

## Planned Parenthood<sup>®</sup> Services

Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care provider and advocate. For 94 years, millions of women and men have turned to Planned Parenthood for vital sexual health care services, sex education, and sexuality information. Today, the work of Planned Parenthood is carried forward by more than 30,000 staff members and volunteers. In 2008 (the latest year for which we have figures), Planned Parenthood provided more than five million people worldwide with the means to make responsible choices about their sexual and reproductive health. (Planned Parenthood Federation of America [PPFA<sup>®</sup>] is a founding member of International Planned Parenthood Federation, whose affiliates serve tens of millions more.)

### Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Services

The core of Planned Parenthood affiliate medical service is contraception and accompanying health care, education, and information. In 2008, we provided nearly 11 million medical services for three million people, and helped to prevent approximately 595,000 unintended pregnancies. Seventy-two percent of our clients have incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. As of September 2010, our more than 825 health centers are operated by 87 affiliates, which have a presence in all 50 states and the District of Columbia (PPFA, 2010a; PPFA, 2010b; PPFA, internal documents).

### Sexuality Education

In 2008, more than 2,000 affiliate staff and volunteer educators provided educational programs to more than 1.2 million people of all ages and in a variety of settings — from preschools to universities, from prisons and social service programs to religious institutions and civic organizations. Programs focused on more than 28 different content areas, such as AIDS/HIV and contraception/family planning — including abstinence, family life education, parent-child communication, puberty education, safer sex, sexual orientation/homophobia, sexuality education, sexually transmitted infections, teenage pregnancy, and women's health (PPFA, 2010a).

In addition to the education programs, numerous training programs were provided by approximately 100 affiliate staff and volunteers to nearly 50,000 professionals who work with children, teens, and young adults. Those trained included teachers, addiction counselors, group home staff, nurses, physicians, prison staff, rehabilitation counselors, religious leaders, and social workers (PPFA, 2010a).

### Information Services

Providing information to help people make responsible choices has been our mission since 1916. In 2009, PPFA websites received approximately 18 million visits. PPFA also produced and distributed nearly one million consumer health pamphlets. The Katharine Dexter McCormick Library responded to more than 10,000 research and information requests from researchers, sexual health professionals, and the general public (PPFA, internal documents).

### Advocacy

Through Planned Parenthood Online (PPOL), the Planned Parenthood Action Network advocates for new policies at the federal and state levels that will advance comprehensive reproductive health care and responsible decision making. In all, more than four million activists, supporters, and donors are kept abreast of the latest policies and proposals affecting family planning and have an easy way to contact members of Congress via e-mail, fax, or postal mail (PPFA, 2010b).

### International Activities

Planned Parenthood works around the world to increase access to sexual and reproductive health information and services. We provide health care and education through local partners and advocate for sound U.S. foreign policies that affect sexual and reproductive health and rights globally. Our innovative international programs build partnerships within and across regions to share ideas, expertise, and experiences in linking health services and education with advocacy.

In 2008, PPFA-supported partners served 1,078,000 individuals in 11 developing countries with reproductive health care and education. In addition, we worked to raise awareness of international reproductive health and rights issues and mobilize

support for responsible U.S. laws and policies. We created briefing sheets, talking points, and a wide variety of other advocacy materials, posted them online, and distributed them to Planned Parenthood affiliates and activists.

### **Affiliate Medical Services Summary\***

#### **Contraception — 35 percent of services in 2008**

Reversible Contraception Clients, Women**	2,263,776
Emergency Contraception Kits	1,436,808
Tubal Sterilization Clients	489
Reversible Contraception Clients, Men	109,823
Vasectomy Clients	2,979
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	3,813,875

#### **STI/STD Testing and Treatment — 34 percent of services in 2008**

STI Procedures, Women and Men	3,272,264
HIV Testing Procedures, Women	324,671
HIV Testing Procedures, Men	95,562
HIV Testing Procedures, Gender Not Reported	28,839
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	3,721,336

#### **Cancer Screening and Prevention — 17 percent of services in 2008**

Pap Tests	915,716
HPV Vaccinations	60,064
Breast Exams/ Breast Care	826,197
Colposcopy Procedures***	43,285
LOOP/LEEP Procedures***	2,613
Cryotherapy Procedures***	1,816
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	1,849,691

#### **Other Women's Health Services — 10 percent of services in 2008**

Pregnancy Tests	1,111,355
Prenatal Clients	9,433
Midlife Clients	12,016
Infertility Clients	168
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	1,132,972

#### **Abortion Services — 3 percent of services in 2008**

Abortion Procedures	324,008
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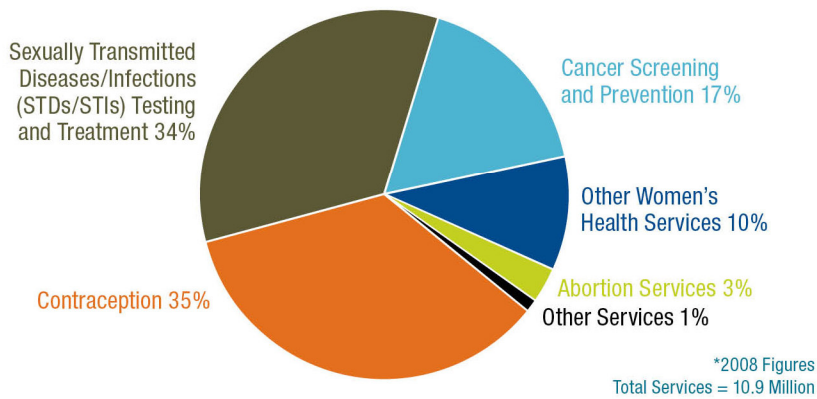
#### **Other Services — 1 percent of services in 2008**

Primary Care Clients, Women and Men	20,235
Adoption Referrals to Other Agencies	2,405
Other Services, Women and Men****	81,492
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	104,132

<b>Total Services</b>	<b>10,943,609</b>
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\*Patient Care Provided by Planned Parenthood Affiliate Health Centers in 2008

### PATIENT CARE PROVIDED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD AFFILIATE HEALTH CENTERS\*



#### \*\*Reversible Contraceptive Methods, Women (percentage) chosen by Planned Parenthood Clients, 2008

Oral	43
Non-prescription Barrier	17.3
No Method	10
Progestin-only Injectables	9.5
Other/Unknown	8.6
Combined Hormone Ring	5.5
IUD	2.9
Combined Hormone Patch	2.8
Prescription Barrier	0.1
Fertility Awareness-based Methods	0.1

\*\*\* A colposcopy examination aids in the diagnosis and treatment of abnormal growth cells in the cervix. LOOP/LEEP and cryotherapy are treatments for abnormal growths.

\*\*\*\* Some examples in this category include WIC services (a federally funded nutrition program for low-income women, infants, and children up to the age of five), pediatric care, and immunizations.

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