

## Funded Program to Offer Abortion Access at Primary Care Sites

The Reproductive Health Access Project (RHAP) and the Primary Care Development Corporation are launching a new program to assist primary care providers in expanding their scope to include medication abortion and early pregnancy loss care. Participating sites will receive a \$9,000 stipend.

[Read more](#) ↗

An information session will be held on February 23, at 10:00 a.m.

[Register](#) ↗

## Annual CCare Post-Award Forum

On March 1st, 2023, the Reproductive Health (RH) Program, as outlined in [42 CFR 431.420\(c\)](#) ↗, will hold a post-award forum to solicit comments on the progress of its 1115 family planning demonstration waiver, Oregon ContraceptiveCare (CCare). Members of the public may provide comments regarding CCare on March 1st from 10:00 to 11:00 am through Microsoft Teams Video (click [here](#) to join the meeting) or by phone at 971-277-2343, phone conference ID: 929 943 254#. Comments or questions may also be directed to the RH Program in writing, on or before March 1st, at [rh.program@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:rh.program@oha.oregon.gov).

## Spring ECHO Series: Foundations of Gender-Affirming Care

This 12-session ECHO series will build the capacity of primary care and mental/behavioral health providers and teams to provide holistic, culturally responsive and equitable gender affirming care. Virtual sessions will take place Thursdays at 12:00 - 1:00, April 6 - June 22, 2023.

[Click here to register](#) ↗

## Women's Health Update 2023 Conference (March 7-8)

Hosted by Essential Access Health this virtual conference, will focus on health equity across the gender spectrum with a high-quality, patient-centered approach to sexual and reproductive health care in diverse settings nationwide.

[Register and see the full agenda](#) ↗

## Does your RHCare Clinic Provide PrEP Services?

The National Clinical Training Center for Family Planning (NCTCFP) wants to learn more about the provision of HIV prevention services, such as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), in Title X clinics. Take this [short survey](#) ↗ to share whether or not your clinic provides or is interested in receiving training for PrEP services.

## Health Equity

### Health Equity Policy Toolkit

Achieving health equity reduces harm to people who have been marginalized and increases life expectancy and quality of life for everyone. Current health inequities can be traced to policy choices that negatively impact (or “disenfranchise”) communities, such as racist redlining policies and the traumatic historical practice of sending Native and Indigenous youth to boarding schools. Similarly, healthcare payment policies and a strained workforce result in geographic health disparities with rural counties lacking health system infrastructure such as a rural health clinic, Federally Qualified Health Center, or critical care hospital.

Recognizing that past policy choices across all levels of government resulted in an inequitable system and structural discrimination allows strategic amplification across multi-sector partners to address these historical wrongs and the resulting inequities. Public health leaders have an opportunity to support policies that center the needs of historically marginalized, disenfranchised, and underinvested communities to achieve health equity.

This toolkit, from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, is designed to support public health leaders in leveraging the policy development process to achieve health equity in their jurisdiction.

[See the Toolkit](#) ↗

## Introduction to Providing Care for American Indian and Alaska Native Clients *(February 21-27)*

The National Clinical Training Center for Family Planning (NCTCFP) will host a Clinician Café exploring established health care delivery systems for American Indians and Alaska Natives, disparities in sexual and reproductive health care, and ideas for designing a path forward. This Clinician Café will include podcasts, journal articles, resources, and live discussions. CE credits are available for some activities.

[Register for the event](#) <sup>↗</sup>

## Trainings

## STI Expert Hour Webinar: Medication Conundrums in STI Management *(February 16, 12:00 -1:15)*

This webinar will focus on frequently asked questions regarding the pharmacologic management of STIs and how to troubleshoot. Including:

- Describing basic principles of antibiotic pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics and their relevance to drug dosing and administration
- Developing a plan for common STI medication issues including dosing/administration, side effect management, and allergy management
- Identifying drug information resources related to STI/HIV management, reproductive health, breastfeeding, and drug-drug interactions

Registration will close on February 15, 2023 at 3:00PM (PST)

[Register](#) <sup>↗</sup>

## Webinar: Strengthening Infertility Services (February 23, 1:00-2:00)

Basic infertility services are a core component of providing quality family planning services within the Title X Program. They are part of the broader scope of services centered on supporting clients in achieving a healthy pregnancy, and supporting individuals and couples to achieve their reproductive goals. This webinar will provide an overview of the scope of basic infertility services within Title X projects along with strategies that strengthen the provision of infertility services to support clients in their reproductive goals. Participants will also learn about the role of Title X projects in providing quality, accessible, and equitable basic infertility services as an important component of the broader system of care for fertility assistance and infertility services. Speakers will share resources from the Reproductive Health National Training Center (RHNTC) and the National Clinical Training Center for Family Planning (NCTCFP) that can help family planning agencies and staff strengthen their provision of infertility services.

[Register <sup>↗</sup>](#)

## Resources

### FAQ for Implementing the No Surprises Act

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has a new FAQ document about implementing Good Faith Estimates for uninsured and self-pay individuals under the No Surprises Act. The FAQ document answers questions on how providers and facilities that either offer sliding fee discounts or do not expect to bill a patient for services can comply with Good Faith Estimate requirements. Moving forward, some providers have the option to provide patients with abbreviated Good Faith Estimate forms.

In response to these updates, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) will release an updated version of its resource guide, *Implementing the No Surprises Act in Family Planning Settings*, in the coming month.

[See the FAQ <sup>↗</sup>](#)

## Updated Resource on Minor Consent and Confidentiality

The Reproductive Health Program and Adolescent & School Health Program are pleased to share “Understanding Minor Consent and Confidentiality in Health Care in Oregon”. This document, an updated version of the 2016 “Minor Rights: Access and Consent to Health Care,” summarizes state statutes, federal laws and regulations related to minor consent and confidentiality in health care settings. Topics include consent for specific health care services, confidentiality and privacy, and disclosure and information sharing. It is geared toward providers in clinical settings, however parents/guardians, youth workers, and minors may use it as a reference for understanding and maximizing minor confidentiality and privacy as it relates to health care.

This document will soon be available in Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. Updated links will be posted on the [ASH Resources webpage](#)<sup>↗</sup> in the coming weeks. In addition, all RH Program clinics will receive 2 copies of this resource in both English and Spanish in the next several weeks. Questions? Please contact the Reproductive Health Program [rh.program@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:rh.program@oha.oregon.gov) or the Adolescent & School Health Program [adolescent.program@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:adolescent.program@oha.oregon.gov).

[See the document](#)<sup>↗</sup>