



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

### Key Information about Arkansas as of October 2021

State Policies to Increase Access to and Information About Contraception <sup>i</sup>	Does State Have Law or Policy?
Expand Medicaid to childless adults as the ACA allows	Yes
Medicaid Family Planning Waiver or State Plan Amendment (SPA)	No
Medicaid reimbursement for postpartum LARC	No
State law/policies that allow pharmacists to prescribe contraception	No
State law/policies to extend the supply of prescription contraceptives	Yes
State law/policies to educate college students about unplanned pregnancy	Yes
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 <sup>ii</sup>	Current Annual Funding Level
Personal Responsibility Education Funding (PREP) <sup>1</sup>	
State PREP (if state opted to receive formula grant)	\$491,435
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 <sup>1, 2</sup>	-
Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF)	-
Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted to receive)	\$850,782
Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted out)	-
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program <sup>3</sup>	\$1,917,549
Title X Family Planning Program	\$3,900,000

State Stats <sup>iii</sup>
170,340 women in need of publicly funded contraception live in contraceptive deserts <sup>iv</sup>
46% births are funded by Medicaid, as of 2018

<sup>1</sup> Evidence-based education programs

<sup>2</sup> This may include multi-state grants and/or grants awarded to an organization in another state that benefit youth in AR.

<sup>3</sup> Replaced the Competitive Abstinence Education Program beginning in FY 2016.

## **FEDERAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANTS<sup>4</sup>**

### ***Current Grants***

#### **State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**

##### **FY 2021**

Arkansas Department of Health \$491,435

The Arkansas PREP program serves youth ages 11 to 19, from grade 7 through the freshman year of college, with a special focus on youth in foster care and adjudicated youth. The program is active in Garland, Jefferson, Lonoke, Pulaski, and Saline counties, using the evidence-based curricula Making Proud Choices! and Be Proud! Be Responsible! Arkansas PREP plans to serve 240 youth annually. The implementation settings are juvenile detention and community-based centers. The program incorporates the following adulthood preparation subjects into its curriculum: educational and career success, healthy life skills, financial literacy, and healthy relationships.

#### **Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant**

##### **FY 2021**

Arkansas Department of Health \$850,782

The State of Arkansas serves 10,000 youth ages 10–19 in 10 priority counties: Crittenden, Desha, Grant, Hempstead, Jackson, Perry, Scott, Sevier, St. Francis, and Yell. The state uses *Relationship Smarts* curriculum in schools and within community-based organizations.

#### **Discretionary Sexual Risk Avoidance Education**

##### **FY 2019 – FY 2022**

Choosing to Excel Conway, AR \$958,780

The grantee works with nearly 30,000 youth in four underserved counties in Arkansas. The program uses the *Yes You Can* curriculum in school-based settings with students in grades 6-12.

University of Arkansas System Little Rock, AR \$958,769

The grantee uses the *Teen Outreach Program* integrated in the Health/Life Skills Program to serve 1,200 students in grade 9 and 600 parents/caregivers in Washington County.

### ***Prior Grants***

#### **Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant Program**

##### **FY 2013**

Cabot Crisis Pregnancy Center - Cabot, AR  
\$352,125 (to be spent through FY 14)

##### **FY 2012**

People Nurturing People/Choosing to Excel - Conway, AR  
\$649,340 (to be spent through FY 2013)

#### **PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FUND**

##### **Funded 2010 – 2013**

Arkansas Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board - Little Rock, AR  
Strategies: High schools/Community Service Centers  
\$1,122,760

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

## TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN ARKANSAS <sup>iv</sup>

- Title X–supported centers provided contraceptive care to 42,843 women in Arkansas in 2019.<sup>5</sup>
- Services at Title X-supported centers helped women avoid 13,200 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 6,400 births and 4,800 abortions.
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in Arkansas saved \$142.5 million in public funds in a single year.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding Arkansas received for Title X decreased by \$352,775, resulting in 29,642 fewer (39%) patients served.
- In 2019, 95 clinics in Arkansas received support from Title X. The local health departments operated all 95 clinics.

### For Further Information

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

<sup>ii</sup> 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>

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

<sup>iv</sup> For our contraceptive deserts map, see <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>

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<sup>5</sup> “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.

**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](https://PowerToDecide.org).*