



## PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS: June Connections

Welcome to the June 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.

### June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Planned Parenthood is proud to stand with the LGBTQ+ community and provide a safe and welcoming place to get healthcare and information. All are welcome here.

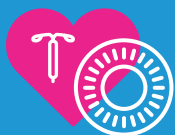
# 3,149

PPGT provided 3,149 gender affirming hormone therapy visits in 2020

# 100%

100% of PPGT health centers offer PrEP/PEP HIV prevention medication and trans-competent reproductive healthcare

### 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.

### LGBTQ+ HEALTHCARE SERVICES

For LGBTQ+ patients, non-judgmental, affordable healthcare is especially important. A survey by the National Center for Transgender Equality found that 22% of Texas respondents did not see a doctor when they needed to because of fear of being mistreated as a transgender person, and 38% did not see a doctor when needed because they could not afford it.

We offer full-spectrum care:

- All healthcare services provided are available for LGBTQ+ patients
- Hormone therapy for transgender patients
- Education
- Support groups
- Resources
- Service referrals



### EDUCATION

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas launched Teen Council in 2020. Teen Council is a year-long peer sex education program for Austin area 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. The first in Texas, this nation-wide program model prepares high-school age youth to be a non-judgmental and knowledgeable resources for their peers about sexual health. Teen Council members present as volunteer educators on various topics, like healthy relationships, consent, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, and contraception. Teen Council just wrapped up its first year, and the 2021-2022 Teen Council begins in August!

"I want to continue participating in Teen Council next year to be able to teach more teens in the community about safe sex, pregnancy prevention and, most important to me, healthy relationships."

- A Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas  
Teen Council participant



## A NEWS CONNECTION

In May, a controversial city ordinance passed that bans all abortions in Lubbock and allows local residents to sue doctors, nurses, and others who help a patient access abortion in Lubbock. This ordinance creates significant barriers, including a minimum 600 mile round trip or travel out of state, that make abortion inaccessible in most of West Texas. Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas filed suit in federal court in Lubbock to block this extreme new ordinance. Unless the court steps in, the ordinance could take effect on June 1.



## TAKE ACTION





***According to the Guttmacher Institute, over 500 abortion restrictions have been introduced in state legislatures this year, and over 60 of those have already been passed and signed. The Texas Governor has signed one of the most extreme abortion bans in the U.S. into law (Senate Bill 8). The controversial new law bans abortion at six weeks, before most people know they are pregnant, and allows anyone to sue an abortion provider or anyone who helps someone obtain abortion care. The law will become effective on September 1 if it isn't blocked in the courts. Through these political attacks, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas remains committed to protecting every Texans' access to the essential healthcare they need and will continue to serve patients. Planned Parenthood is here to provide Care. No Matter What.***

## WAYS TO GIVE

Have you considered making a planned gift to continue the legacy 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 us at (214) 254-3017 or [development@ppgt.org](mailto:development@ppgt.org).

## Your gift of:

-  **\$1,000** prevents the spread of sexually transmitted infections through testing and treatment for 5 patients
-  **\$325** offers 1 patient peace of mind with pre- (PrEP) or post- (PEP) exposure HIV preventive medication
-  **\$200** empowers 1 teen with honest, inclusive sex education
-  **\$100** keeps communities healthy through the distribution of 500 condoms

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

