



JUNE 2023 CONNECTIONS

Welcome to the Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas monthly newsletter. As a member of our community, we would like to share the latest updates on the work at Planned Parenthood. We have also included important action alerts and upcoming events.

JUNE IS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

For LGBTQ+ patients, non-judgmental, affordable healthcare is especially important. Texas' anti-trans legislation serves to stop people from accessing essential healthcare. A survey by the National Center for Transgender Equality found that 22% of Texas respondents did not see a doctor when they needed to due to fear of being mistreated as a transgender person, and 38% did not see a doctor when needed because they could not afford it. Planned Parenthood is proud to stand with the LGBTQ+ community and serve as a trusted resource for sexual healthcare and information. All are welcome here.

3,243

PPGT provided 3,243 gender affirming hormone therapy visits in 2022

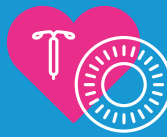
100%

100% of PPGT health centers provide expert sexual and reproductive healthcare to people across the gender spectrum

WE OFFER ESSENTIAL CARE TO ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY:

- ✓ All healthcare services provided at Planned Parenthood are available for LGBTQ+ patients
- ✓ LGBTQ+ inclusive sex education
- ✓ Hormone therapy for transgender patients
- ✓ Resources and referrals for community resources

OUR MOST COMMON SERVICES PROVIDED ARE:



Birth control to help patients plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and HIV prevention medication.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

TAKE ACTION: LOCAL PRIDE FESTIVALS AND PARADES

Planned Parenthood activists and supporters: Join Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas in June at a local Pride parade or festival! These community events are a great way to show your support and support so many issues. Unite for the cause and bring your friends and family!

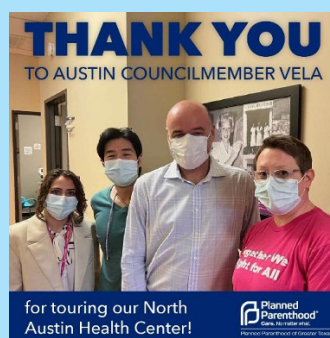


Selected local Pride parades and festivals that Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas will be attending:

- The Greatest Little Pride in Texas, Kempner, TX
- Pride Fest 2023, Lockhart, TX
- Temple Pride, Temple, TX
- Pridenton - Night on the Square, Denton, TX
- Taylor Pride Music & Art Festival, Taylor, TX

HEALTH CENTER TOUR IN NORTH AUSTIN

Thank you to Austin's District 4 City Council Member José "Chito" Vela (Dist. 4) for touring our North Austin Health Center. Planned Parenthood is proud to provide trusted sexual and reproductive healthcare for the Austin community!



SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES WORKSHOPS

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' professional health educators don't take a break for summer. In fact, this year they're offering more opportunities for rising 4th-12th graders in our communities to learn, grow, and connect online and in-person!

Research shows that LGBTQ+ inclusive sex education helps young people develop skills to support become caring and empathetic adults and to prevent unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. This kind of sex education prevents dating and intimate partner violence, promotes healthy relationships and social and emotional learning, and enhances media literacy. Planned Parenthood is offering a series of workshops for pre-teens, middle schoolers, and high schoolers to learn medically accurate, age-appropriate information about sexual health.

Workshops are free and hosted by the professional education team at Planned Parenthood.

A NEWS CONNECTION

Five women who were denied abortions under Texas law while facing medical crises are suing the state, asking a judge to clarify exceptions to the laws.

"[The women] have been denied necessary and potentially life-saving obstetrical care because medical professionals throughout the state fear liability under Texas's abortion bans," says the lawsuit, filed in state court by the Center for Reproductive Rights on behalf of the five women and two doctors.

Texas' abortion bans allow only vague and narrow exceptions when a woman's life is at risk. However, some doctors are not providing abortions in these situations due to Texas' extreme felony penalties. Healthcare advocates warned of these dangerous outcomes when Texas' abortions bans were enacted by the Texas Legislature.



DRAG BINGO FOR A CAUSE AND MARGARITA MADNESS

Thank you! You made Margarita Madness in Waco and Drag Bingo in Austin a huge success for Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas' patients and programs! Your gifts support life-saving healthcare services and education programs throughout the Waco and Austin communities.

WAYS TO GIVE

Let us continue supporting high-quality healthcare services and sex education programs for generations to come. Contact Melissa Gendason, Vice President of Philanthropy, at **(214) 302-8350** or **melissa.gendason@ppgt.org** to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood can ensure commitment to high-quality care for all continues.

With your gift to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, our community benefits from:

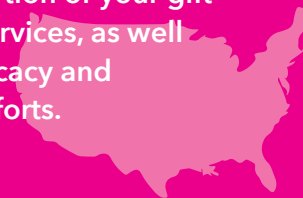
- Healthcare to people across the gender spectrum
- Gender affirming hormone therapy
- LGBTQ+ inclusive sex education
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infection

What's the difference between giving to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas and Planned Parenthood Federation of America?

When you donate directly to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, 100% of your gift supports local healthcare and sex education services across Central, East, North, and West Texas.



When you donate to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, a portion of your gift supports local services, as well as national advocacy and sex education efforts.



If you have a question, want to learn more, or want to get involved, please get in touch with the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or development@ppgt.org.

