

## Building healthy foundations for Missouri families.

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## Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. Awarded Federal Title X Funding, Remains Sole Grantee for State

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – On March 30, the <u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u> released notice of awards for the federal Title X (Title Ten) family planning program. Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. (MFHC) will continue its role as the state's sole grantee for this essential public health program.

Despite facing competition from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for a third grant cycle, MFHC is pleased to continue its 40-year history of oversight and administration of Title X. MFHC's Title X network will include 16 subrecipients operating 65 clinic sites throughout Missouri.

"We remain hopeful that the State of Missouri will set ideology aside and work collaboratively with us to expand access to sexual and reproductive healthcare in Missouri," said Michelle Trupiano, MFHC Executive Director.

MFHC is proud to offer Title X clients a wide range of healthcare settings to choose from to ensure the best fit for their lifestyle and preferences. MFHC's diverse health center network includes health departments, federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs), community action agencies, hospital-based clinics, and two Planned Parenthood affiliates.

"Our network of providers are committed to the delivery of inclusive, trauma-informed, and culturally sensitive care that meets the needs of all Missourians," said Trupiano. "We are thankful for the support of the Office of Population Affairs and look forward to advancing health equity and expanding access to Title X services over the next five years."

"For 40 years, MFHC has been the steward of Title X and we are honored to continue in this role. Despite administrative and legislative efforts to restrict access to sexual and reproductive healthcare, MFHC will preserve the hallmarks of Title X: comprehensive, client-centered, non-directive healthcare for all clients, regardless of the ability to pay."

Title X services include contraception counseling and supplies; wellness (annual) exams; clinical breast and cervical cancer screenings; sexually transmitted infection (STI) and HIV prevention, screenings, treatment, and immunizations; pregnancy screening and counseling; preconception care; and basic infertility services.

For more information about MFHC and its programming, visit www.MFHC.org.

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Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. champions access for every individual to culturally sensitive, quality, sexual and reproductive health education and services. MFHC serves as the Program Office for the Missouri Foundation for Health initiative, <u>The Right Time</u>, and is the state's sole Title X family planning program grantee.