

Title X in Colorado Improving Public Health and Saving Taxpayer Dollars

**Between FY2010 - FY2013, funding for Title X was cut by \$39.2 million—
12.3% in three fiscal years.**

Title X Served 59,233 Colorado Residents in 2013

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is the sole Title X grantee in Colorado, supporting 66 Title X-funded health centers across the state.ⁱ The Title X network served 50,665 women and 8,568 men, for a total of 59,233 residents of Colorado in 2013.ⁱⁱ

Title X provides high-quality family planning services and other preventive health care to low-income and uninsured individuals who may otherwise lack access to health care.

- Of the 59,233 patients served, 76% had incomes at or below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL), ***meaning they earned \$11,490 a year or less.***ⁱⁱⁱ
- ***Ninety-six percent*** of Title X patients in Colorado ***earned less than \$28,725*** a year (250% of the FPL).^{iv}

Title X Saves Colorado Residents' Taxpayer Dollars

Title X supports critical infrastructure needs that are not reimbursable under Medicaid or commercial insurance, such as staff salaries, individual patient education, community-level outreach, and public education about family planning, women's health, and sexual health issues. Without Title X, access to high-quality family planning services for low-income Colorado residents would not be possible.

- The average cost of a Medicaid-funded birth is \$12,613.^v In 2008, births resulting from unintended pregnancies cost Colorado's taxpayers \$162 million.^{vi}
- The Title X program helps alleviate these costs by preventing unintended pregnancy through contraception, counseling, and other services.^{vii}

Title X is Essential to Improving Public Health and Saving Taxpayer Dollars in Colorado

Cutting funding for family planning services will lead to more unintended pregnancies and higher health care costs in Colorado. Family planning helps women and families plan the timing and spacing of their pregnancies, which results in better educational attainment and economic security; these, in turn, are linked to better health outcomes for women and families.

- Family planning services at Colorado's Title X-funded health centers helped prevent 13,300 unintended pregnancies in 2012, which would likely have resulted in 6,600 unintended births and 4,500 abortions.^{viii}
- Without publicly funded family planning, the number of unintended pregnancies in Colorado would be 21% higher.^{ix}
- Title X-funded services produce significant cost savings to the federal and state governments; services provided at Title X-supported sites in Colorado accounted for \$100 million in such savings in 2010 alone.^x

Colorado's Title X-funded health centers Provide a wide range of services:

- Pregnancy testing
- Contraceptive services
- Pelvic exams
- Screening for cervical and breast cancer
- Screening for high blood pressure, anemia, and diabetes
- Screening for STDs and HIV/AIDS
- Infertility services
- Health education
- Referrals for other health and social services

Additional cuts to Title X funding—especially in the current economy—would harm tens of thousands of low-income and poor families throughout Colorado, in turn costing, not saving, the federal government money.

ⁱ US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs, "Title X Family Planning Database," accessed September 25, 2014, <https://opa-fpclinicsdb.icfwebservices.com>.

ⁱⁱ Fowler, C. I., Gable, J., & Wang, J. (2014, November). Family Planning Annual Report: 2013 national summary. Research Triangle Park, NC: RTI International. Accessed January 16, 2015. <http://www.hhs.gov/opa/pdfs/fpar-2013-national-summary.pdf>.

ⁱⁱⁱ *Ibid.*

^{iv} *Ibid.*

^v Guttmacher Institute, *Public Costs for Unplanned Pregnancy and the Role of Public Insurance plans in Paying for Pregnancy and Infant Care* (2008), accessed September 18, 2014, <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/public-costs-of-UP.pdf>.

^{vi} Guttmacher Institute, *State Facts About Title X and Family Planning: Colorado* (2012), accessed September 24, 2014, <http://www.guttmacher.org/statecenter/title-X/CO.html>.

^{vii} Guttmacher Institute, *Contraceptive Needs and Services, 2010*, accessed September 24, 2014, <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/win/contraceptive-needs-2010.pdf>.

^{viii} Guttmacher Institute, *State Facts About Title X and Family Planning: Colorado*.

^{ix} *Ibid.*

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