

## This is Who We Are

### Creating a Healthier World for Everyone

For nearly a century, Planned Parenthood has been the nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care provider and advocate. Planned Parenthood health centers provide contraception, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and lifesaving cancer screenings to millions of people in the U.S. With a presence in all 50 states and Washington, DC, there are 57 Planned Parenthood affiliates operating more than 650 health centers.

Planned Parenthood believes that all people deserve high-quality, affordable health care, no matter who they are and no matter where they live. We believe that when people are truly cared for, they make their lives, their families, and their communities better and healthier.

### The Unique Health Care Needs of LGBTQ People

Members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer (LGBTQ) community face greater obstacles to obtaining and benefiting from sexual and reproductive health services than non-LGBTQ people.

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 is Proud to Serve the LGBTQ Community

- There is much we can do to protect our health. Routine visits with a health care provider can help prevent illness and find problems that may need treatment. Your local Planned Parenthood health center can talk with you and help you get the care you need.



- Many Planned Parenthood health centers have programs for LGBTQ youth and allies, providing safe and supportive environments that allow youth to get the information and support they need to make healthy decisions and feel comfortable in their identities.
- Planned Parenthood believes in comprehensive sexuality education that covers the full array of topics affecting sexual health. Planned Parenthood's sex education programs are nonjudgmental and welcome all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Planned Parenthood uses its websites and social media sites like Tumblr, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as innovative chat/text programs, to get accurate, sensitive information—including information on sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity – to youth, parents, and men and women of all ages every day. Planned Parenthood websites receive an estimated 60 million visits in a single year.

### Text / Chat Program

Had unprotected sex? Worried? Text Planned Parenthood at 774636 (PPINFO).