

A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE- TITLE X PRIORITIES:

The following priorities represent the overarching goals for Title X Programs:

- Assuring continued high quality clinical family planning and related preventive health services that will improve the overall health of individuals;
- Assuring access to a broad range of high quality clinical family and related preventive health services that include the following: provision of highly effective contraceptive methods; breast and cervical cancer screening and prevention; STD and HIV prevention education; counseling and testing; extramarital abstinence education and counseling; and other preventive health services. The broad range of services does not include abortion as a method of family planning;
- Encourage family participation in the decision of minors to seek family planning services, including activities that promote positive family relationships;
- Improving the health of individuals and communities by partnering with community based organizations(CBO), faith-based organizations (FBO) and other public health providers that work with vulnerable at-risk populations;
- Promoting individual and community health by emphasizing family planning and related preventive health services for hard to reach populations, such as the uninsured and under-insured, males, persons with Limited English Proficiency, adolescents and other vulnerable at-risk populations.

PROGRAM SERVICES:

The Louisiana Office of Public Health Family Planning Program offers the following services:

- Physical Exam, including Pap Test, Clinical Breast Exam and Genital Exam
- Family Planning Counseling and Education
- Birth Control Supplies
- Testing for Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV/AIDS
- Pregnancy Testing
- Sterilization Counseling, Education and Referral (Tubal Ligation and Vasectomy)
- Preconception Counseling (Planning Your Pregnancy)

The federal government has provided funding for these services under Title X of the Public Health Service Act through the Louisiana Office of Public Health. Fees are assessed based on a sliding fee scale. **No one will be denied services based upon inability to pay.**


* HISTORY *

In September 1974, Louisiana's Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR, now the Department of Health and Hospitals), Office of Management and Finance assumed the responsibility for managing and operating the state's Family Planning Program. In 1976, the program was transferred to the Office of Preventive and Public Health services (now the Office of Public Health). The program, operated by the Family Health Foundation from 1965 to 1974, provides family planning services statewide to low-income families who desire to space their children and/or limit their family sizes. The program has operated as part of the National Title X Family Planning Program for more than 25 years.



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FAMILY PLANNING
PROGRAM
ADVISORY BOARD**



STATEWIDE ADVISORY BOARD NEEDS YOU

FAMILY PLANNING

PROGRAM MISSION- To reduce female and infant mortality, morbidity, and teen pregnancy, and to provide individuals and families the information and means to exercise personal choice in determining the number and spacing of their children.

FAMILY PLANNING

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FAMILY PLANNING

ADVISORY BOARD- The Louisiana Family Planning Advisory Board consists of committed individuals whose knowledge and skills broadly encompass reproductive health and family planning issues in the State. All members are encouraged to contribute their ideas to these plans.

ADVISORY BOARD

PURPOSE- “The purpose of this board shall be to promote, monitor, and evaluate activities of the family planning program and to actively participate in program planning in its advisory capacity!”



LOUISIANA FAMILY PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

SUBCOMMITTEES: The Board also comprises the following Subcommittees:

- Membership (including Teen Recruitment and Nominating)
- Local Officials and Advocacy
- Medical
- Executive sub-committee (limited to the Board’s Officers and the State FP Administrator)
- Information and Education (includes all participants)
- Special
- Nominating

As per Federal Title X regulations, the Information and Education Committee must review and approve all information and educational materials developed by the Family Planning Program for community consumption.

WHY SHOULD YOUR VOICE BE HEARD?

- Participation on the Advisory Board is a opportunity for you to communicate with the Family Planning Program and for us to hear from you.
- It is through the Advisory Board that we can explore opportunities for collaboration to meet our mutual goals.
- The Board meets twice a year (July & December).
- The meetings are held by videoconference/teleconference in order to facilitate participation from all parts of the state.
- Meetings times are 1:00PM- 3:00PM
- As a vital part of our community, your voice and/or organization’s voice is important to us.
- To learn more about becoming a member of the statewide Louisiana Family Planning Advisory Board, please contact:

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