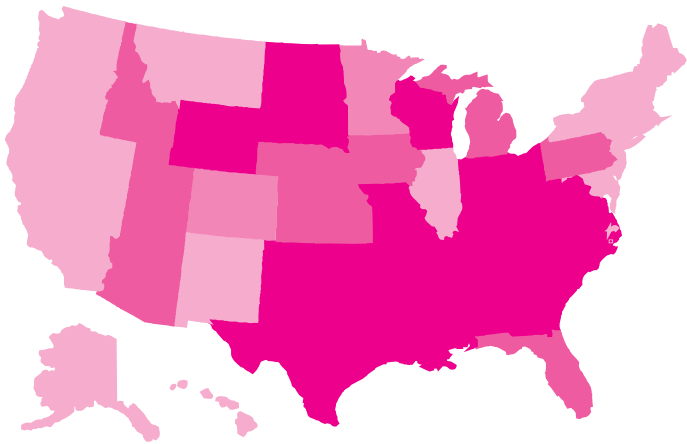


On the Front Lines: Fighting the Bans on Abortion

NATIONAL ACCESS TO ABORTION



To get tickets online: visit uhpp.org

This year's **Leadership Circle (LC) Luncheon** is set to call attention to the urgent need to protect access to reproductive and sexual health care services - abortion in particular - which continues to be the most regulated and stigmatized medical care.

We are thrilled to have Ken Lambrecht, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas (PPGT) join us as our keynote speaker for the luncheon. Ken and PPGT have been on the front lines fighting for reproductive justice for decades. In a year of abortion bans and the deterioration of Title X, there is no question that his perspective and experience will be enlightening to all of us in New York as we remain committed to keeping our doors open no matter what.

Despite immense barriers, Ken and PPGT operate a network of 24 health centers serving communities throughout Central, East, North and West Texas and have demonstrated inspiring support in a socially conservative voting state. He joined the team in 2005 and now leads a 300-person organization providing affordable health care and education to more than 123,000 patients each year.

We hope you'll be able to join us for the event! The luncheon will take place at the Albany Marriott (189 Wolf Road, Albany) on October 2 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for general admission, \$50 for LC members and people under 30. We invite you to visit uhpp.org for more information and to purchase your tickets.

The Leadership Circle Luncheon is our signature event and serves to bring together Planned Parenthood supporters to educate and inspire. It is named in honor of our Leadership Circle - a group of leaders taking a public stand for our mission and services. In celebration of our Leadership Circle members, we print a full page ad in the *Times Union* and other local newspapers each December. Each member contributes \$1,000 annually to Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood. We also offer additional membership rates for couples and for individuals who are under 40. To learn more visit: uhpp.org.



Protect X (TEN): Update

Recently, the Trump administration forced Planned Parenthood out of Title X, the nation's only dedicated program for affordable birth control and reproductive health care. Planned Parenthood serves 40 percent of people who access care through Title X across the country and has been part of the program for more than 50 years. The administration's move will greatly impact access to birth control, STI testing, cancer screenings, and other reproductive health care, particularly for people of color, people with low-incomes, and others who already face barriers to accessing critical health care.



In New York State, the NYS Department of Health is the direct grantee of the Title X program and Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood and all NYS affiliates are subgrantees. Last year, the Governor vowed to protect access to family planning services and the legislature took action by creating a contingency fund within the 2019 budget as a safeguard should litigation efforts to block the gag rule fail. Now, with the gag rule in effect, we are working closely with state leadership to protect access to care for all New Yorkers who need it, regardless of federal action. For more information visit ppesa.org.

Teen Clinic in Albany, Hudson and Troy!



Did you know that UHPP now offers a special walk-in clinic just for teens at all three health centers? While teens are waiting to be seen, the clinic offers a separate waiting room with snacks, games, comfortable chairs, couches and lots of information. Our teen spaces are staffed by knowledgeable sexual health educators and Youth Health Promoters (YHPs) to help inform teens, answer any questions they have, help fill out paperwork, and access health insurance if they do not already have it.

Teen Clinic hours: Albany from 3 to 6 pm on Thursdays. Troy from 3 to 5 pm on Wednesdays. Hudson from 4 to 6 pm on Thursdays. Visit the YHPs on Facebook to find out more at [Facebook.com/uhppyouthhealthpromoters](https://www.facebook.com/uhppyouthhealthpromoters).

Join the Word Squad

The threat to reproductive health care is real. State after state, ban after ban, we see limitations being placed on people's ability to access abortion care, including the revived threat of jail time. Frustrated, infuriated, angry, or concerned for the future? Want to make your voice heard? **Join UHPP Word Squad**, a small community of volunteer contributors who track coverage of the issues that matter most to Planned Parenthood's mission, keeping our issues visible, accurate, and intersectional. Help set the narrative one letter to the editor, tweet, blog, Facebook or Insta post at a time. Contact Katherine@uhpp.org for more information.



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