



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

Key Information about Rhode Island
as of November 2021

State Policies to Increase Access to and Information About Contraceptionⁱ	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	No
State law/policies to extend the supply of prescription contraceptives	Yes
State law/policies to educate college students about unplanned pregnancy	No
Other state laws/policies/initiatives to increase access to contraception	-

Funding Streams for Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy Preventionⁱⁱ	Current Annual Funding Level
Personal Responsibility Education Funding (PREP) ¹	
State PREP (if state opted to receive formula grant)	\$250,000
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>
Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted to receive)	-
Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted not to receive)	\$135,571
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program ³	-
Title X Family Planning Program	\$1,100,000 ^{iv}

State Statsⁱⁱⁱ
64,190 women in need of publicly funded contraception live in contraceptive deserts.
Of these women, 2,310 live in counties without a single health center that provides the full range of birth control methods ^{iv}
48% 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 RI.

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

Rhode Island Department of Health \$250,000

Rhode Island's PREP program serves youth ages 15 to 19. It implements the *Teen Outreach Program*, and provides adulthood preparation subjects including adolescent development, educational and career success, parent-child communication, healthy life skills, financial literacy, and healthy relationships. Its target population includes youth in foster care and the juvenile justice system. Programming is implemented in middle and high schools and community based organizations in Rhode Island's four Core Cities: Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, and Woonsocket; in addition to North Providence. Rhode Island PREP plans to serve 225 youth annually.

Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education

FY 2021 – FY 2023

Joy Fellowship Bradford, RI \$135,571

Prior Grants

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program – Tier 1

FY 2010 – FY 2014

Congregación León de Judá - Boston, MA \$599,889

Served youth in 30 community-based sites across Boston, MA; Lawrence, MA; and Providence, RI.

Pregnancy Assistance Fund

FY 2018 – FY 2020

Rhode Island Department of Health - Providence, RI \$885,739

Settings: High Schools, Community Service Centers, Institutions of Higher Education

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

TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN RHODE ISLAND ^{iv}

- Title X–supported centers provided contraceptive care to 22,308 women in Rhode Island in 2019.⁵
- Services at Title X-supported centers helped women avoid 5,600 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 2,800 births and 1,900 abortions.
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in Rhode Island saved \$46.5 million in public funds in a single year.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding Rhode Island received for Title X decreased by \$63,576. There was a 7% increase in the number of patients served (1,727) during that time.
- In 2017, prior to the new Title X rule, 23 clinics in Rhode Island received support from Title X. They included federally qualified health centers (19), school-based health centers (2), Planned Parenthood clinics (1), and other service sites (1).
- In August 2019, the new Title X rule went into effect, forcing some of Rhode Island’s Title X clinics to exit the program.

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/rhode-island>

^{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.*