

The Urban Initiative for Reproductive Health is a groundbreaking, multi-year initiative to create and promote real policy solutions to address the reproductive health challenges facing cities today. Launched at the National Summit in 2008, the Urban Initiative brings together mayors, city legislative leaders, county executives, public health officials and advocates to advance an agenda promoting policies and programs that increase access to comprehensive reproductive health services, reduce unintended pregnancies, address reproductive health disparities, and lead to healthier birth outcomes. The Urban Initiative has invested over \$500,000 in local partners to create and promote real policy solutions to address reproductive health issues.

### 2010 Grantees

#### Promising Practices and Innovative Models

**Aid to Inmate Mothers, Montgomery, AL** Increasing access to reproductive health education in local prisons.

**California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative, Oakland, CA** Supporting a bill in San Francisco to create a citywide program encouraging nail salons to use nontoxic products.

**Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., Los Angeles, CA** Improving reproductive health access for low-income women in Los Angeles County through a collaborative initiative with the Departments of Public Health and Health Services.

**Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** Improving comprehensive sexuality education in public schools by recruiting new community partners and strengthening evaluation.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Texas Foundation, Austin, TX** Passed local legislation in the City of Austin to inform women about the limited services provided by Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

**Fremont Community Health Services, Minneapolis, MN** Expanding their reproductive and sexual health program *Seen on da Streets*, increasing outreach-based STI testing, and offering expedited partner therapy.

**Teen HYPE (Helping Youth by Providing Education), Detroit, MI** Creating a Detroit Clinics for Youth guide of health care providers dedicated to serving teens and providing confidential services.

**Women's Law Project, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, PA** Building on earlier clinic buffer zone success by focusing on Philadelphia and York, PA.

#### Policymaker Roundtables

**Healthy Teen Network, Baltimore, MD** Hosting a Policymaker Roundtable, co-sponsored by the Baltimore City Health Department, to support implementation of a strategic plan to address teen pregnancy in Baltimore City.

**Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH), Chicago, IL** Hosting a Policymaker Roundtable to build support for and seek ratification of the Bill of Rights for Pregnant and Parenting Youth.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Montana Foundation, Helena, MT** Hosting a series of three Policymaker Roundtables to expand their community-by-community approach to increasing access to comprehensive sex education.

**Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership, St. Louis, MO** Hosting a Policymaker Roundtable to address high rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections in St. Louis.

**Urban League of Portland, Portland, OR** Hosting a Policymaker Roundtable with a focus on high rates of low birth weight and infant mortality in the African-American community and other underserved communities in the Portland Metro Area.

#### Policymaker Leadership Institutes

**Arizona Family Planning Council, Phoenix, AZ** Hosting a Policymaker Leadership Institute to set a reproductive health policy agenda for Phoenix and promote optimal women's health through integrated preconception services.

**California School Health Centers Association, Oakland, CA** Hosting a Policymaker Leadership Institute for school board members from cities across California on comprehensive sexual health education.

**New Voices Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA** Hosting a Policymaker Leadership Institute to introduce local elected officials to the reproductive justice framework as a strategy for informing public policymaking and to improve the wellbeing of communities, particularly communities of color, in Pittsburgh and in municipalities in Allegheny county.



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**Feminist Women's Health Center and Planned Parenthood of Georgia, Atlanta, GA** Furthered the work of the Urban Initiative Coalition in Atlanta and launched a new campaign to improve access to the female condom, all while successfully stopping passage of 18 separate state anti-choice bills.

**Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region, Austin, TX** Developed an "Empowering Healthy Teens" campaign to highlight the need for a city-wide focus on teen pregnancy and STI rates, including creation of a City of Austin Leadership Taskforce.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts Foundation, Boston, MA** Launched a citywide coalition to provide recommendations to the Boston Public Health Commission and Boston Public Schools to normalize sexual health and expand educational and medical services for Boston youth.

**Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH), Chicago, IL** Created the Pregnant and Parenting Youth Bill of Rights and launched an advocacy campaign for adoption of the Bill of Rights by Chicago Public Schools.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation, Columbus, OH** Worked with the Columbus City Council to pass a resolution supporting fair hearings on the Ohio Prevention First Act and created informational brochures on accessing reproductive health services in the community.

**Denver Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership (DTPPP), Denver, CO** A partnership among six Colorado community-based organizations, DTPPP successfully advocated for passage of a resolution supporting adolescent sexual and reproductive health by the Denver Public Schools Board of Education.

**Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice, Oakland, CA** Worked with local reproductive justice advocates and economic development officials to reduce workplace exposure to toxic chemicals and other harmful working conditions and thwarted a proposed ordinance that could have threatened the livelihood of nail salon workers.

**Women's Law Project, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, PA** Created a comprehensive guide on the buffer zone legislation successfully passed in Pittsburgh to support efforts to replicate the law in other cities and localities.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Washington Foundation, Seattle, WA** Participated in a coalition to address health disparities and ensure that access to reproductive health care is prioritized in countywide policy and helped save family planning clinics in the city from severe budget cuts.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland Fund, Baltimore, MD** Helped Baltimore city becoming the first city in the nation to enact a law requiring crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) to disclose the limited nature of their services to their clients.

**Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP), St. Paul, MN** Worked to implement a requirement that all Minneapolis public schools teach evidence-based sexuality curriculum at least once between grades 6-8 and trained teachers on curriculum and youth and parents on becoming sex education advocates.



### Regional Summits

The National Institute for Reproductive Health supported four Regional Summits in 2009 that brought together advocates and public officials to discuss improving reproductive health policies and programs in their cities, counties and regions.

The **Rocky Mountain West Regional Summit**, co-hosted by NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado, took place in Denver, Colorado on September 23-25, 2009 and brought together more than 100 advocates, elected leaders, and public health officials from 16 cities in 10 states.

The **Southeastern Regional Summit**, co-hosted by SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, took place in Atlanta, GA, September 30-October 2, 2009 and brought together nearly 150 advocates, elected leaders, and public health officials from 22 cities in 12 states.

The **Midwest Regional Summit**, co-hosted by the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health, took place in Chicago, IL, October 21-23, 2009 and brought together nearly 150 advocates, elected leaders, and public health officials from 14 cities in nine states.

The **Western Regional Summit**, co-hosted by the California Black Women's Health Project, took place in Los Angeles, CA, October 29-30, 2009 and brought together nearly 150 advocates, elected leaders, and public health officials from 12 cities in four states.