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## Title X Federal Program Review



*FPP staff and Federal Consultants for the Title X Federal Site Review*

The Family Planning Program took part in its tri-annual Program Review in May 2010. A team of federal consultants visited the Family Planning Program, the Orleans Women's Clinic, Jeff Davis Parish Health Unit and the Parish of Ascension Clinic to assess program compliance with Title X Program Guidelines. The review team included a Financial Consultant, Administrative Consultant, Clinical Consultant, and a Community Education and Outreach Reviewer.

The federal team thought

personnel was friendly and helpful to them and to clients, staff were well organized and knew their jobs, and staff were open to providing information. Overall, they were impressed with their findings.

The report is expected to be received in July. Although there were some findings, several of them can be easily addressed, as some suggestions were provided during the visits, and during the debriefing. We welcomed the federal visit, and thanked them for the opportunity to continue learning and serving clients. The team wants

to ensure that we continue providing services to those who need them, while complying with Title X guidelines.

The Family Planning Program would like to thank all who took time out their busy schedules to participate in the federal site visit, which helped make this visit a positive experience for both the federal team and the Family Planning Program.

We appreciate your hard work and dedication in providing high quality reproductive health services to the citizens of Louisiana.

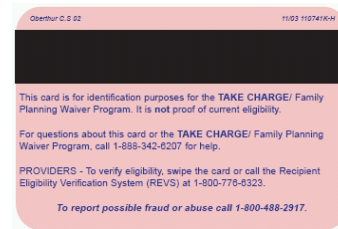
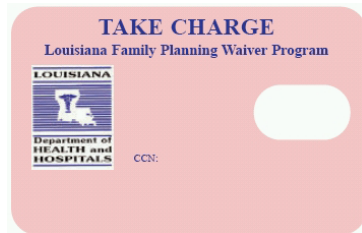
# Family Planning TAKES CHARGE ...

## Louisiana Medicaid Take Charge Waiver Update

The Family Planning Demonstration Waiver Program, **TAKE CHARGE**, was implemented on October 1, 2006. This program is designed to increase access to family planning services and reduce unintended pregnancies among females.

As of May 2010, over 67,600 women enrolled in the waiver program. Nearly 136,000 women have been approved and over 165,000 waiver applications have been received. Medicaid is still accepting applications. Applications may be completed in your local Medicaid Office, online at [www.TAKECHARGE.DHH.Louisiana.gov](http://www.TAKECHARGE.DHH.Louisiana.gov) or in your local Parish Health Unit.

The Identification Card  
"PINK CARD"



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### TAKE CHARGE FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER PROGRAM

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Are you uninsured/underinsured and worried about how you can pay for Family Planning?  
Do you need a physical exam, birth control services, and supplies?  
**TAKE CHARGE may be the program for you!**



Phone: 1-888-342-6207

[www.TAKECHARGE.DHH.Louisiana.gov](http://www.TAKECHARGE.DHH.Louisiana.gov)

### Family Planning

#### Clinic Nearest You:

#### Region 1 (New Orleans):

504/599-0100

#### Region 2 (Baton Rouge):

225/925-7200

#### Region 3 (Houma/ Thibodaux):

985/447-0916

#### Region 4 (Lafayette):

337/262-5311

#### Region 5 (Lake Charles):

337/475-3200

#### Region 6 (Alexandria):

318/487-5262

#### Region 7 (Shreveport):

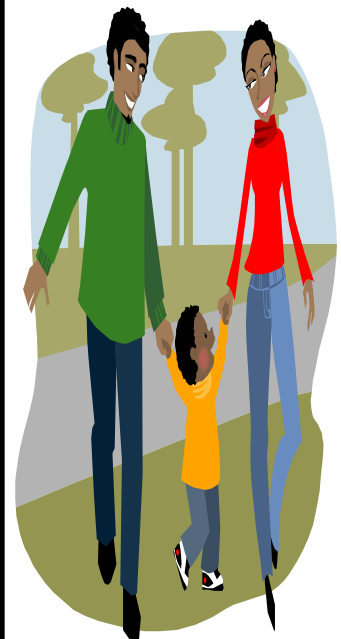
318/676-7470

#### Region 8 (Monroe):

318/361-7201

#### Region 9 (Mandeville):

985/871-1300



## Family Planning Marks 40th Anniversary of Title X

Forty years ago President Nixon signed into law the first federal funding source for family planning services, Title X of the Public Health Service Act. In doing so, Nixon established a lifeline for low-income women and men to receive comprehensive family planning services—education, contraception, counseling and health services.

Now a core component of the U. S. health care system, Title X also is an important source of primary care for millions of Americans. In its first two decades alone, services provided at Title X-funded center prevented 20 million unintended pregnancies and helped to prevent 5.5 million adolescent pregnancies, according to the Guttmacher institute.

Our public health units serve providing to over 66,000 clients in 2009. Many of our clients fall below 100% of the federal

poverty level, are uninsured, and cannot afford the same services from the private sector. Thanks to Title X funding, we provide high quality family planning services either free of charge or on a sliding fee scale.

Family planning is an investment worth making, as our communities and others across the country depend on Title X funding, and it improves public health and saves limited tax dollars. Support for Title X funding means supporting the practical tools of contraception, preventive screening and family planning counseling. Moreover, these services create a nurturing environment for women and a stronger, more prosperous and productive society.

Today as we celebrate 40 years of Title X, join us in creating a better quality of life for all. The Congressional House and Senate introduced a resolution recognizing the achievements

of the Title X Family Planning Program. The resolution praises the Title X Program and its providers for their contributions to low-income access to family planning services. This legislation gives members of Congress an opportunity to demonstrate their support for the Title X Program and its importance to the public health safety-net during the program’s 40th Anniversary.

Also in celebration, the Family Planning Program will host a Family Planning Summit next year. This one-day conference will surely benefit all as we disseminate information about family planning while providing education regarding family planning administrative, clinical, training and outreach components. The FP Summit will be engaging to OPH clinic staff, community partners, the medical community and the community at large. This is our call to action in continued support of Title X...join us!

### OUR MISSION:

FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM seeks to reduce female and infant mortality, morbidity, and teen pregnancy by providing disease screening, health education, counseling and contraceptive methods. In addition, the organization provides individuals the information and ability to determine the number and spacing of their children.

## NPFRHA Member Spotlight: Orleans Women’s Clinic

The National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) featured the Orleans Women’s Clinic (OWC) in the June issue of its national newsletter, *Family Planning Matters*. Dr. Takeisha Davis, Region 1 Medical Director, provided great information for the Member Spotlight section of the newsletter. Dr. Davis spoke about how proud she is of the OWC

for setting an example of New Orleans’ upward trajectory from disaster, site-ing Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill.

Notable features of the article include the OWC re-launching Teen Tuesdays where adolescent female clients get a chance to convene with peers, receive education and have question and answer sessions with reproductive health

professional. Also, the OWC will partner with the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies to launch a social media campaign using Facebook, Twitter and other social networks to provide outreach for its services.

There have been talks with the city health department to bring pediatric and Ob/Gyn services

to the clinic to provide one-stop preventive and primary care. OWC is persistently conducting outreach to college students and the Spanish-speaking population.

Family Planning congratulates the Orleans Women’s Clinic on a job well done!

## Quality Assurance Corner.....

Family Planning would like to thank all staff that participated in the annual Training Needs Assessment (TNA). The purpose of completing the TNA is to determine training needs, which enables us to develop the training calendar. The topics and dates of family planning training events for 2010-11 is as follows:

- July 21st-Alabama Public Health Training Network Webcast-Topic: Addressing Social and Health Disparities in Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Clients
- July 30th-Women's Health 5th Friday Videoconference-Topic: Attracting and Servicing Male FP Clients
- August 25th-Association of Reproductive Health Professionals Webinar-Topic: Options for Early Pregnancy Loss
- August-September-Adoption Option Training Workshops
- October 29th-Women's Health 5th Friday Videoconference-Topic: STD's: A Critical Component of FP
- February-March Basic Spanish for Family Planning Workshops
- April 29th-Women's Health 5th Friday Videoconference-Topic: Abnormal Pap Smears and Vaginitis

**\*REMEMBER TO START YOUR QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHEET ON JULY 1ST!!**

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<https://www.gutmacher.org>

<http://www.cdc.gov>

<http://www.opaclearinghouse.org>

[http://doa.louisiana.gov/ospfm/catalog/  
oph\\_forms.htm](http://doa.louisiana.gov/ospfm/catalog/oph_forms.htm)

<http://www.nfprha.org>

[www.HIV411.org](http://www.HIV411.org)

[www.centerforhealthtraining.org](http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org)