

A BRIGHTER TEXAS FOR EVERYBODY

AGENDA FOR THE 88TH LEGISLATURE



The people of Texas are strong, independent, creative, and entrepreneurial. We're parents working to build a better life for our children. We're small business owners and leaders in our communities. We're young people getting our lives started with a first job or going to college. **We have big plans and bright futures ahead of us.**

At **Every Body Texas** we believe all people should have access to safe, unbiased, high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare. Everybody should be able to plan if, when, and how they want to have a family. Today it's more important than ever that Texans be able to access the contraceptive method that works best for them.

FOUR WAYS TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL TEXANS

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**Fully fund the Family
Planning Program.**

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**Continue to expand
contraception access.**

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**Make Healthy Texas
Women accessible.**

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**Increase access to
healthcare.**

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1

FULLY FUND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM.

The Family Planning Program (FPP) is a state-based program that provides critical sexual and reproductive healthcare services to hundreds of thousands of Texans. This popular program is one of the best ways for people to get same day health services. The only problem is that FPP often runs out of money halfway through the year due to high demand, and this has been going on for a long time.

The Legislature can increase funding for FPP to meet the current and growing need for family planning services in Texas.

2

CONTINUE TO EXPAND CONTRACEPTION ACCESS.

Texas has made substantial investments in improving access to high quality contraceptive care, including Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC). Contraceptive access has never been more important to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the people of Texas.

The Legislature must continue its commitment to contraception access and ensure that all Texans have access to high quality sexual and reproductive healthcare, including to the contraceptive method of their choice.

3

MAKE HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN ACCESSIBLE.

The Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and Healthy Texas Women Plus (HTW+) programs provide critical life-saving care including women's preventive health services, family planning care, and services aimed at reducing maternal mortality and morbidity.

The Legislature should ensure that all Texans eligible for HTW and HTW+ can access these programs without having to face confusing and costly administrative barriers.

4

INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE.

Texas continues to have the highest rate of uninsured people in the country. That means many Texans can't get regular check-ups or preventive care, often waiting until they're very sick before seeing a doctor.

The Legislature should adopt strategies to increase access to healthcare for all Texans, including extending Medicaid for Pregnant Women coverage to twelve months postpartum, covering contraceptive care in the Children's Health Insurance Program, and additional resources for rural health initiatives.

ABOUT EVERY BODY TEXAS

Every Body Texas is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that every person in Texas can access safe, unbiased, high-quality sexual and reproductive healthcare. As the statewide Title X Family Planning Program grantee for Texas, Every Body Texas funds a diverse network of more than 30 agencies—including federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), public health departments, hospital-based clinics, and free-standing family planning clinics—that serves 180,000 clients at more than 150 clinics throughout Texas.