



Pro-Life Wisconsin “Defending Them All”

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Defunding Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and other organizations that perform or refer for abortion

As it confronts an over \$3 billion structural deficit, the state of Wisconsin can no longer afford the controversial business of “family planning.” Family planning funding is available on the federal level through Title X (Public Health Services Act), Title XIX (Medical Assistance) and Title V (Maternal & Child Health) programs. The state provides matching funds for Title XIX and Title V programs. In 2009, combined annual Wisconsin state and federal family planning expenditures surpassed \$49 million.

Family planning and abortion

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPWI) is the state’s number one abortion provider with abortion mills in Milwaukee, Madison and Appleton. In 2009, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin received almost \$12 million in combined federal and state family planning monies. All money is fungible. Clearly, family planning funds free up resources within receiving organizations to engage in the abortion business. Family planning funding also encourages and enables teen promiscuity by providing sexual counseling as well as free birth control drugs and devices. PPWI has deceived our children by fostering a false sense of security about “safe sex,” and has profited greatly from selling abortions to teen girls whose contraception fails. It is time to stop this vicious cycle.

Family planning and children

Confidential family planning services include the provision of abortifacient hormonal contraceptives, such as the morning-after pill and the patch, to minor children. For example, the *Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Program* currently provides family planning services and supplies for girls and boys as young as 15 years old. For minors, family income is disregarded as an eligibility factor so virtually every teen girl and boy in the state is financially eligible. Federal and state law prohibits parental notification of an underage child who applies for services under this program. Parents are naturally concerned about the sexual health of their teen children, not only to protect them physically but to guide them morally. If anything, the state should reinforce the parent-child relationship, not undermine it. Who do we want to be the confidants of our young sons and daughters – *parents, or Planned Parenthood?*

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Stand up for our families!

Providing condoms and birth control pills to minor children behind their parent's backs and making the taxpayers pay for it is horrible public policy. And profiting from the inevitable and expected abortions is reprehensible.

Rather than throw money at organizations that perform or refer for abortion, family planning funds should be eliminated to help balance the state budget or, in the case of the Title V program, be redirected toward preventive and primary care services for children with special health care needs.

Please urge your state legislators to defund Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and any organization that performs or refers for abortion.