

Background Facts

Planned Parenthood runs 14 abortion facilities in Texas, making it the state's largest abortion provider.

The Landtroop perfecting amendment makes Planned Parenthood ineligible for an estimated \$18 million annually received by Planned Parenthood through state family planning programs. (Estimates are based on information obtained by Texas Alliance for Life through public information requests.)

Planned Parenthood receives an estimate \$12 million annually from the Department of State Health Services under the Title V, X, and XX programs for low-income women and minor girls.

Planned Parenthood also receives an estimated \$6 million per year from the Medicaid Women's Health Program.

Planned Parenthood provides inadequate healthcare for women and families and is unwilling or unable to provide comprehensive primary care services to low-income women and their families.
Planned Parenthood:

- Has no mammogram machines in any of their facilities anywhere in Texas (verified by a public information request Texas Alliance for Life with the Department of State Health Services). Cannot take biopsy for breast cancer; manual exams only.
- Is not able to provide comprehensive primary and preventative care. Perform only a very limited list of family planning services, e.g. birth control.
- Usually has no physicians on site, except when they perform surgical abortions.
- Offers no prenatal care.
- Cannot diagnose or treat ovarian cysts or uterine fibroids.
- Cannot treat high blood pressure, diabetes, or high cholesterol.
- Cannot administer vaccinations.

Planned Parenthood refers women with these and other conditions to alternate providers who do offer comprehensive primary care.

Planned Parenthood violates Texas law and cannot be trusted with our tax dollars.

- Planned Parenthood of San Antonio illegally operated four abortion facilities for as long as four years without a license. They were fined \$119,000 by the Texas Department of State Health Services in 2009, and they were required to return more than \$200,000 in Medicaid family planning funding taken illegally through the Women's Health Program because they were abortion providers.
- Planned Parenthood of El Paso closed in June 2009 because of financial improprieties and was found to be more than \$500,000 in debt. The Texas Office the Inspector General opened an investigation.

- A state inspection of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas (Waco) found two non-licensed staff illegally performing lab work. The same facility was fined for advertising for abortions without listing their license number.
- A state inspection of Planned Parenthood Surgical Health Services in Dallas found numerous violations related to expired medical supplies.
- A state inspection of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Stafford found a serious violations related to the failure to manage medical emergencies, including the transfer of clients requiring emergency care to a licensed hospital, and the failure to sterilize surgical instruments used for abortions.

Numerous alternate providers offer far better care for women and their families.

Numerous alternate providers exist to provide services if Planned Parenthood does not receive family planning funds for their 66 facilities that provide family planning services. More than 650 non-Planned Parenthood state-funded entities have been identified that currently provide family planning under Titles V, X and XX. Those include hundreds of Federally Qualified Health Centers, more than 100 state, county, and city-run public clinics, at least 20 comprehensive care community clinics, 11 hospitals, and hundreds of private physicians. These provide comprehensive primary and preventative care which Planned Parenthood is unwilling or unable to offer. More than 1,000 certified Women's Health Program have been identified, and there are literally thousands of primary care physicians who could provide services under the Women's Health Program.