

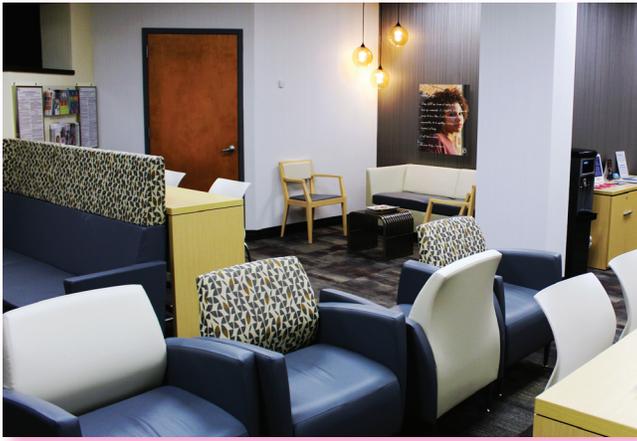
## NEW YEAR *News*

**BECAUSE THESE DOORS STAY OPEN.**

As a trying, yet triumphant, year came to a close, Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (PPNC) prepared for the fights ahead in 2018. Throughout 2017, we never forgot what is at the heart and soul of everything we do: our patients. Over the past few months, PPNC demonstrated our commitment to providing a high-quality and welcoming patient experience by comprehensively renovating our health centers in Hempstead and Massapequa!

*“I didn’t think the health center at PPNC could get any better, but the great new artwork on the walls and all of the new furniture throughout makes for an even more welcoming atmosphere,”* said Kat, Patient and Volunteer at PPNC.

Patients are welcomed as soon as they arrive with new signage on our entrance doors, highlighting the various languages spoken by our staff, as well as health center hours. Our new waiting room is decorated with empowering artwork and photographs, an accent wall mural featuring words that describe PPNC’s mission, and all new furniture for patients to sit comfortably while waiting for their appointments. Beyond the waiting room, our reception area, hallways, exam rooms and counseling rooms all feature new flooring, cabinetry and more.



Our new Hempstead health center waiting room

Staff have been equally grateful for the improvements. One health center employee – who was out on maternity leave during the renovation – captured the staff’s sentiment as a whole, as she remarked, “When I returned and walked into our beautifully-transformed clinic, it was absolutely inspiring. I am so grateful for the modifications, and truly feel that it will have nothing but a positive impact on staff and our patients. Thank you!”

Indeed, our remodeled health centers are reflective of the state-of-the-art care that we provide for our patients, and we are extremely proud to have transformed their experience, reminding them that we are here to stay.

## Funding for Sex Education **ON THE LINE**

Last year, New York State reduced funding for sexuality education, which affected us here, at PPNC. Regardless of these cuts, PPNC will forge on, continuing to give the teens in our community the tools and knowledge they need and deserve to grow up healthy and safe. We support these positive outcomes in three ways: in-school education programs; our Teen Advocate Project; and our weekly Teen Clinic.

In Nassau County’s most under-served school districts, PPNC continues to provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health curricula with bilingual sexuality educators in the classrooms. Moreover, our educators provide after-school office hours to ensure teens’ questions and needs are met, and that they’re connected to receive health care services at PPNC.

As a complement to our in-school programs, PPNC facilitates its highly successful Teen Advocate Project, a peer educator program where teens are trained by PPNC’s sexuality educators in moderating conversations with their own peers to connect them to the health care they need. This program is effective in reinforcing and expanding access to information and resources among young people.

Equally important, PPNC’s Teen Clinic, an initiative in which our Hempstead center is open exclusively to teens on Friday nights, connects education to services. And the word is out – more and more young people are visiting the Teen Clinic every week! To further enhance the experience of each visit, our TAP Teens provide information and activities in the waiting room.

“PPNC is proud to provide comprehensive, evidence-based sexuality education in numerous schools and community organizations. The Trump administration cares more about funding sexuality education programs that simply tell adolescents to say ‘no’ rather than supporting programs, like PPNC’s, which actually help teenagers have conversations and ask questions about their health in a safe, supportive space.”

Giokazta Molina-Schneider  
PPNC Director of Education



We know that this comprehensive, multi-pronged approach is proven to keep the teens in our communities healthy and safe, and thanks to your support we can continue to provide these programs while we weather the storm of funding cuts.



TAP Teens, Peeta Ann and Jevon, with their peers (left), Educator and CAPP Manager, Naomi, speaking to community partners and teens (right)

**“Being able to provide sex education to my students means that they will understand how to make informed choices about their health and lives, and have a better chance of reaching their full potential.”**

*Naomi, Educator and Manager of PPNC's Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) Program*



## Getting out **THE VOTE**

Leading up to the November 2017 election, PPNC's Public Affairs team partnered with the Long Island Civic Engagement Table and Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic to organize a canvass and rally in honor of

National Voter Registration Day. On a beautiful fall day, Volunteers canvassed in high-traffic areas near our health center, and then returned to our health center parking lot for a rally. In total, more than 2,100 voters were registered as a result of this collaborative voter outreach initiative.



National Voter Registration Day  
Canvass and Rally

As 2018 is a critical election year, PPNC will continue to educate the community about how legislative and regulatory policies affect patient rights and well-being. We will also work to expand voter engagement, education and registration efforts.

In addition, PPNC will continue to involve our network of supporters through email and social media, and mobilize supporters through action forums and frequent volunteer opportunities. Our upcoming lobby day at the State Capitol and future trips to D.C. will also leverage the support of our elected champions towards progressive change.

**To sign up for our  
Albany Day of Action  
on March 13, visit:  
[bit.ly/2018PP\\_REG](http://bit.ly/2018PP_REG)**

# Partnering for SOCIAL JUSTICE

Follow us!



As a health center provider and advocate, PPNC stands for all and fights for all, knowing full-well that many of our patients' rights, health and well-being are presently, deeply affected by the attacks and threats by the current administration. In fact, if you're following our advocacy pages on social media, you may have noticed that we frequently share information and actions from other organizations that advocate for racial justice, immigrant rights, voting rights, LGBTQ rights, public health and more.

In addition to collaborating with our partners in the social justice movement, we actively express our unwavering support to our patients and community members. For instance, when the Trump Administration unleashed egregious and unjust orders towards our immigrant communities – including increased ICE\* raids and threats to end DACA\*\* – PPNC quickly recruited and deployed 50 activists to attend emergency response marches in protest of these measures. Moreover, in our health centers, we are distributing "Know Your Rights" materials in English and Spanish for our patients, and held an ACLU-facilitated training on patients' rights for our health center staff.

We know it is of utmost importance to protect the rights of the people and communities we serve, and with every fight ahead, we will be here, ready to fight back.

\* Immigrant Customs Enforcement

\*\* Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Act



Marching in the 2018 NYC Women's March



Supporters at the 2018 NYC Women's March



## Health care is a human right.

Planned Parenthood is proud to provide trusted, affordable, primary and preventive health care to patients regardless of immigration status.



PPNC marching and rallying at a DACA March on Long Island

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Action Forum (Tues. 2/20)

Come to Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead) from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Tuesday, February 20th to learn about Planned Parenthood of Nassau County Action Fund's game plan for 2018 and co-create strategies with us so we can continue to fight and build power.

**RSVP at [www.bit.ly/PPNCVols](http://www.bit.ly/PPNCVols)**



## Storytelling Training (Tues. 2/27)

Join us at Planned Parenthood of Nassau County (540 Fulton Ave, Hempstead) from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Tuesday, February 27th to become a storyteller and part of our Speakers Bureau, a group of volunteer leaders who speak about why they stand with Planned Parenthood in a variety of ways including lobby visits, letters to the editor and on-camera interviews with media.

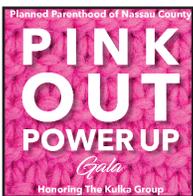
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## Day of Action (Tues. 3/13)

Join us for an all-day trip to Albany to rally with Planned Parenthood advocates from across the state and lobby our state representatives to ensure that NY remains a beacon of reproductive freedom for those who live here, and a safe haven for those who do not. Free transportation and meals provided.

**RSVP at [www.bit.ly/2018PP\\_REG](http://www.bit.ly/2018PP_REG)**



## Pink Out Power Up Gala (Fri. 5/4)

On May 4th, 2018, join us for an evening of dinner, dancing and pinking the night out at our Annual Gala, where we will honor The Kulka Group at the Cottage at Milleridge Inn. Ticket and prize information coming soon!

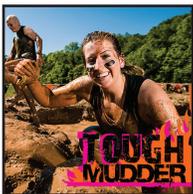
**Visit [www.ppnc.org/gala](http://www.ppnc.org/gala)**



## Pink Out Power Up 2nd Annual Summit (Tues. 7/11)

Want to learn how to become a powerful and empowered advocate, volunteer or donor for PPNC? Join us for our second annual Pink Out-Power Up Volunteer Mobilization Summit at Hofstra University. Morning and evening sessions available.

**RSVP at [www.bit.ly/PPNCVols](http://www.bit.ly/PPNCVols)**



**Tough Mudder (Sun. 7/22).** Want a way to show your grit? Up to the challenge of raising \$500? Join us for the half-day Tough Mudder Challenge to support PPNC at Bethpage State Park. Show your tenacity in the fight to preserve and protect women's rights and social justice by overcoming mud-covered obstacles while decked out in PINK!

**Sign up for PPNC's team at [www.bit.ly/PPNC\\_ToughMudder](http://www.bit.ly/PPNC_ToughMudder)**



## Save the Date!

PPNC's 2018 Annual Luncheon will be held on October 25th and feature New York Times journalist and visual op-ed columnist, Charles Blow, as our Keynote Speaker.

**For more information on all upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.ppnc.org/events](http://www.ppnc.org/events)**