



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

Key Information about Maryland as of November 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	Yes
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	Yes
State law/policies to extend the supply of prescription contraceptives	Yes
State law/policies to educate college students about unplanned pregnancy	No
State laws/policies to protect contraceptive coverage	Yes
Other state laws/policies/initiatives to increase contraceptive access	Yes

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)	\$935,663
Competitive PREP grants awarded in the state (if state opted not to receive PREP formula grant)	-
Tribal PREP	-
Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS)	\$900,000
Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program ^{1, 2}	\$3,668,219
Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF) <i>PAF funding needs to be reauthorized</i>	<i>Expired 6/30/2020</i>
Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted to receive)	\$881,927
Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted out)	-
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program ³	
Title X Family Planning Program	4,000,000 ^{iv}

State Stats ⁱⁱⁱ
286,870 women in need of publicly funded contraception live in contraceptive deserts
Of these women, 1,720 live in counties without a single health center that provides the full range of birth control methods ^{iv}
40% 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 that benefit youth in MD

³ Replaced the Competitive Abstinence Education Program beginning in FY 2016

Maryland Department of Health Baltimore, MD \$1,414,194

The grantee will implement the Maryland Optimal Adolescent Health Program (MOAHP) to promote equity in reaching optimal health by preventing teen pregnancy and STIs in rural Maryland Counties. MOAHP will use the Positive Prevention Plus (PPP) curriculum to develop positive student attitudes and values regarding sexual and reproductive health, increase opportunities to reinforce skills and positive behaviors, and increase healthy communication between adults and youth. The Healthy Teen Network (HTN) will lead this effort and provide instruction and guidance to health educators and administrators to improve program outcomes and promote the sustainability of effective health education programming. MDH will create networks of support for health educators and students to effectively engage youth, parents/caregivers, and the community in the MOAHP project. MDH and HTN will partner with the Maryland State Department of Education and community stakeholders to replicate, with fidelity, effective curricula and supportive services that are culturally appropriate, age-appropriate, medically accurate, and trauma-informed. The project aims to reach 5,234 youth and 436 parents/caregivers annually.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program – Tier 2
FY 2020 – FY 2023**

Child Trends, Incorporated Bethesda, MD \$980,000

The grantee along with their partners Identity and University of Maryland, proposes to implement and rigorously evaluate *El Camino*, a sexual risk reduction intervention developed for and with Latinx teens. The overarching goal of this project is to reduce adolescent childbearing and STIs and promote educational attainment and optimal health among Latinx adolescents. The proposed research will contribute to the limited number of culturally tailored sexual risk reduction programs for Latinx teens available for English- and Spanish- language implementation settings, and will be implemented in high-need high schools in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Prior Grants

**Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS)
FY 2010 – FY 2015**

Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) - Oklahoma City, OK \$929,750

Project Name: *POWER Through Choices 2010: Demonstration, Evaluation and Dissemination Project*
Served youth in foster care group home settings in Oklahoma, California, Illinois, and Maryland.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program – Tier 1
FY 2019 – FY 2021**

Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD \$365,000

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program – Tier 1
FY 2015 – FY 2019**

Baltimore City Health Department Baltimore, MD \$1,749,000

Program models: *Making Proud Choices; Seventeen Days; It's Your Game: Keep it Real*

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program – Tier 2
FY 2015 – FY 2019**

Healthy Teen Network, Inc.	Baltimore, MD	\$723,000
Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore, MD		\$880,072

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) – Tier 1
FY 2010 – FY 2014**

Women Accepting Responsibility, Inc.	Baltimore, MD	\$890,798
YMCA of Cumberland, Maryland	Allegany, MD	\$451,340

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) – Tier 2
FY 2010 – FY 2014**

George Washington University	Washington, DC	\$1,000,000
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Served 9th and 10th grade youth in Washington, DC and Montgomery County, MD.

**Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program Grant
FY 2020**

Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, MD	\$444,266
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**PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FUND
FY 2018 – FY 2020**

Maryland Department of Health	Baltimore, MD	\$970,000
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Settings: High Schools, Community Service Centers

TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN MARYLAND ^{iv}

- Title X–supported centers provided contraceptive care to 34,558 women in Maryland in 2019.⁵
- Services at Title X-supported centers helped women avoid 15,000 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 7,300 births and 5,400 abortions.
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in Maryland saved \$147.8 million in public funds in a single year.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding Maryland received for Title X decreased by \$708,708, resulting in 5,409 fewer (7%) patients served.
- In 2017, prior to the new Title X rule, 75 clinics in Maryland received support from Title X. They included health department clinics (34), federally qualified health centers (16), school-based health centers (14), Planned Parenthood clinics (9), and university-based health centers (2).
- In August 2019, the new Title X rule went into effect, forcing one of Maryland’s Title X grantees (Maryland Department of Health) to exit the program.
- As of September 18, 2020, the Maryland Department of Health resumed receiving Title X funds, after a US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upheld a lower court decision permanently blocking the gag rule from going into effect in Maryland.

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/Maryland>

^{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>

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.

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.*