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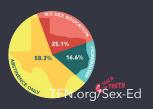
August Connections

Welcome to the August edition of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' monthly newsletter. As a valued supporter, we would like to share the latest updates on the work you make possible at Planned Parenthood. We have also included important action alerts and upcoming events.

August Means Back to School

Before you or those you care about go back to school, go back to Planned Parenthood to make sure you're taking care of your health for the year ahead. Make an appointment at Planned Parenthood for an annual exam, HPV vaccine, sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests, birth control consultation, and health education that's evidence-based and supports healthy decision making.

What Texas Public School Districts Teach on Sex Ed





The Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that for every age group, the topic least likely to be addressed in schools was how to access and use condoms.

Our most common services provided are:



Birth control to help Texans plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and PrEP and PEP.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.



\$600 enables 3 teens to receive honest, accurate sex education.

MAKE A PLAN. TAKE CONTROL.

Every journey starts with a plan. Life is no different. When it comes to birth control and everything else related to reproductive health, Planned Parenthood is here to help individuals make a reproductive life plan and find the best birth control solution. Everyone is unique, and so is the contraception that's best for them! Finding the right birth control doesn't have to be confusing. As America's most trusted birth control experts, we're here to help figure it all out.



"Growing up, I never felt comfortable talking to my mom about birth control. It makes me happy to know Planned Parenthood offers so many resources and help."

Fabiola, a Planned
 Parenthood of Greater
 Texas partner in Dallas

SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES

Research overwhelmingly shows that comprehensive sex education results in delaying the decision to have sex and decreases risky sexual behavior (Comprehensive sexuality education. Committee Opinion No. 678. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Obstet Gynecol 2016;128:e227-30). Parents and parenting adults are the most important educators in a young person's life. That's why Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas professional health educators are offering a series of free sex-ed online workshops this summer for parents, young adults, middle schoolers and high schoolers to learn age appropriate information about sexual health.

TAKE ACTION

Access to abortion is under political attack once again during the special legislative session called by Governor Greg Abbott, who added Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) to the agenda. SB 4 would restrict medication abortion, one of the safest and most common forms of abortion care, and would force doctors to deviate from the standard of care outlined by the Food and Drug Administration.

A NEWS CONNECTION

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, other Planned Parenthood affiliates and abortion providers, along with abortion funds, doctors, clinic staff, and clergy members filed a lawsuit to block the controversial new Texas law, Senate Bill 8 (SB 8), set to take effect September 1. The law bans abortion as early as six weeks of pregnancy, before most people even know they're pregnant. It allows anyone – including those who have no connection to the patient – to take doctors, health centers, and anyone who helps – or intends to help – another person access an abortion in violation of SB 8 to court to seek a minimum of \$10,000 per abortion procedure.

ANNUAL DALLAS AWARDS

The 31st Annual Dallas Awards will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at the AT&T Performing Arts Center Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House. We are thrilled to be honoring Sally Dunning with the 2021 Gertrude Shelburne Humanitarian Award and excited to share that Cecile Richards will be the keynote speaker. Funds raised support essential healthcare services, community health education programs, and advocacy on behalf of Texans.

SAVE THE **DATE!**

North Texas
Giving Day
is back
September 23,
6:00 AM - Midnight



WAYS TO GIVE

Have you considered making a planned gift to continue the legacy of access to healthcare and education that you have made possible for thousands of Planned Parenthood patients, students, and parents? For more information on how you may include Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas in your estate plan, contact Shawn Wills, Chief Development Officer, at (214) 363-3505 or shawn.wills@ppgt.org.

Your gift of:

- \$1,000 prevents the spread of sexually transmitted infections through testing and treatment for 5 patients
- \$360 protects 1 patient against certain types of HPV that can lead to cancer with the HPV vaccine
- \$200 empowers 1 teen with honest, inclusive sex education
- \$90 prevents unintended pregnancies with 3 months of birth control

If you have a question or if you want to learn more, please contact the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or email us at development@ppgt.org.





