



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

Key Information about South Carolina
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	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	Yes (Medicaid only)
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 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)	\$801,435
Competitive PREP grants awarded in the state (if state opted out)	-
Tribal PREP	-
Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS)	-
Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program ^{1, 2}	\$6,136,872
Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF)	-
	<i>PAF funding needs to be reauthorized</i>
Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted to receive)	\$1,161,566
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program ³	\$765,426
Title X Family Planning Program	\$5,500,000

State Statsⁱⁱⁱ
310,100 women in need of publicly funded contraception live in contraceptive deserts. ^{iv}
50% 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 SC.

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

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control \$801,435
South Carolina's PREP program plans to serve 3,050 youth annually, ages 15 to 19. Its target population includes youth in foster care and the juvenile justice system as well as African-American and Hispanic youth. The program implements *Making Proud Choices, Be Proud, Be Responsible, Making A Difference, Safer Choices, and Reducing the Risk* in Dillon, Barnwell and Bamberg county schools and community-based settings. South Carolina PREP incorporates education on adulthood preparation subjects, to include parent-child communication, healthy life skills, and healthy relationships.

Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education FY 2021

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control \$1,161,566
The state serves 4,000 youth ages 10–19 in mostly rural schools and community-based organizations. Curricula used include: *Heritage Keepers Abstinence Education, Sex Can Wait, and Making a Difference*. New grantees will choose evidence-based/informed curricula. In addition to school or community-based, evidence-based and/or informed programs, South Carolina also supports efforts to improve parent-child communication about reproductive health and sexual risk avoidance as well as a statewide social media strategy to raise community awareness and support for adolescents to delay sexual activity until marriage.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program - Tier 1 FY 2020 - FY 2023

Fact Forward Columbia, SC \$828,978
Fact Forward will use the Adult Identity Monitoring for Teen Moms curriculum to implement the Expanding Opportunities for Teen Mothers and Families in South Carolina project. The project will serve recent teen mothers aged 15-19 in Aiken and Anderson Counties, which have higher than national average STI and teen birth rates. The project aims to reduce rapid repeat pregnancies and STIs, increase economic stability among teen mothers in high need areas, and to serve 74 youth annually.

South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families Columbia, SC \$1,355,162
The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families will collaborate with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) on the Building Better Bridges to Optimal Health project to deliver an integrated approach and robust set of services that will impact the optimal health of youth served by the SCDJJ long-term facilities and in the community within the targeted counties. The project identifies and addresses leverage points in the system, including risk factors for the target population, the delivery of proven effective curricula Power Through Choices. The project aims to serve 300 youth annually in Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Greenville, Lexington, Richland, Spartanburg, and Union Counties. The target populations to be served are youth aged 13-19; African American young men; youth residing in SCDJJ long-term facilities and youth served by SCDJJ in the community via probation, parole, and alternatives to detention.

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

The Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System Foundation	Spartanburg, SC	\$1,454,740
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The grantee will implement the Optimally Changing the Map for Teen Pregnancy Prevention in Spartanburg project to prevent risk-taking behaviors and promote optimal adolescent health in Spartanburg County. The project will increase protective factors to achieve optimal health through proven effective curricula that target youth and families/caregivers including: Nu-Culture; Love Notes; AIM4Teen Pregnancy; Sisters, Informing, Healing, Living, Empowering; Aban Aya; Seventeen Days; Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention; Teen Outreach Program®; and Teen Triple P. by targeting youth and their families, the project will increase the coordination and effectiveness of their efforts to promote healthy youth development in schools, communities, and anchor institutions. The project aims to serve almost 6,000 youth annually in high need areas of Spartanburg County. The target populations to be served are youth aged 13-19; expecting and parenting youth; youth who are African American, Latinx, or LGBTQ+; youth who have experienced adverse childhood experiences; and youth with low academic performance or mental health and substance abuse disorders.

The Children's Council	Lancaster, SC	\$658,712
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The grantee will implement a project to address problematic youth behaviors such as teen pregnancy, substance abuse, school dropout, violence, and gang affiliation. Together with over 40 partners, The Children's Council will use several proven effective curricula, such as the Teen Outreach Program®, Positive Prevention Plus, Seventeen Days, and Families Talking Together to expose youth to a range of academic, cultural, artistic, and recreational resources to teach pro-social skills, self-regulation, and peer refusal. The project will utilize a community awareness campaign to ensure the greatest impact and aims to serve 2,379 youth annually in Lancaster, SC. The target populations to be served are youth in middle schools, high schools, and those in the first year of college.

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

Fact Forward	Columbia, SC	\$1,839,280
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The grantee will establish, coordinate, and support a multidisciplinary and diverse network to develop, test, refine, evaluate, and disseminate innovative strategies to increase access and linkages to sexual health services for youth of color in Orangeburg and Richland counties. This network will include high schools, historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), local health departments (Title X clinic) and/or federally qualified health centers, community-based organizations, local businesses, parents and other youth-supporting adults. The network of partners will participate in a learning collaborative based on the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Breakthrough Series Model.

**Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program
FY 2020 – FY 2023**

Pee Dee Healthy Start, Inc.	Florence, SC	\$445,834
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The grantee delivers the *Love Notes 3.0 Sexual Risk Avoidance Adaptation (SRA) Evidence-Based Program (EBP)* curriculum to 825 youth ages 15–19 and 83 parents/caregivers. The grantee serves rural school and community settings in Dillon and Marion Counties.

FY 2019 (to be spent through FY 2021)

Heritage Community Services	Charleston, SC	\$958,776
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Heritage Community Services of Charleston, South Carolina, serves 3,570 youth ages 11-18 and 3,600 parents/caregivers in multiple counties near Charleston, South Carolina. The

program serves youth within Title I schools using the *Heritage Keepers Life Skills/Abstinence* curricula.

Prior Grants

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

Urban League of the Upstate (ULUS) Greenville, SC \$489,000

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

South Carolina Campaign to Columbia, SC \$1,498,990
Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Program models: *Be Proud! Be Responsible; Draw the Line/Respect the Line; Making a Difference; Making Proud Choices; Reducing the Risk; Seventeen Days*

South Carolina Campaign to Columbia, SC \$716,000
Prevent Teen Pregnancy

The Children’s Council Lancaster, SC \$486,679
Program models: *Making a Difference; Making Proud Choices; Seventeen Days*

The Mary Black Foundation Spartanburg, SC \$1,069,463
Program models: *Project AIM; Seventeen Days; Making a Difference; Making Proud Choices; Be Proud! Be Responsible!; SiHLe; Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention (SHARP)*

FY 2010 – FY 2014

South Carolina Campaign to Columbia, SC \$1,469,480
Prevent Teen Pregnancy

CDC Grant

FY 2010 – FY 2014

South Carolina Campaign to Columbia, SC \$1,486,232
Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program

FY 2013 (to be spent through FY 2014)

The Children's Council Lancaster, SC \$200,000

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FUND

FY 2018 – FY 2020

Children’s Trust Fund of South Carolina - Columbia, SC \$970,000
Settings: High Schools, Community Service Centers

FY 2017

Children’s Trust Fund of South Carolina - Columbia, SC \$1,360,940
Program Categories: Institutions of Higher Education, High Schools and Community Service Centers, and Public Awareness and Education

FY 2013 – FY 2016

\$1,500,000

Children's Trust Fund of South Carolina - Columbia, SC

Program Categories: Institutions of Higher Education, High Schools and Community Service Centers, and Public Awareness and Education

TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA ^{iv}

- Title X-supported centers provided contraceptive care to 55,908 women in South Carolina in 2019.⁵
- Services at Title X-supported centers helped women avoid 20,200 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 9,800 births and 7,300 abortions.
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in South Carolina saved \$169.4 million in public funds in a single year.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding South Carolina received for Title X decreased by \$1,300,331, resulting in 21,914 fewer (23%) patients served.
- In 2019, 58 clinics in South Carolina received support from Title X. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control operated all 58 clinics.

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/south-carolina>

^{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.*