



Every Body Texas Briefing

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Founded in 1977 as the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas, **Every Body Texas** is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that every person in Texas can access safe, unbiased, and high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare regardless of identity, income, or circumstances

**Every Body
Texas is working
toward a future
where:**



Every person in Texas can access **high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare and education.**



Every person in Texas controls **if, when, and how to have a child.**



Every provider delivers high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare **regardless of clients' incomes or identities.**



Lawmakers support unbiased, affordable sexual and reproductive healthcare.



Philanthropic organizations **fund more programs** that expand access to high quality care.

About Every Body Texas

- Texas's only statewide organization leveraging both funding and provider training in support of increased access to high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare
- Awarded statewide administration of the federal Title X (Ten) Family Planning Program in early 2013
- Responsible for distributing millions of dollars each year to more than 35 healthcare agencies that operate more than 175 clinics across the state
- Offers support and education to providers, keeping them on the leading edge of sexual and reproductive healthcare

What Is Title X (Ten)?

- The Title X Family Planning Program is the nation's only grant program dedicated solely to providing family planning and other preventive health care to **low-income**, **under-insured**, and **uninsured** individuals who otherwise lack access to care
 - Administered by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Population Affairs (OPA)
 - Funded at \$286.5 million in fiscal year 2021
 - Served over 3.1 million people in 2019
- Title X statutorily requires that its providers preserve patients' **confidentiality** for the array of services delivered, despite Title X funds not covering the full costs of services provided

What Are Title X Services?

Contraceptive services, including reproductive life planning

Services to help achieve pregnancy

Basic infertility services

STI services and treatment (including HIV/AIDS services)

Preconception health services

Related preventive services such as breast and cervical cancer screenings

Who Are Title X Clients?

- Clients of **reproductive age**
 - Is the client able to become pregnant or cause a pregnancy?
 - Title X has no specific age limitations
- Clients receiving **pregnancy planning** or **pregnancy prevention** (i.e., family planning) services
- Every client of reproductive age who receives a family planning service at a Title X service site is a Title X client

Percentage of clients at or below the federal poverty level*

Percentage of uninsured clients

77.9%

72%



The average Title X client is a woman under the age of 30 living below the poverty line without insurance.

The COVID-19 pandemic will create greater need for Title X services than ever.

*2019 federal poverty line was \$25,750 for a family of four, \$12,140 for an individual.

Figures from 2019 annual report

What Are the Benefits of Title X?

- Title X offers many benefits to both providers and clients
- For young people in particular, benefits of Title X include the ability to receive services:
 - **Confidentially**
 - **Regardless of residency or citizenship status**
 - **Regardless of ability to pay**

**Every Body
Texas supports
partners at
more than
175 locations
across the
state.**



Number of Locations

Search for nearby Title X Clinics

Search by City or Zip

Austin

Radius

25 miles

Search

[Use my location](#)

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For the most accurate hours and services available and to see if the clinic has Spanish-speaking staff, please call the clinic to verify.

13 Search Results Found

CommUnityCare East Austin

211 Comal Street
Austin, TX 78702

[Get directions](#)

CONTACT

512-978-9200

[Clinic Website](#)

HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00am -
5:00 pm

CLINICAL PROVIDER

Lone Star Circle of Care at Ben White Health Clinic (Family Medicine)

1221 West Ben White
Boulevard, Suite B200
Austin, TX 78704

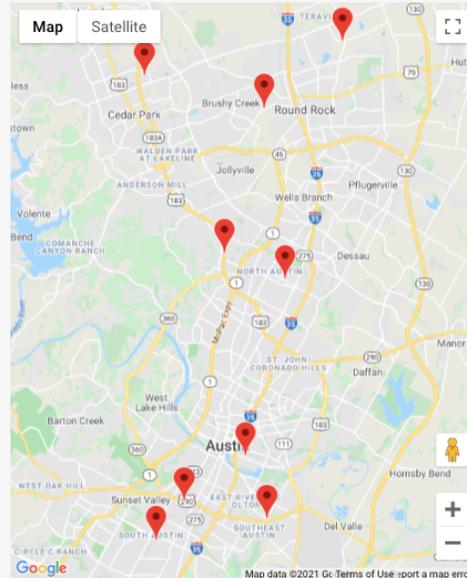
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CONTACT

(877) 800-5722

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Monday - Tuesday 8:00 AM



If you're unable to find clinics in your area, [here are some resources to help.](#)

How to Find a Title X Clinic

Directly access our Title X clinic locator at www.everybodytexas.org/find-a-clinic

Enter a location and select a radius

A list of results and a map will display

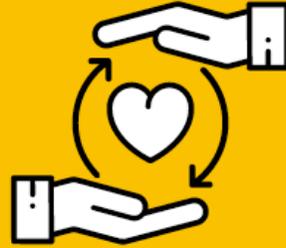
Option to view results in English or Spanish

What's Next for Title X?

- President Biden recently took executive action to begin the work of undoing damage caused by the previous administration
 - Trump-Pence administration sought to undermine Title X by overhauling regulations to include several harmful restrictions on the program—most notably the the “domestic gag rule”
- Current focus is on advocating for immediate relief from the rule
- Focus will soon turn to advocating for increased Title X funding and preparing for next competitive funding cycle

Support the Safety Net

Prioritize critical safety net healthcare programs including Healthy Texas Women and the Family Planning Program.



Healthcare Coverage

Address healthcare coverage gaps by extending Medicaid coverage for new moms from 60 days to one year postpartum and accepting federal Medicaid funding to offer insurance to low-income adults in Texas.



Provider + Program Flexibilities

Maintain and adopt new flexibilities that promote increased access to sexual and reproductive healthcare services, including telehealth.



Policy Priorities for the 87th Texas Legislature

We believe that all people deserve access to safe, unbiased, high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare services.

We advocate for policies and investments in communities across Texas that increase access to care for all people.

Our policy priorities are informed by our organization's values and include three areas of focus.

Key Takeaways: Funding for Women's Health Services

- Clear commitment to rebuilding women's health programs
- Focus has been on expanding the scope of Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and funding the HTW Plus enhanced postpartum benefits package
- Concerns about funding availability for core family planning services in HTW and the Family Planning Program remain this session

Priority Asks: Funding for Women's Health Services

- Increase funding for the Family Planning Program
- Contingency plan for changes to federal policies that may impact the HTW 1115 family planning waiver, as well as for potential to lapse HTW funds as a result of the public health emergency
- Continue to support access to long-acting reversible contraception (LARC)
- Explore the use of a state plan amendment (SPA) to extend coverage for pregnant and postpartum women

Update on SFY 2021 Women's Health Program Awards

- Caucus's support was critical to ensuring an equitable procurement process for SFY 2021 women's health program awards
- Healthy Texas Women, Family Planning Program, and Breast and Cervical Cancer Services contracts for January 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021 have been finalized
 - HHSC walked back planned shifts in funding
 - No Title X providers sustained significant reductions
 - Most Title X providers saw a slight increase in funding

Questions?

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