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Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Stands with LGBTQ Texans for Pride Month 2015

Austin/Dallas/Fort Worth/Paris/Tyler/Waco—June is **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Pride Month**, an annual observance of LGBTQ history, achievements, community, and activism, celebrated with marches, parties, and other events across the country. The month commemorates the 1969 [Stonewall Riots](#), the demonstrations that sparked the modern LGBTQ rights movement.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas believes that reproductive rights are deeply connected to LGBTQ rights and is proud to be a provider for so many in the LGBTQ community. We care passionately about helping all Texans lead healthy lives, no matter who they are, where they live, or who they love.

“Here in Texas our LGBTQ community faces an especially challenging climate to access basic services and rights,” said Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas President and CEO Ken Lambrecht. **“In our health centers and in the communities we serve, Planned Parenthood staff stand with LGBTQ Texans and their families.”**

In addition to high rates of stress due to systematic harassment and discrimination—which has been shown to affect physical and mental health—LGBTQ people face low rates of health insurance coverage, high rates of HIV/AIDS and cancer, and high rates of discrimination from medical providers. LGBTQ people of color are at an even higher risk for these disparities.

Planned Parenthood’s health centers located in Central and North Texas provide an open and welcoming resource for expert healthcare. Same-day appointments are available for sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, HIV testing, breast and cervical cancer screenings, preventative exams, and birth control.

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