Community Driven Policy

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Reproductive Health Equity Act:

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Implementation

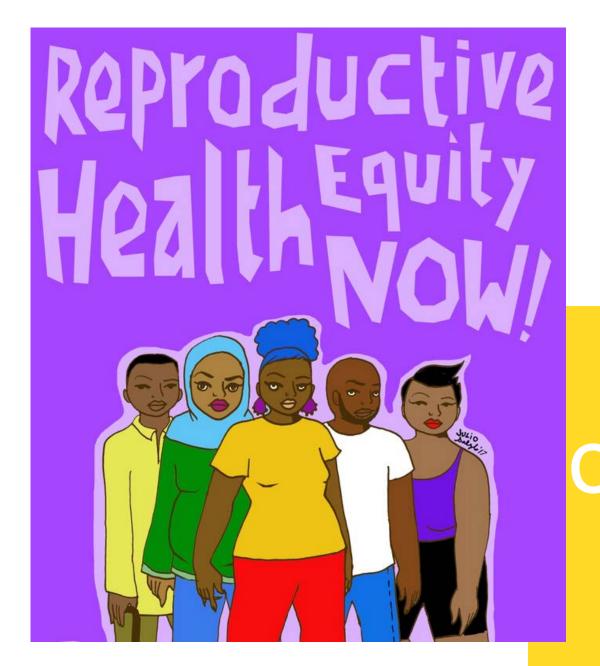
Why reproductive health equity?

Access to reproductive health care is critical for the health and economic security of all Oregonians. That's why everyone in Oregon, regardless of income, citizenship status, gender identity or type of insurance, needs access to the full range of reproductive health services.

Who worked on this?

Pro-Choice Coalition of Oregon Steering Committee:

ACLU of Oregon | Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon | Family Forward Oregon | NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon | Oregon | Latino Health Coalition | Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon | Western States Center



CAMPAIGN
CENTERING

Communities of Color

Reproductive Health Equity Act of 2017

Establishes coverage for the full range of reproductive health care, including family planning, abortion and postpartum care, regardless of income, citizenship status, gender identity or type of insurance

#ReproHealthEquityNow

















RHEA passed in 2017 and has been considered the most progressive reproductive health legislation in the nation.

OHEA's prioritizes and centers the wisdom of communities of color and those communities typically not visible in the legislative process. RHEA was a key component of OHEA's legislative agenda in 2017, giving opportunity for communities not connected with NARAL and Planned Parenthood to access legislators on these important issues.

Organizing with Communities: We Are BRAVE

Building Reproductive Autonomy & Voices for Equity

This matters to our communities of color

We are stronger when we organize

Those most affected by exclusion and oppression carry wisdom and expertise

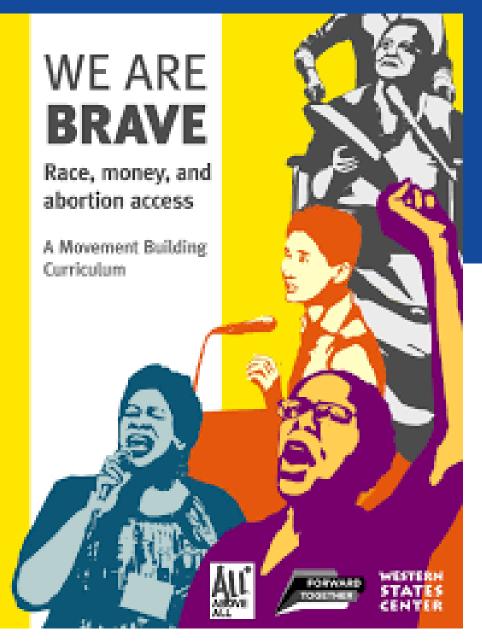


CULTURAL WORK

Changing hearts and minds through the power of storytelling

POLICY ADVOCACY

- Comprehensive Womens Health 2015
- Reproductive Health Equity Act 2017
- Multnomah County Proclamation 2017



Political Education

RJ TOOLKIT

Modules developed by organizers, reviewed by coalition leaders, and launched in 2014 as a tool to continue building the reproductive justice movement.

RHEA Implementation

Implementation largely the work of the State
Reproductive Health program as part of the Public Health Division



Reproductive and Sexual Health

Reproductive and sexual health are important to our overall health.

Who is involved now?

DIFFERENT PARTNERS

- State partners
- Service providers
- Reproductive Health
- Public Health

Implementation

COMPONENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

1

Communications
messaging to ensure
people (providers and
patients) understand what
coverage looks like

2

Creation of toolkit for longer-term communications, culturally appropriate, translated

3

Specific considerations for immigrants, refugees, and people without documentation

New & Ongoing Challenges

- Title X Funding
- Public Charge
- Anti-Immigrant Sentiment from the Federal Administration
- Discrimination against transgender and non-binary people

Thank you!