



Family Planning Program

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Clean air and water, safe streets, neighborhood parks, accessible medical care. These are features of a healthy community. But a healthy community starts with a healthy family. And a healthy family begins with high quality, affordable reproductive health services.

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health now offers family planning services through a small grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The Family Planning Program provides clinic-based services, individual and community education and outreach. The health department's family planning program targets men and women of reproductive age, with emphasis on adolescents and low-income residents in the El Paso County area.

Family planning services assist individuals and families in making choices regarding the spacing and number of children. Family planning is an integral component of the City of El Paso Department of Public Health's efforts to prevent unintended pregnancies and STDs including HIV/AIDS; reduce infant mortality and morbidity; and improve the health of individuals and communities.

Services include:

- Health assessment (medical history and physical exam)
- Dispensing birth control supplies
- Help with contraceptive method problems
- Routine follow-up for prescription renewal and over-the-counter birth control supplies
- Lab testing (blood and urine) pap smears, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), HIV, anemia, etc.
- STI and urinary infection treatment
- Pre-conception, infertility counseling and referral
- Pregnancy testing, counseling and referral
- Referrals to pre-natal and other medical care
- Community and individual health education – anatomy, physiology, benefits of family planning, abstinence, birth control methods, and parental involvement
- Referral to social services
- Partner violence screening and referral

The health department receives Title V grant funding to cover the cost of reproductive health services for some low income residents. Eligibility for Title V services is based on the client's:

- Income
- Family size
- Residency

Clients may also qualify for free services or reduced rates based on their individual family income and size. In some cases, clients must be Texas residents in order to qualify for free or discounted services. This does not mean that the client must be a U.S. citizen.

In addition to the sliding fee scale, the Family Planning Program accepts Medicaid/Women's Health Program insurance and payments from private insurance companies.

The Family Planning and Sexually Transmitted Infections clinic is centrally located at 5115 El Paso Drive, Suite A and is open Monday – Thursday from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm.

For additional information or for an appointment call: 771-1215, or visit: http://www.elpasotexas.gov/health/family_planning.asp



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