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New, Larger Louisville Health Center Opens to Better Serve Kentucky Patients



Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky (PPINK) opened a new health center in downtown Louisville on Dec. 11, 2015. The new 14,300 square foot facility which is larger than the old health center on Second Street provides patients with a full range of reproductive health care including lifesaving cancer screenings, contraception, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and expanded sex education programs.

"We believe that women and families deserve the highest quality care, no matter who they are or where they live," said Betty Cockrum, President and CEO of PPINK.

"We are proud this new center will help us provide reproductive health care to people who need it. We are grateful to the Louisville community for their partnership as we expand to meet the health care needs of women and families in Louisville."

Planned Parenthood plays a critical role in providing health care for the women and families of Kentucky. More than 280,000 women are in need of affordable family planning services in Kentucky, a state where there are no ob-gyn physicians in 76 of 120 counties. Kentucky also has the sixth highest cervical cancer mortality rate in the nation. Cervical cancer is among the most treatable cancers if a woman has access to screenings and follow-up care.

PPINK also operates a health center in Lexington, Ky. Together, these centers serve nearly 5,000 women and men annually with more than 10,000 birth control appointments, 900 pap tests and 5,600 STD tests and treatments.

See more photos of the new Louisville health center on page 4.

THE FACTS ABOUT PPINK

I could not have agreed more when Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin said, "You are entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts." The problem is Gov. Bevin confused our facts with his personal opinion. But, before I talk more about Gov. Bevin, let me step back a bit and explain how we arrived at this point.



On Jan. 28, 2016, news about our Louisville health center commencing abortion services became public, and we released a statement to media announcing regularly scheduled abortion services were now being offered in the new center.

That same evening Gov. Bevin released the first of a series of extremely inflammatory statements claiming PPINK was operating illegally. Later that same evening, PPINK received a cease and desist letter from the Kentucky Office of Inspector General (OIG) asserting that two statutorily required agreements we submitted to the office on Nov. 19, 2015 to operate an abortion facility had deficiencies that needed to be addressed before the application could proceed.

Our leadership team reached out to the lawyer with whom we had worked throughout the application process. It is important to note, her former law partner is now Gov. Bevin's general counsel. She was told that it was important for us to comply with the cease and desist order because the governor was

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GRANTS UPDATE

PPINK is pleased to announce new grant investments in our patient services and education programs. Since the beginning of fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2016), PPINK has secured **\$768,962** in grant support for programs to provide free HIV testing, improve access to long-acting reversible contraceptives and empower incarcerated youth with sexual health knowledge and decision-making skills. We remain deeply grateful for the generosity of foundations across Indiana and Kentucky — thank you for supporting our mission and those we serve every day, no matter what.

IMPLANT PROGRAM OFFERS FREE CONTRACEPTION TO LOUISVILLE WOMEN

PPINK is pleased to announce the creation of the Louisville Implant Program to provide Nexplanon, a long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) arm implant, to women who otherwise could not afford it. Longtime PPINK supporters have pledged \$100,000 to seed this program and enhance our ability to further reduce barriers to one of the most effective forms of contraception available.

Inspired by a successful LARC program in Colorado, private donors approached PPINK with the hope of achieving some of the same results in Louisville. The efforts of the Colorado LARC program cut the teen birth rate in half, with abortion rates falling dramatically and infant enrollment in Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) declining 23 percent between 2010 and 2013.

PPINK is committed to focusing on prevention and removing barriers that might inhibit women from choosing the contraceptive that is best for them. The Louisville Implant Program will do just that by making one of the most effective contraceptive methods accessible. We are looking to match the private donors' gift to ensure that this investment has an enduring and truly meaningful impact. If you are interested in learning more about this fund and how you can help us meet the match, please contact Meghan Rouse at meghan.rouse@ppink.org.

2016 Indiana and Kentucky Legislative Updates

The 2016 session of the Indiana and Kentucky legislatures began with 19 hostile bills filed—seven in Indiana and 12 in Kentucky. Not a good start. Bill topics range from abortion bans, new “misinformed” consent mandates, fetal tissue, defunding, and more regulations targeting abortion providers. Indiana and Kentucky lawmakers are again seeking to add still more unnecessary and burdensome regulations, thereby impeding access to care.

At the time of publication, Indiana’s legislative session has concluded and House Enrolled Act

Vague wording, confusing definitions and policing of physicians make this bill extremely dangerous, setting a dangerous precedent for limiting the reasons a woman may seek an abortion.

While we work to comply and ponder next steps on HEA 1337, we are also paying close attention to the legislative climate in Kentucky that continues into mid-April.

Setting a tone that will no doubt follow us over the next four years, on Feb. 2, Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin signed his first bill into law and chose for that action to be against women—Senate Bill 4,

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(HEA) 1337 has been signed into law by Gov. Mike Pence. It will have a truly onerous impact on access to safe, legal abortions in Indiana.

HEA 1337 includes language from two bills introduced this session: House Bill 1337 and Senate Bill 313. Key provisions include:

- Prohibiting an abortion if the woman is seeking the abortion solely because of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, or sex of the fetus; or diagnosis or potential diagnosis of the fetus having Down Syndrome or any other disability;
- Mandating an aborted fetus must be treated as human remains and buried or cremated;
- Requiring a woman to obtain an ultrasound at least 18 hours before an abortion; and
- Forcing the state to distribute copies of the mandated physician admitting privilege documents to all other hospitals in the county and counties neighboring an abortion clinic.

which mandates in-person consent. This was the first anti-choice bill to pass in Kentucky in nearly a decade. However, these restrictions are just another example of a broader agenda to end access to abortion.

Since 2011, state lawmakers across the country have passed more than 280 restrictions on safe, legal abortion. Indiana is one of the top four most hostile states in the country for reproductive health care. Kentucky now appears poised to follow suit.

The PPINK advocacy team continues to effectively mobilize supporters against these anti-woman, anti-Planned Parenthood initiatives. We are ever-vigilant. We beg you to pay attention and make your voice heard. Your voices matter. If you would like more frequent updates, sign up for Planned Parenthood’s Action Network (PPAN) at advocates.ppink.org to receive email alerts regarding the Indiana and Kentucky legislatures.

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considering action against us. Her conversation with the governor’s general counsel also implied that PPINK sending a letter complying with the cease and desist order would stop the heated rhetoric coming from the Governor’s office.

With counsel, we drafted a letter that agreed to cease and desist while addressing the issues cited by the OIG. The letter also asserts that PPINK always operated in compliance with regulations and with the knowledge and support of the OIG. We released that letter to the media only to have it met with another statement from the governor asserting that he was glad we had accepted responsibility for operating illegally.

These emails substantiate that we acted in full compliance with the advice and directions of the OIG.

This last statement proved to be too much. I traveled down to Louisville where current board member and incoming chair Kim Greene and I had interviews with local media outlets. Together we shared the details that led to our commencing regularly scheduled services on Jan. 21, 2016, along with copies of emails to and from the OIG. These emails substantiate that we acted in full compliance with the advice and directions of the OIG. We explained PPINK had meticulously followed every instruction given by the OIG on how to proceed with our application and in no way performed illegal abortions.

Despite our efforts, Gov. Bevin responded to many of the reporters by posting a statement on his Facebook page disputing their meaning and stating, “You are entitled to your own opinion, but not your own facts.”

And this brings us back to where I started.

We strongly disagree with the governor’s assertions, as do others as reflected in numerous news accounts and most clearly in a Feb. 3 Lexington Herald-Leader editorial:

While many things change when new governors or presidents take office, our system of law doesn’t change when a new executive is sworn in. Bevin needs to recall that abortion is legal in the United States. And he should acknowledge that [PPINK], had received the appropriate permissions from the appropriate authority, the Office of the Inspector General of the Cabinet of Health and Human Services, to perform abortions at its facility in Louisville. Reports of emails provided to both Insider Louisville and the Louisville Courier-Journal by PPINK make that clear and the Bevin administration has not provided any evidence to the contrary.

We will continue our efforts to keep you, our supporters and our patients, informed. Stay tuned...

Now, a little more positive news that’s been long in coming, though we all knew eventually we would prevail. On Jan. 25, authorities in Harris County, Texas announced that after a lengthy and thorough investigation into claims related to the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) smear campaign, a grand jury has cleared Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast of any wrongdoing—and has instead handed down felony indictments against David Daleiden and Susan Merritt. Daleiden is the head of CMP and the face of the smear campaign; Merritt is the true identity of the woman who appears in many videos with Daleiden. Both Daleiden and Merritt were named as defendants in the federal lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood Federation of America earlier this month.

A busy start to the year but I’m confident that good will prevail and as we can all agree—**PPINK is good.**

All the very best,



Betty Cockrum, President and CEO

Teen Advocacy Day at PPINK



Teen Council Indianapolis, a PPINK peer education group, kicked off 2016 with its second annual Indiana Teen Advocacy Day on Jan. 26. In partnership with Indiana Youth Group and the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, 13 Indianapolis-area high school students lobbied at the Statehouse for comprehensive sexuality education in their schools. Participants received training on how to lobby and what to expect from legislators. By the end of the day, participants spoke to 18 legislators or legislative assistants through one-on-one conversations and panels. Teen Advocacy Day has compelled several legislators to reach out to PPINK to say how powerful it was to hear from eloquent and passionate youth on such a controversial issue. Several of the youth reported wanting to continue conversations with their representatives and increased interest in government or lobbying after the event.



New, larger Louisville health center opens



TOP PHOTO: The new location at 842 S. Seventh Street in Louisville (seen here from the street) is larger than the old location and includes private parking. BOTTOM LEFT & RIGHT: Patient exam rooms and waiting areas have been updated with new branding and streamlined information displays and equipped to provide a full range of reproductive health services.

Coalition for Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Louisville Holds 2016 Kickoff

Louisville Sex Education Now (LSEN), a coalition led by PPINK to push for comprehensive sexuality education in Louisville-area schools, held a 2016 kickoff event at the Louisville Health Center on Feb. 10. Supporters learned about the need for comprehensive sexuality education in the Louisville area. Planned Parenthood Advocates of Indiana and Kentucky (PPAIK) Director of External Affairs Tamarri Wieder presented and members of Teen Council Louisville were in attendance. For more information about joining LSEN, email Tamarri Wieder at tamarra.wieder@ppink.org.



Community Action Partners of North Central Indiana Co-sponsor Panel Reflecting on *Roe v. Wade*

PPINK is grateful to have incredible supporters in the local communities we serve. One aspect of our work with these dedicated individuals is the Community Action Partners (CAP) initiative. Organized locally throughout Indiana and Kentucky, CAP groups work closely with PPINK staff to strengthen our impact and engage communities on reproductive health issues and reproductive justice.

On Jan. 23, 2016, the PPINK CAP of North Central Indiana co-sponsored a panel discussion with the Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) women's and gender studies department entitled "Reflecting on Roe: The Impact and Legacy of *Roe v. Wade*." Expert panelists included Jay Tidmarsh, professor at University of Notre Dame law school; Jason M. Critchlow, chair of the St. Joseph County Democratic Party; Charlotte Pfeifer, associate faculty of social work and women's and gender studies at IUSB; and Cynthia Murphy Wardlow, recruitment and retention counselor at the IUSB office of admissions.

Panelists and attendees spent the evening reflecting on and discussing judicial decisions since *Roe v. Wade* that have impacted abortion access, as well as various legislative initiatives aimed at limiting access even further. Noting that abortion has not always been such a politicized issue, panelists made it clear that efforts to limit access have had a devastating impact on the South Bend community.

Events like this panel discussion are critically important – not only for PPINK to expand outreach, but also for local advocates to plug into a community and turn their passion for reproductive justice into action. Thank you to all of our hard-working CAP members in North Central Indiana and partners at IUSB for making the event possible.

PPINK CAP of North Central Indiana is just one example of how to get involved in your community. If you are interested in volunteering for PPINK or bringing CAP to your area, please contact Wanda Savala at wanda.savala@ppink.org.

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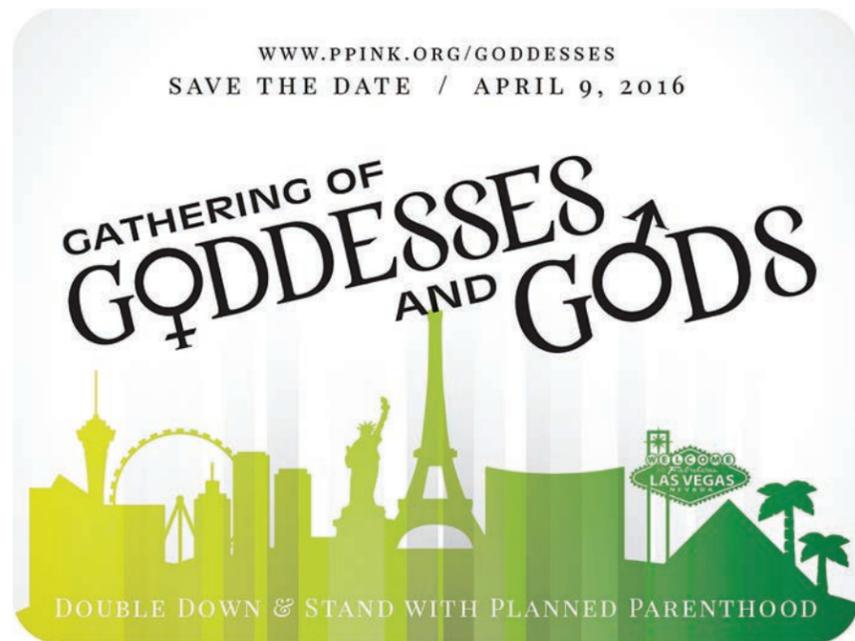


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Calling All Goddesses and Gods!



It wouldn't be spring in Indiana without the annual PPINK Gathering of Goddesses and Gods – and on April 9, 2016, we're doubling down on the festivities and bringing Vegas to Indy! Join friends and supporters for our signature Indiana event benefitting the PPINK Women's Health Fund. For more than 15 years, our Women's Health Fund has helped PPINK patients afford the health care they need – no matter what.

This year's Gathering of Goddesses and Gods promises to be the best yet! Treat yourself to massages and pampering when you arrive, then spend the evening playing casino games, noshing on delectable gourmet dishes and enjoying the good company of your fellow PPINK supporters. Instead of sitting down to a formal dinner, guests are invited to mix and mingle throughout the evening. Plenty of open tables and seating will be available, perfect for rest stops in between rounds of blackjack.

As always, the Goddesses silent auction will include well-deserved indulgences from Silpada jewelry, local restaurants, spas, concert venues and yoga studios. You will definitely not want to miss the chance to bid on a Las Vegas vacation package, too!

Sponsorship packages are available for guests who would like to reserve seating areas, and general admission tickets are going fast! Call 317-637-4175 today for tickets.

Indianapolis Planned Parenthood Young Leaders Group Mobilizes Support for Legislative Session

On Jan. 13, Planned Parenthood Young Leaders (PPYL) held its "Ready, Set, Mobilize!" event in preparation for Indiana's 2016 legislative session. PPYL is a group for young professionals and community members to participate in advocacy and fundraising efforts in conjunction with PPINK or PPAIK staff. PPAIK Community Outreach Coordinator Wanda Savala said the event is designed to remind supporters how Planned Parenthood serves communities in Indiana and to inspire local supporters to be champions for Planned Parenthood during Indiana's 2016 legislative session. Louisville also has a PPYL group. For more information on getting involved with PPYL in Indianapolis, email Wanda Savala at wanda.savala@ppink.org. For more information on PPYL in Louisville, email Tamarri Wieder at tamarri.wieder@ppink.org.



Rally at Kentucky Statehouse Draws Crowd of 350 Supporters

PPINK and the ACLU of Kentucky held the 2016 Reproductive Rights Rally on Feb. 23 at the Kentucky Statehouse with the slogan, 'We Will Not Go Back'. The Kentucky legislature has been especially hostile to women this year and passed a bill that increased the burden and cost to women seeking an abortion. The rally came on the heels of Rep. Mary Lou Marzian's, D-Ky., Viagra bill and a trending hashtag that caught the attention of the nation.

The speakers lined up included religious leaders and state lawmakers. Over 350 people attended the rally in support of reproductive rights.

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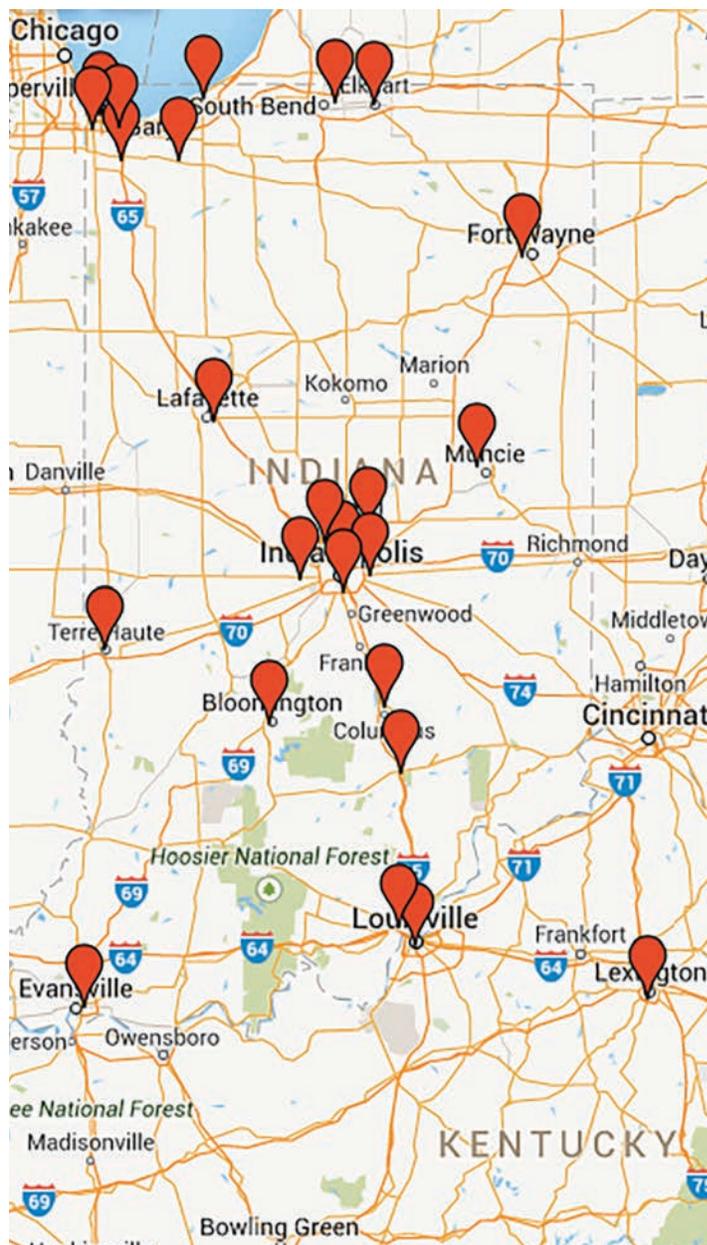
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