



Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic



Planned Parenthood of Nassau County

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Planned Parenthood of Nassau County and Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic
Statement on Colorado Tragedy

Hempstead, NY- November 28, 2015 – Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (PPNC) and Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic (PPHP) today issued the following statement from JoAnn D. Smith, President & CEO of PPNC, and Reina Schiffrin, President/CEO of PPHP, on the tragedy that struck our sister affiliate in Colorado Springs, Colorado:

"Our top priority is the safety of our patients and staff. The situation in Colorado is tragic, and our hearts go out to everyone involved. Here in New York and across the country, Planned Parenthood has strong security measures in place, works closely with law enforcement agencies, and has a very strong safety record. Our health centers on Long Island are open and seeing patients today and going forward under normal operating hours. For more on our services, hours and locations, go to ppnc.org or pphp.org.

"We don't yet know the full circumstances and motives behind this criminal action, and we don't yet know if Planned Parenthood was in fact the target of this attack. We share the concerns of many Americans that extremists are creating a poisonous environment that feeds domestic terrorism in this country. We will never back away from providing care in a safe, supportive environment that millions of people rely on and trust."

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Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (PPNC) is one of 59 affiliates of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and operates 3 health centers in Hempstead, Glen Cove and Massapequa. In 2014, PPNC provided preventive health services to more than 14,200 patients during more than 27,889 visits. We conducted education workshops, street outreach and prevention programs to over 32,200 community members, and mobilized close to 11,000 advocates to protect reproductive health care rights. PPNC has served the community for 82 years, and is dedicated to educating and empowering individuals to make responsible choices regarding their sexuality and sexual health. Nationally, Planned Parenthood provides 2.7 million women, men and young people a year with critical health care. More than half of Planned Parenthood health centers are in rural or medically underserved areas. For more information about PPNC's services and programs, visit www.ppnc.org.

Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic (PPHP) is the 20th largest affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and operates ten health centers in Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties. In 2014, PPHP provided services to more than 33,000 patients in more than 64,000 visits. We conducted more than 1,700 education and training programs, reaching more than 42,000 youth and adults, and mobilized 49,000 advocates to protect reproductive health care rights. PPHP has served the community for over 80 years, and is dedicated to educating and

empowering individuals to make responsible choices regarding their sexuality and sexual health. For more information about PPHP's services and programs, visit www.pphp.org.