



Urban Initiative for Reproductive Health: Supporting Local Initiatives

Announcing Urban Initiative 2010 Grantees!

Through the Urban Initiative, the National Institute is committed to supporting innovative local initiatives that meet the goal of creating and promoting real policy solutions to address urban reproductive health issues.

Sixteen organizations will receive grants divided among three funding streams:

Funding Stream 1: Promising Practices and Innovative Models

This stream supports the development and implementation of model reproductive health policies and programs, and innovative, emerging projects that will work to create new policies at the municipal level to address core reproductive health needs.

[Aid to Inmate Mothers](#)

Montgomery, AL

Aid to Inmate Mothers will implement the Community Women's Health Information for the Incarcerated program to increase access to reproductive health education in prisons and connect women to County Health Department reproductive health services upon release.

[California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative](#)

Oakland, CA

The California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative will lead efforts to secure passage of a ban of the "Toxic Trio" of reproductive toxins in nail polishes and provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information and worker empowerment and education to nail salon workers and owners in the City and County of San Francisco.

[Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc.](#)

Los Angeles, CA

Public Health Foundation Enterprises, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health, will support the work of community leaders in women's health in a collaborative initiative to affect policy change to improve reproductive health access for low-income women and low-income women of color in Los Angeles County.

[Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation](#)

Milwaukee, WI

The Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation will strengthen their kindergarten through eighth



grade and high school Human Growth and Development curriculum by expanding the range of external community partners who provide reproductive health education to students and conducting an evaluation of the effectiveness of their comprehensive sexuality education program.

[NARAL Pro-Choice Texas Foundation](#)

Austin, TX

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas Foundation will work to support local initiatives to improve reproductive health outcomes for women in Austin.

[Fremont Community Health Services](#)

Minneapolis, MN

Fremont Community Health Services will expand their reproductive and sexual health program Seen on da Streets and increase outreach-based STI testing, offer expedited partner therapy, and expand their program which has been targeting African American males to include young women and Latino youth.

[Teen HYPE \(Helping Youth by Providing Education\)](#)

Detroit, MI

Teen HYPE will create a Detroit Clinics for Youth guide to health care providers that are dedicated to serving teens and provide confidential services. Youth from the program will also make recommendations to local clinics on providing youth friendly services.

[Women's Law Project](#)

Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, PA

The Women's Law Project will expand protections for women and reproductive health care providers by building support for replicating the health clinic buffer zone legislation successfully passed in Pittsburgh in other Pennsylvania municipalities.

Funding Stream 2: Policymaker Roundtables

Grantees will identify and bring together elected leaders and public health officials who embrace a proactive policy agenda to address urban reproductive health challenges for a briefing on pressing reproductive health issues in their communities.

[Healthy Teen Network](#)

Baltimore, MD

Healthy Teen Network will host a Policymaker Roundtable, co-sponsored by the Baltimore City Health Department, to support implementation of a strategic plan to reduce teen births in Baltimore City.



[Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health \(ICAH\)](#)

Chicago, IL

ICAH will host 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

NARAL Pro-Choice Montana Foundation will host 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

The Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership will host a Policymaker Roundtable to address high rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections in St. Louis.

[Urban League of Portland](#)

Portland, OR

The Urban League of Portland will host 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.

Funding Stream 3: Policymaker Leadership Institutes

The pilot Leadership Institutes will train local elected and public health officials in reproductive health and justice issues, while providing them with materials, messaging on reproductive health and rights issues, policy ideas, and networking opportunities at the city and county level.

[Arizona Family Planning Council](#)

Phoenix, AZ

The Arizona Family Planning Council will host 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

The California School Health Centers Association will host a Policymaker Leadership Institute for school board members from cities across California on comprehensive sexual health education.



[New Voices Pittsburgh](#)

Pittsburgh, PA

New Voices Pittsburgh will host 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.

Urban Initiative 2009 Grantees

In 2009, the National Institute provided a total of over \$250,000 in grant funding, along with targeted technical assistance, to advocacy organizations in 11 cities across the United States that are collaborating with local elected officials and public health leaders to create progressive policies and programs at the city and county levels to improve urban reproductive health outcomes.

For a detailed description of the work completed by each grantee, view the [grantee summaries on the password-protected section of the website, MyUI](#).

[Feminist Women's Health Center](#) and [Planned Parenthood of Georgia](#)

Atlanta, GA

Feminist Women's Health Center and Planned Parenthood of Georgia furthered the work of the Urban Initiative Coalition in Atlanta, including the creation of a policy agenda, a plan for implementation and a field organizing strategy that will push for a city or county policy to address health care disparities in communities of color.

[Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region](#)

Austin, TX

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

[NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts Foundation](#)

Boston, MA

NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts Foundation led coalition work to reduce racial, ethnic and socio-economic reproductive health disparities among Boston teenagers.

[Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health \(ICAH\)](#)

Chicago, IL



ICAH's Young Parents Alliance program offered a parenting youth group and worked with Chicago Public Schools to increase support for young parents. ICAH also hosted the [Midwestern Regional Urban Initiative for Reproductive Health Regional Summit](#).

[NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation](#)

Columbus, OH

NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation developed relationships with members of the city government, Public Health Department, service providers and other organizations interested in reducing reproductive health disparities in Central Ohio.

[Denver Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership \(DTPPP\)](#)

Denver, CO

A partnership among six Colorado community-based organizations, DTPPP promotes sexual health for students and families attending three participating urban-based schools serving primarily Latino students. This project is ongoing.

[Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice](#)

Oakland, CA

Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice positively impacted the reproductive health of low-wage women workers in Oakland by working with local reproductive justice advocates and economic development officials to reduce workplace exposure to toxic chemicals and other harmful working conditions.

[Women's Law Project](#)

Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, PA

Women's Law Project worked to create a guide to successful buffer zone legislation and organized a statewide training for abortion clinic escorts.

[NARAL Pro-Choice Washington Foundation](#)

Seattle, WA

NARAL Pro-Choice Washington Foundation participated in the King County coalition to address health disparities and ensure that access to reproductive health care is prioritized in countywide policy.

[NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland Fund](#)

Silver Spring and Baltimore, MD

NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland Fund worked to support local initiatives to improve reproductive health outcomes.



[Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting \(MOAPPP\)](#)

St. Paul , MN

MOAPPP worked to implement a requirement that all Minneapolis public schools teach evidence based sexuality curriculum at least once between grades 6-8.