

TEXAS WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE COALITION

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*Access to preventive healthcare,
including contraception,
for ALL Texas women*

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Background

Women's Healthcare History in Texas



2011 Texas Legislature deeply cuts family planning budget

2013 “Restored” funding: All state GR: EPHC, TWHP, FP
Planned Parenthood excluded from Women’s Health Program
Title X funding awarded to private network of family planning providers

2015 Consolidation:
• Healthy Texas Women
• Family Planning Program



2016 **Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning programs launch**

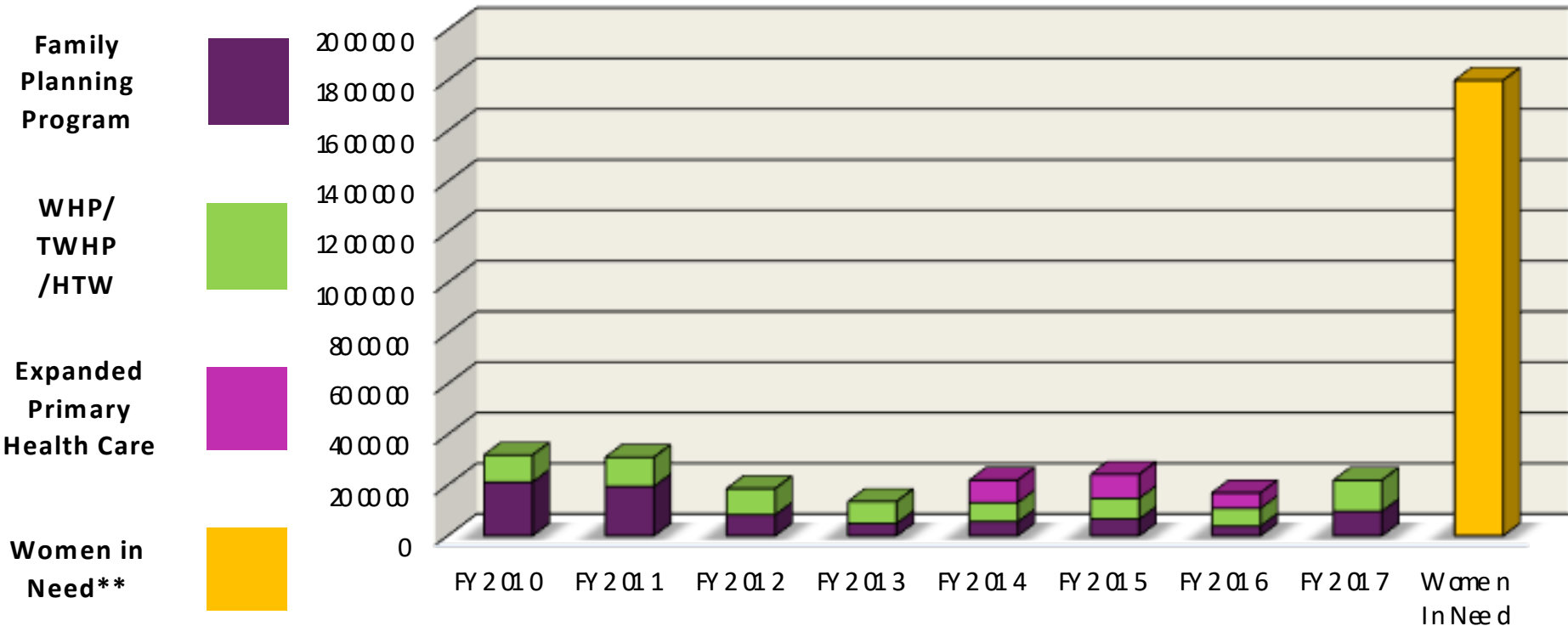
2017 **Stable funding;** LARC Strategic Plan; Improved data gathering/reporting

2018 **Title X Changes**

Clients Served by State-Funded Programs



The Need Far Outweighs the Supply



Women's Preventive Healthcare: Now More Than Ever



Maternal Mortality

- The Texas maternal mortality rate is still troubling even though recent 2012 data analysis shows lower rate than initial reports
- Recent analysis confirms Black women face highest maternal mortality risk





Family Planning Helps



Reduces unintended pregnancies & allows healthy spacing between pregnancies



Reducing risk of maternal & infant complications



Resulting in better health outcomes for moms and babies

Provides a critical entry point into healthcare services:

- Helps prevent, detect, and manage chronic conditions
- Increases access to postpartum and inter-conception health care
- Improves continuity of care

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Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

Substance use disorders can have devastating impacts on women and their families - especially if left untreated.

- In Texas in 2016, drug overdose was the second leading cause of maternal death
- The majority of overdose related deaths involved prescription opioid use¹



Family Planning Helps



- Women with an SUD are less likely to use reliable contraception, and have **higher unplanned pregnancy rates** than the general population.
- Unplanned pregnancies are at **high risk of fetal substance exposure and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome¹**.



Family planning services include access to contraception and include SUD screenings that help connect women to treatment before and after pregnancy.

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Federal Uncertainties

- Excluding contraception from covered preventive care
- Medicaid block grants/caps
- Title X changes



TWHC's Work to Improve Access to Women's Preventive Healthcare



Community Engagement Meetings

- Central Texas in March 2018
- Houston Today
- An additional TBD location later in 2018
- Diverse/representative participants
- Hear concerns/issues and how TWHC might help





Monitor and Educate

- **State data** on Healthy Texas Women (HTW), Family Planning Program (FPP)
- **Funding levels for the FPP** (serves non-citizens), as well as HTW
- Monitor, educate about provider networks and **service capacity**
- Ensure high quality care by promoting provider education and training and **Quality Family Planning standards (QFP)**

Promote Continuity of Care



How to improve continuity of care for:

- CHIP Perinatal clients into FPP
- Auto-enrolled postpartum clients into HTW
- Children aging out of Children's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) into HTW



Access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)



- Reimbursement issues
- Provider training and education
- Post partum contraception, especially in CHIP-Perinatal program
- Monitor and participate in ASTHO Learning Group on Contraceptive Access
- Participate in HHSC's regular meetings for LARC stakeholders
- Educate HHSC as they develop LARC strategic plan



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