Women's Health would serve as a clearinghouse and resource for information regarding women's health data, strategies, services and programs across a range of issues, including pregnancy and reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections, sexual assault and domestic violence, and teen pregnancy.

Local co-sponsors include Senators Kitchen, Greenleaf, Stack and Reps. Bishop, Cohen, Cruz, Donatucci, Harper, Josephs, Myers, M. O'Brien, Parker, J. Taylor, Thomas, and Youngblood.

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Proceeds from the sale of PROPER ATTIRE™ condoms will benefit Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its mission to provide affordable, high-quality, comprehensive reproductive health care and education to women and families.

Upcoming Events: Mark your Calendars!

- Women's History Month: March 2008
- Public Affairs Phone Banks at PPSP: 1144 Locust Street, Philadelphia
March 12th, 19th & 25th - 5:00-8:00pm
- Public Affairs Phone Bank at PPSP: 1220 Powell Street, Norristown
March 13th & 27th - 5:00-8:00pm
- Volunteer Night at PPSP: 1144 Locust Street, Philadelphia
Wednesday, March 19th - 5:00-8:00pm
- Cocktails for a Cause: *Affordable Birth Control Crisis!*
Sugarmom's: 225 Church Street, Philadelphia
March 20th - 5:00-8:00pm
- Tricky Subjects Training at PPSP: 515 E. Lancaster Avenue, St. Davids
Monday, March 17th - 6:00-7:30pm

To RSVP or for information about these or other PPSP events, contact the Public Affairs Department at publicaffairs@ppsp.org or 215.351.5585.