



Missouri Family Health Council, Inc.

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MFHC OPPOSES ELIMINATING PLANNED PARENTHOOD FROM TITLE X

In recent weeks, Congress has proposed legislation to prohibit Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) or its affiliates from receiving federal funds, including through the Title X program. Missouri Family Health Council supports access to high quality family planning services and Planned Parenthoods are an integral part of Missouri's diverse Title X network.

In 2013, Missouri Planned Parenthood Title X programs provided services to 16,932 unduplicated users, or 32% of the program's overall reach. Through Title X federal funds, Missouri Planned Parenthood affiliates provided 4,528 cervical cancer screenings; 4,395 clinical breast exams; and contraceptive counseling, supplies and related services to 15,915 clients in 2013. Approximately 3,900 unintended pregnancies and 1,330 abortions were prevented in 2013 due to Title X family planning services at these Planned Parenthood affiliates. This year, Missouri Planned Parenthood affiliates estimate serving 19,116 Title X clients. Eliminating Planned Parenthood from Title X would immediately reduce access to high-quality family planning care.

The following statement is attributed to Katherine Patterson-Paronto, MFHC Interim Executive Director:

“MFHC is committed to supporting Missourians’ access to quality reproductive health care. Removing Planned Parenthood from this state’s Title X program would cause an immediate reduction in services, impacting the health of thousands of men, women, and teens. We oppose eliminating PPFA from serving Title X clients.”

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ABOUT MFHC, INC:

MFHC supports 19 subrecipients that operate 75 clinic sites throughout Missouri. Missouri's diverse Title X network consists of health departments, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, non-profits, and affiliates of Planned Parenthood. Title X funds are granted to MFHC through the Office of Population Affairs. Please visit www.mfhc.org for more information.