

Putting Prevention First:

State Funding for Family Planning Services



Why do we need State funding for Family Planning?

- In Ohio 1.3 million women are in need of family planning services, and 666,670 women are in need of state funded family planning services.
- Family planning clinics in Ohio serve only 30% of all women in need of publicly supported contraceptive services and only 34% of teenagers in need of services.
- In Ohio only \$36.00 was spent on contraceptive services and supplies per woman in need.
- Every public dollar spent on family planning services saves the federal and state governments three dollars in Medicaid costs for prenatal and newborn care.
- The Alan Guttmacher Institute has ranked Ohio 44th in public funding of contraceptive services.

Did you know?

Currently, Medicaid pays for nearly 40% of births in this country. Women age 19 and over make up 71% of the people on Medicaid.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

What the Ohio Prevention First Act will do:

- Funding for abstinence-only programs will be re-directed so that 30% of the funds will go to public education about emergency contraception, 20% will go to pharmacist education for the distribution of emergency contraception and 50% are given to scientifically accurate and effective teenage pregnancy prevention programs.
- Replaces the Women's Health Services grant program and reinstates the family planning services funding at \$1.7 million each year.



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