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Texas Men Find Healthcare They Trust at Planned Parenthood July Outreach Will Encourage Men to Take Charge of Their Health

Austin/Dallas/Fort Worth/Waco, TX—Throughout the month of July, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas medical experts and education staff will highlight the range of services available to men at Planned Parenthood health centers.

Nationally, the number of male patients at Planned Parenthood health centers has grown 83% over the past 10 years. Last year, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas served 7,183 men, providing sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing and treatment, HIV testing, birth control, and vasectomies. An additional 3,998 young men received education to increase their sexual health and safety, and to reduce unintended pregnancies and STDs.

“Men understand that Planned Parenthood offers a nonjudgmental place to find high quality healthcare and education,” said Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Vice President of Health Services Beth Watson. **“But overall, men continue to lag behind in seeking regular medical screening and care that could make a huge difference in their health and in the health of their partners. We reach out to remind them we are available for that care, no matter what.”**

It is especially important to encourage men to seek regular screenings for STDs and HIV, along with other important medical checkups. Waiting until symptoms become apparent can expose men to lifelong damage, or make treatment more complicated or less effective. Regular testing—along with safe sex practices (primarily proper and consistent condom use)—allows men to enjoy relaxed and comfortable sex with their partners, while helping to prevent STDs.

Planned Parenthood medical experts are also available to answer questions some men might feel uncomfortable broaching with their regular healthcare providers. Our male patients know the information they receive comes from Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas’ 80-year dedication to medically accurate, evidence-based healthcare and specialization in sexual and reproductive health.

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