



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

Key Information about Alabama as of October 2021

State Policies to Increase Access to and Information About Contraception ⁱ	Does State Have Law or Policy?
Expand Medicaid to childless adults as the ACA allows	No
Medicaid Family Planning Waiver or State Plan Amendment (SPA)	Yes
Medicaid reimbursement for postpartum LARC	Yes
State law/policies that allow pharmacists to prescribe contraception	No
State law/policies to extend the supply of prescription contraceptives	No
State law/policies to educate college students about unplanned pregnancy	No
State laws/policies to protect contraceptive coverage	No
Other state laws/policies/initiatives to increase contraceptive access	-

Funding Streams for Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy Prevention ⁱⁱ	Current Annual Funding Level
Personal Responsibility Education Funding (PREP) ¹	
State PREP (if state opted to receive formula grant)	\$771,179
Competitive PREP grants awarded in the state (if state opted not to receive PREP formula grant)	-
Tribal PREP	-
Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS)	-
Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program ^{1, 2}	-
Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) <i>PAF funding needs to be reauthorized</i>	<i>Expired 6/30/20</i>
Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted to receive)	1,283,140
Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted out)	-
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program ³	\$319,372
Title X Family Planning Program	\$5,300,000

State Stats ⁱⁱⁱ
311,530 women in need of publicly funded contraception live in contraceptive deserts. Of these women, 14,140 live in counties without a single health center that provides the full range of birth control methods ^{iv}
49% births are funded by Medicaid, as of 2018

¹ Evidence-based education programs

² This may include multi-state grants and/or grants awarded to an organization in another state benefitting youth in AL.

³ Replaced the Competitive Abstinence Education Program beginning in FY 2016.

FEDERAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANTS⁴
Current Grants

State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)
FY 2021

Alabama Department of Public Health
\$771,179

Alabama’s PREP program serves youth ages 10 to 19 who are at high risk of becoming pregnant and contracting sexually transmitted infections. The program implements the *Making Proud Choices*, *Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention (SHARP)* and *Seventeen Days* curricula in eight counties at youth detention centers, foster and group homes, alternative schools, and youth organizations. Most of the areas served are rural counties and urban centers of Tuscaloosa and Birmingham. Alabama PREP plans to serve 3,275 youth annually by incorporating adulthood preparation subjects, to include adolescent development, healthy life skills, financial literacy, and healthy relationships.

Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant
FY 2021

Alabama Department of Public Health
\$1,283,140

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) serves 7,500 youth ages 10–14 in the following counties: Autauga, Dallas, Greene, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Mobile, Montgomery, Perry, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Wilcox. The program offers *Making a Difference*, *HealthSmarts*, or other evidence-based curriculum in schools and community-based youth-serving organizations. Although programming addresses objectives from all federal mandates, ADPH places greater emphasis on preparing youth for more mature responsibilities, decision making and locus of control, and self-efficacy.

Sexual Risk Avoidance Education
FY 2019

Life That Counts - Cullman, AL
\$958,111 (to be spent through FY 2022)

Life that Counts serves middle and high school students ages 11-14 in eight to ten Alabama and Montana Counties using the *Positive Potential* curriculum. They also send a parent newsletter to 2,400 parents/caregivers. The program serves 3,100 youth total in grades 6-8.

Prior Grants

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Grants – Tier 1
FY2010-2014

Macon County Board of Education – Tuskegee, AL \$426,172

Tribal PREP

FY 2011 – FY 2015

Poarch Band of Creek Indians \$138,172

⁴ Federal teen pregnancy prevention grants are listed as annual amounts, unless otherwise noted.

**CDC Grant
FY 2010 – FY 2014**

Alabama Department of Public Health
\$846,051

**Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program
FY 2013**

Teens Empowerment Awareness with Resolutions, Inc. - Phenix City, AL
\$467,234 (to be spent through FY 14)

**PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FUND
FY 2018 – FY 2020**

Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education
\$970,000

TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN ALABAMA ^{iv}

- Title X–supported centers provided contraceptive care to 71,324 women in Alabama in 2019.⁵
- Services at Title-X supported centers helped women avoid 22,500 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 10,900 births and 8,100 abortions.
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in Alabama saved \$122.6 million in public funds in a single year.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding Alabama received for Title X decreased by \$597,978, resulting in 22,300 fewer (21%) patients served.
- In 2019, 83 clinics in Alabama received support from Title X, all of which are operated by the state and local health departments.

⁵“Title X-supported centers” are supported by a mix of funding sources (in addition to Title X funding), including Medicaid, funding from state and local governments, private grants and fundraising, reimbursement from commercial insurance, patient fees, and federal grants.

For Further Information

ⁱ For an overview of these state policies, see <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/resource-library/key-state-policies-glance>

ⁱⁱ For an overview of federal funding for teen pregnancy prevention, see <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/resource-library/federal-funding-streams-at-a-glance>

ⁱⁱⁱ See more state statistics at <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/national-state-data/alabama>

^{iv} See our contraceptive deserts map <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/access/birth-control-access> and the impact of forcing out safety-net providers from the Title X clinic network in your state <https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/resource-library/health-centers-offering-full-range-methods-excluding-title>

About Power to Decide: *Power to Decide, the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy, works to ensure that every young person has the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child—increasing their opportunity to pursue the future they want. Join us at PowerToDecide.org*