



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

Key Information about Massachusetts 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	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	Yes [†]

[†] [H 4009](#) requires most private and public insurance plans to cover at least one form of contraception within each of the FDA-approved method categories (except male condoms), without cost-sharing.

Funding Streams for Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy Prevention**	Current Annual Funding Level
Personal Responsibility Education Funding (PREP) ¹	
State PREP (if state opted to receive formula grant)	\$975,141
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}	\$1,749,999
Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF)	\$970,000
Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (if state opted to receive)	\$ 808,578
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program ³	-
Title X Family Planning Program	\$6,155,000

State Stats
41% births are funded by Medicaid, as of 2015
See more state stats at https://powertodecide.org/what-we-do/information/national-state-data/massachusetts

* 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>

¹ Evidence-based education programs

² May include multi-state grants and/or grants awarded to an organization in another state that benefit youth in MA

³ Replaced the Competitive Abstinence Education Program beginning in FY 2016

FEDERAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANTS⁴

State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

\$975,141

Massachusetts is using PREP funding to provide evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs within select schools and community-based organizations to at-risk youth across the state.

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.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) — Tier 1

FY 2015 – FY 2019

Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy - Boston, MA

Program Model: *Making Proud Choices!*

\$749,999

The Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy (MATP) Partners for Lawrence Youth (PLY) project works to reduce rates of sexually transmitted disease (STDs), unintended pregnancy, and disparities, as well as promote healthy adolescent development among youth in Lawrence, Massachusetts. In order to achieve this goal, MATP will pair the social determinants of health approach with evidence-based programs that teach youth about pregnancy prevention as well as implement a holistic approach that actively engages communities to support positive youth development and sexual reproductive health. MATP will continue to help build the capacity of PLY to raise awareness among community partners about how social determinants influence teen pregnancy and the importance of intervening at the community level to reduce teen pregnancy and birth rates.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program — Tier 2

FY 2015 – FY 2019

Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands (PPGNW) - Seattle, WA

Program model: *IN•cluded: Inclusive Healthcare—Youth and Providers Empowered*

\$1,000,000

PPGNW intends to prevent teen pregnancy and sexual transmitted infections in the LGBTQ youth population. In order to achieve this goal, PPGNW implements the In•cluded program delivered in 14

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

communities in Alaska, **Massachusetts**, Minnesota, Montana, Oregon, Utah, and Washington through the PPGNW Teen Council Peer Education program. Each teen council group will deliver trainings to two different audiences: 1) IN•cluded for health care staff and providers, a three hour workshop delivered by peer teen educators in two 1.5 hour segments that include best practices for working with LGBTQ youth; and 2) IN•cluded for LGBTQ youth, a three hour interactive workshop delivered by teen peer educators to their peers who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or queer/questioning. The workshop includes education related to sexual risk prevention and how to access sexual health services.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program — Capacity Building Assistance
FY 2016**

University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute - Hadley, MA

\$570,741

The University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute is one of five organizations that received funding and will collaborate to provide the 84 TPPP grantees with capacity building assistance and support to continue to reduce rates of teen pregnancy and eliminate existing disparities in communities throughout the country. The University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute's priority area is community mobilization and sustainability.

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

Congregación León de Judá - Boston, MA

\$599,889

The grantee will implement the Vale Esperar *Making a Difference!* project in 30 community-based sites in Boston, and Lawrence, MA; Providence, RI; and Hartford, CT. The project will target 3,100 Latino adolescents, ages 11-13, with an abstinence-approach to HIV, STI, and teen pregnancy prevention. The goals are to reduce both sexual activity and teen pregnancy rates among participants.

La Alianza Hispana, Inc. - Roxbury, Massachusetts

\$463,934

La Alianza Hispana's *¡Cuidate!* Latino Youth Collaborative program will implement the *¡Cuidate!* evidence-based program. A partnership will be developed with the city of Boston, the Boston Public School District, and community-based youth providers to build a strong collaborative of partnering sites to support La Alianza Hispana. The project's overall goal is to prevent Latino youth ages 13-19 in Boston and Chelsea, Massachusetts from engaging in sexual behaviors that lead to early or unwanted pregnancy and HIV/STI infection.

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

Black Ministerial Alliance of Boston - Roxbury, MA

\$1,000,000

The Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston (BMA) is targeting 6,000 middle school students from low-income families in three cities (Lowell, Lynn, and Lawrence) around the Boston area. BMA has adapted a previous program, *Healthy Futures*, to be more responsive to the needs of the community and will implement it with this grant. It incorporates a holistic, positive, medically accurate, non-judgmental, and educational approach to teen pregnancy prevention. The program will target younger youth than in the past to increase the positive effect.

Boston Medical Center - Boston, MA

\$572,516

Boston Medical Center (BMC) is serving at risk Haitian-American youth in 9th and 10th grades at four schools. BMC is basing their program on the *Becoming A Responsible Teen (BART)* intervention and will adapt it for cultural relevance for the Haitian community. They are also including components addressing mental health and trauma needs. Approximately 175 youth will be reached annually for a total of 600 youth throughout the project period.

CDC Grant

FY 2010 – FY 2014

The Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy (MATP) - Boston, MA

\$1,177,051

MATP received a grant to initiate the “Youth First” initiative to reduce teen birth rates in the communities of Springfield and Holyoke by 10% by 2015, with a focus on serving African American and Latino/Hispanic youth at high risk of teen pregnancy. MATP’s primary partner is the YEAH (Youth Empowerment and Adolescent Health) Network, a teen pregnancy prevention coalition. This initiative reaches 15,000 youth, and involves parents, youth-service providers, funders, and other stakeholders. The communitywide approach includes a core partner group of YEAH, community-based organizations, clinical service providers, city health departments, and school districts. Outreach is directed at “nontraditional” audiences including churches, parents of teens, business leaders, employers of youth, and professional organizations. Activities include providing technical assistance on program planning, implementation, evaluation and sustainability; supporting local partners who are currently implementing evidence-based programming; and engaging and mobilizing stakeholders statewide and locally to advocate for young adult-targeted health care plans that include prescription contraceptive coverage.

Pregnancy Assistance Fund

FY 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health - Boston, MA

Settings: High schools, Community Service Centers

\$970,000

FY 2017

Massachusetts Department of Public Health - Boston, MA

Program Categories: High schools/Community Service Centers

\$1,360,940

Pregnancy Assistance Fund (continued)

FY 2010 – FY 2013 and FY 2013 – FY 2016

Massachusetts Department of Public Health - Boston, MA

Program Categories: High schools/Community Service Centers

\$1,500,000

TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN MASSACHUSETTS

- Title X–supported centers provided contraceptive care to 56,160 women in Massachusetts in 2014.⁵ These services helped women avoid 13,600 unintended pregnancies, which would have resulted in 6,600 births and 4,900 abortions.
- In the absence of publicly-funded family planning services, the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions in Massachusetts would be 41% higher.⁶
- By preventing sexually transmitted diseases, cervical cancer, and unplanned pregnancies, Title X-supported centers in Massachusetts saved \$140.6 million in public funds in 2010.
- From FY 2010 to FY 2017, the amount of federal funding Massachusetts received for Title X increased by \$92,339, resulting in 6,829 more (10%) patients served.
- In 2017, 93 clinics in Massachusetts received support from Title X. They included federally qualified health centers (36), hospitals (15), school-based health centers (12), Health Imperatives Inc. clinics (12), family planning health centers (8), Planned Parenthood clinics (5), Health Quarters Inc. clinics (3) university-based health center (1) and a local health department (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.*

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.

⁶ “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.