



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

## Key Information about Colorado as of January 2019

State Policies to Increase Access to and Information About Contraception*	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	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
Other state laws/policies/initiatives to increase access to contraception	Yes <sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> The FY 2016 - 2017 budget for the Department of Health and Environment includes an additional [\\$2.5 million](#) for the family planning program to help sustain the positive impacts of the [Colorado Family Planning Initiative](#).

Funding Streams for Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy Prevention**	Current Annual Funding Level
Personal Responsibility Education Funding (PREP) <sup>1</sup>	
State PREP (if state opted to receive formula grant)	\$808,451
Competitive PREP grants awarded in the state (if state opted out)	-
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 Avoidanc Education (if state opted to receive)	\$728,835
Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidanc Education (if state opted out)	-
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program <sup>3</sup>	\$524,533
Title X Family Planning Program	\$3,654,000

State Stats
43% births are funded by Medicaid, as of 2014
See more state stats at <a href="https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/national-state-data/colorado">https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/national-state-data/colorado</a>

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

\*\* 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>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 CO.

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

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

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

Colorado Department of Human Services

\$808,451

The Colorado Department of Human Services is using PREP funds to implement evidence-based programs in Denver, Garfield, and Huerfano counties using a positive youth development approach. Populations of focus include youth in foster care and runaway/homeless youth.

### **Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS)**

**FY 2010 – FY 2015**

Education Development Center, Inc. - Newton, MA

Project name: More Than a Dream Teen Pregnancy Prevention for Latino Youth

\$773,359

More than a Dream Teen Pregnancy Prevention for Latino Youth is a collaboration between Education Development Center, the University of Michigan School of Nursing, and the League of United Latin American Citizens' National Educational Service Centers (LNESEC), to find developmentally appropriate and culturally and linguistically relevant youth and parent interventions that address sexual health and pregnancy prevention. The project will evaluate the youth intervention *Cuídate* (Take Care of Yourself), the parent intervention *Salud y éxito* (Health & Success), and a joint youth-parent program, *Más que un sueño* (More Than a Dream). Work will take place at 4 LNESEC sites: Albuquerque, NM, **Colorado Springs, CO**, El Paso, TX, and Kansas City, MO, with the goal of reducing sexual and other risk behaviors. Participants will be Latino adolescents ages 12-14, and their parents.

### **Title V State Abstinence Education Grant**

Colorado Department of Education

\$728,835

The Colorado Department of Education is using their grant to deliver abstinence-only programming through four public and private entities with high numbers of teen pregnancies.

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

**FY 2016 – FY 2018**

Friends First, Inc. - Greenwood Village, CO

\$524,533

### **Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program**

**FY 2013**

The Center for Relationship Education - Denver, CO

\$491,193 (to be spent through FY 2014)

Friends First, Inc. - Littleton, CO

\$474,109 (to be spent through FY 2014)

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<sup>4</sup> Federal teen pregnancy prevention grants are listed as annual amounts, unless otherwise noted. State PREP, Tribal PREP, and Title V State/ Competitive Abstinence grant amounts, where applicable, reflect the most recent annual award.

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

Colorado Youth Matter - Denver, CO<sup>5</sup>

\$749,900

The goal of the Colorado Youth Matter Maximizing Success program is to increase sustained use of evidence-based interventions for teen pregnancy prevention in schools and clinics in Adams, Arapahoe, and Denver counties. In order to achieve this goal, Colorado Youth Matter provides support to five Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Partners in school and clinic settings. These partners were chosen based on their locations in communities of highest need (Adams, Arapahoe, and Denver counties) as well as grant-specified selection criteria (i.e. level of experience and need for teen pregnancy prevention CBA in their organization). Partners implement the evidence-based programs that best serve their specific youth populations and work to ensure close collaborations between schools and clinics for outreach and referrals.

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

Friends First - Littleton, CO

Program model: *Project AIM (Adult Identity Mentoring)*

\$901,604

Friends First will implement *Project AIM*. The project targets all 7<sup>th</sup> graders, ages 12-14 in 14 middle schools in low income urban and suburban areas in Denver and surrounding communities with high Hispanic populations. The overall goal of the project is to provide youth with the motivation to make safe choices, to imagine a positive future, and provide opportunities to discuss how current risk behaviors can be a barrier to a successful adulthood.

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

Denver Health and Hospital Authority - Denver, CO

Program model or strategy: *Teen Outreach Program*<sup>TM</sup> (TOP) with social media enhancement

\$808,785

Denver Health and Hospital Authority will test the efficacy of adding an innovative cell phone-based adaptation, *Teen Outreach Program for Medial Enhancement (TOP4ME)*, to an evidence-based, youth development intervention, *TOP*. The *TOP4ME* cell phone component will emphasize key learning components of the *TOP* model and increase opportunities for referrals. The grantee will implement this project at Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver. The goal is to increase the number of participants who use contraception or remain abstinent in *TOP4ME* compared to the original *TOP* intervention.

University of Colorado, Denver - Aurora, CO

Program model or strategy: *Circle of Life*

\$924,543

This project targets 13-15 year olds enrolled in after-school programs at eight Native Boys and Girls clubs located in rural tribal reservation areas in North and South Dakota, representing 10 different tribes. The curriculum, *Circle of Life*, is a theory-based sexual risk reduction intervention designed specifically for Native youth that uses familiar symbols, stories, and ways of learning to build knowledge and skills

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<sup>5</sup> Colorado Youth Matter announced in September 2017 that it would shutter its doors in December 2018 after receiving notice that they would lose federal funding from the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.

to bring about behavior change in Native youth. The project will digitize *Circle of Life* and adapt components to accommodate shortened after-school programming. It will also adapt *Circle of Life* to reflect tribal-specific content through digital, readily accessible techniques, such as digital story telling. The goal is to evaluate the effectiveness of *Circle of Life* in reducing the probability of behavior resulting in pregnancy.

## **TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN COLORADO**

- Title X–supported centers provided contraceptive care to 47,510 women in Colorado in 2014.<sup>6</sup> These services helped women avoid 11,500 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 5,600 births and 4,100 abortions.
- In the absence of publicly-funded family planning services, the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions in Colorado would be 69% higher.<sup>7</sup>
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in Colorado saved \$59.2 million in public funds in 2010.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding Colorado received for Title X decreased by \$91,808, resulting in 14,957 fewer (22%) patients served.
- In 2017, 73 clinics in Colorado received support from Title X. They included local health department clinics (39), federally qualified health centers (27), hospitals (4), family planning health centers (2), and other service sites (1).

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

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<sup>6</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.

<sup>7</sup> “Publicly-funded family planning services” refers to all public funding sources that support family planning services, including Medicaid, Title X, and other state and federal resources.