



This is Who Planned Parenthood Is

Creating a Healthier World for Everyone

For more than a century, Planned Parenthood has been the nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care provider, educator, and advocate. Planned Parenthood health centers provide contraception, testing, and treatment for sexually transmitted infections as well as lifesaving cancer screenings to millions of people in the U.S. each year. Fifty-six Planned Parenthood affiliates operate more than 600 health centers across the country, with a presence in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Planned Parenthood believes that all people deserve high-quality, affordable health care, no matter who they are or where they live. Planned Parenthood health centers work to provide the best possible care while ensuring that every person who comes through our doors feels welcome, comfortable, and cared for – no matter what. We understand that a Planned Parenthood health center may be one of the only places where the identities of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer (LGBTQ) people are acknowledged, respected, and understood.

The Unique Health Care Needs of LGBTQ People

Members of the LGBTQ communities experience multiple obstacles to obtaining and benefiting from sexual and reproductive health services.

In addition to high rates of stress due to systematic harassment and discrimination, which has been shown to affect physical and mental health, LGBTQ people face lower rates of health insurance coverage, higher rates of HIV/AIDS and cancer, and higher rates of discrimination from medical providers. Because of the sometimes-lethal intersections of racism, sexism, homophobia, and anti-transgender bias, LGBTQ people of color are at even greater risk.

Not all health care providers have the necessary knowledge or understanding of diverse sexualities and gender identities. The intimate nature of sexual and reproductive health care can also mean increased anxiety around seeking care. These factors mean that many LGBTQ people have a high level of mistrust in the medical system.

Planned Parenthood is Proud to Serve the LGBTQ Community

- Planned Parenthood health centers serve 2.4 million people a year and our doors are open to everyone – regardless of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. Whether you're gay or straight, trans, or cis, you can come to us for cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, birth control, and other health care services.
- Currently, Planned Parenthood health centers in 17 states offer hormone replacement therapy (HRT) for transgender people. From 2013 to 2015, there was an 80 percent increase in Planned Parenthood affiliates that reported offering HRT to transgender patients.
- Planned Parenthood health centers provide HIV testing and link patients living with HIV to treatment and care, an essential step in saving lives and reducing transmission rates. Each year, Planned Parenthood health centers provide more than 650,000 HIV tests. More than one-third of our health centers offer HIV prevention tools like PEP and PrEP, a daily drug regimen to help prevent HIV.
- Many Planned Parenthood health centers have programs for LGBTQ youth and allies, providing safe and supportive environments that allow youth to get the information and support they need to make healthy decisions and feel comfortable in their identities.
- As the nation's largest provider of sex education, Planned Parenthood believes in sex education that covers the full range of topics affecting sexual health and meets the needs of LGBTQ youth. Planned Parenthood's sex education programs are nonjudgmental and welcome all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Planned Parenthood uses its websites and social media sites like Tumblr, Facebook, and Twitter as well as innovative chat/text programs to get accurate, sensitive information – including information on sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity – to youth, parents, and people of all ages every day. Planned Parenthood websites receive 68 million visits each year.



Text / Chat Program

Had unprotected sex? Worried? Text Planned Parenthood at 774636 (PPINFO).