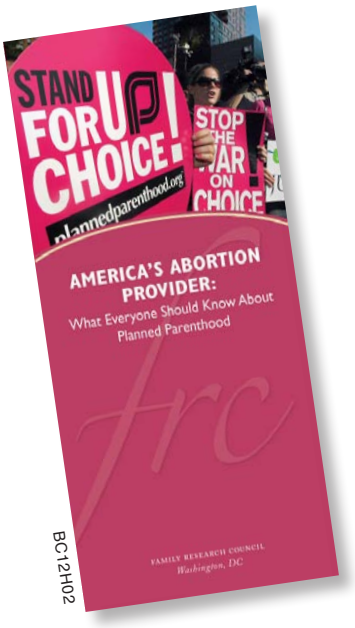

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America's Abortion Provider:
What Everyone Should Know About Planned Parenthood*

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On February 18, 2011, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to end federal funding of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). The bill later failed to pass the Senate, by a margin of 42-58. Despite its demise, this legislative act reflected a monumental shift in America's attitude—a shift against the nation's largest abortion provider. Had the bill become law, it would have had a significant impact upon the abortion giant's finances: PPFA receives roughly 46 percent of its budget from federal and state grants and contracts.

Leading up to the House's vote, a pro-life activist group released videotapes of an undercover sting. Video footage showed employees at a variety of Planned Parenthood clinics who were willing to aid and abet the sex trafficking of minors, a federal criminal offense.[1] While the federal attempts to defund the abortion provider have stalled, state legislators and governors have withheld state dollars from Planned Parenthood. At the time of publication, as many as nine states had taken such action.

Yet to many Americans, the PPFA is a benign or even benevolent healthcare agency advocating for patient "reproductive rights." Others know that Planned Parenthood is connected with abortions, but do not know the extent of that involvement. Some even understand Planned Parenthood's devasting effects on communities, but have no idea how effectively to oppose and defund the local chapters.

Planned Parenthood claims that it does "more than any other organization in America to prevent unplanned pregnancies and protect women's health and safety."[2] The organization's literature primarily discusses family planning, sexually transmitted disease (STD) testing, and sex education. But while the organization attempts to avoid being the "face" of abortion in America, two realities remain: Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider and abortion is a mainstay of Planned Parenthood's business.

This pamphlet will provide factual information about Planned Parenthood, detail its negative impact on women's health, and offer steps that concerned citizens can take to withhold taxpayer funding. Much of the information in this pamphlet is taken directly from Planned Parenthood's annual reports and fact sheets and is cited accordingly.

The Early Days: Margaret Sanger, Eugenics, and the "Negro Project"

Any successful organization begins with a good mission statement. Over time, a mission statement may evolve, but its roots and original goals will often remain the foundation upon which it strategizes, grows and flourishes.

Planned Parenthood opened its doors as a direct and intentional project of the eugenics movement. The movement's ultimate goal: the elimination of certain groups of "unfit" or "feebleminded" people.

> According to the *Encyclopedia Brittanica*, eugenics is defined as,
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> the selection of desired heritable characteristics in order to improve future generations, typically in reference to humans. The term *eugenics* was coined in 1883 by the British explorer and natural scientist Francis Galton, who, influenced by Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection, advocated a system that would allow "the more suitable races or strains of blood a better chance of prevailing speedily over the less suitable." Social Darwinism, the popular theory in the late 19th century that life for humans in society was ruled by "survival of the fittest," helped advance eugenics into serious scientific study in the early 1900s. By World War I, many scientific authorities and political leaders supported eugenics. However, it ultimately failed as a science in the 1930s and '40s, when the assumptions of eugenicists became heavily criticized and the Nazis used eugenics to support the extermination of entire races.[3]

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The founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, wrote in 1921,

> As an advocate of Birth Control, I wish to take advantage of the present opportunity to point out that the unbalance between the birth rate of the 'unfit' and the 'fit,' admittedly the greatest present menace to civilization, can never be rectified by the inauguration of a cradle competition between these two classes. In this matter, the example of the inferior classes, the fertility of the feeble-minded, the mentally defective, the poverty-stricken classes, should not be held up for emulation to the mentally and physically fit though less fertile parents of the educated and well-to-do classes. On the contrary, the most urgent problem today is how to limit and discourage the over-fertility of the mentally and physically defective.4

Margaret Sanger was born in 1879 in New York and was raised in a large, Catholic family; Margaret, herself, was number six out of eleven children. Perhaps as a response to her upbringing, Sanger developed strong ideas about family size and in 1916 opened the first family planning clinic in the United States in Brooklyn, New York. She went on to found the American Birth Control League (ABCL), in 1921. The ABCL changed its name to Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 1942.

A number of founding directors of the ABCL actively advanced the eugenics movement. Such eugenicists included, but were not limited to, Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, Lothrop Stoddard, and Dr. Harry Laughlin.[5] Dr. Stoddard authored a book titled *Rising Tide of Color against White Supremacy*. The *Birth Control Review* was the monthly magazine of the American Birth Control League. Many articles published in the *Review* promoted and defended eugenics. Titles included the following: "Some Moral Aspects of Eugenics," published in June, 1920; "The Eugenic Conscience," published in February, 1921; "The purpose of Eugenics," published in December, 1924, "Birth Control and Positive Eugenics," published in July, 1925, "Birth Control: The True Eugenics," published in August of 1928. This list is not exhaustive.[6]

The American Birth Control League worked in an intentional and systematic manner to reduce the black American population by establishing the "Negro Project." Margaret Sanger enlisted black leaders in her endeavor by convincing them that birth control was in the African-American community's best interests. However, her real agenda remained. As she once said, "We do not want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten that idea out if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."[7]

This quote is just one example of Sanger's vocal affinity for eugenics. But Planned Parenthood's eugenic mission did not end with its founder. Dr. Alan Guttmacher served both as vice president of the American Eugenics Society and president of PPFA for twelve years, from 1962-1974. In addition, "the first office of the IPPF in London was given free of charge by the Eugenics Education Society, the foremost eugenics group in England."[8] An unsuccessful merger between the ABCL and the American Eugenics Society was attempted in 1933.[9]

Planned Parenthood has distanced itself from its eugenics roots,[10] and a search for the word "eugenics" on its website provides little information about the group's early days and goals. While its current leadership does not openly embrace the noxious views of its founder, the eugenic heart of Planned Parenthood still beats.

Today, Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), by far, black Americans are the ethnic group having the greatest number of abortions. They composed only 12.6 percent of the population in the 2010 census[11], but a staggering 42% of total abortions in the U.S. for 2008, the latest year in which CDC abortion data were available.[12] The Radiance Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia in early 2010 began a media campaign, "Black Americans are an endangered species," to drive home the radical and shocking reality—almost half of black children are aborted in the United States.[13]

With this information, it is no surprise that pro-life activist Lila Rose, founder of Live Action, organized young people to call and visit Planned Parenthood clinics to research racial abortions. Through a series of undercover videos, Live Action exposed Planned Parenthood clinics willing to earmark abortion money according to race. Rose described a phone call placed to Planned Parenthood by one of her team members.

> He then asked to donate money specifically for the abortions of African-American babies in order to "lower the number of blacks in America." Despite his requests, no Planned Parenthood employee (or director of development, in one case) declined the donation. Some even asked to speak with other employees to get permission. In the first day of calling seven clinics, not a single Planned Parenthood

representative expressed outrage or concern at the racism behind donations specifically "to reduce the number of blacks." In fact, some even went as far as agreeing with the anti-black agenda.[14]

The Nation's Abortion Giant

Abortion kills over one million American children every year and Planned Parenthood, as the abortion industry leader, is abortion's greatest promoter and advocate.

According to its latest report, in 2010 Planned Parenthood Federation of America performed 329,445 abortions.[15] In 2009, the number of abortions was 332,278 and in 2008 the number was 324,008. The Guttmacher Institute (originally founded to be the research arm of Planned Parenthood but later becoming an independent body) reports that the total number of abortions in the United States in 2008 was 1,210,000.[16] Therefore in 2008, PPFA provided approximately 27 percent of abortions in the United States.

Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, over 54,000,000 children have died from abortion in the United States. [17] To put this number in context, this is more than twice the population of Texas in 2011,[18]and is approximately 87 times the population of the District of Columbia in 2011.[19] Almost every year has seen an increase in the number of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood, even as the nation's abortion rate is decreasing. [20]

Abortion: A Lucrative Business

In the fall of 2009, Abby Johnson had a change of heart. Johnson had worked for Planned Parenthood of Bryan, Texas for ten years, including two years as director of the clinic. One day she watched an abortion on a sonogram. After seeing the young child go through the violent procedure, she knew she could no longer align herself with this organization that promoted destruction of the unborn.

Since leaving Planned Parenthood, Johnson has told her story in numerous media interviews. In November 2009, Johnson admitted that her supervisors at Planned Parenthood encouraged her to aggressively advocate for abortions. That was where the money was to be made. In her words, "Every meeting that we had was, 'We don't have enough money, we don't have enough money — we've got to keep these abortions coming.'"[21] Johnson continued, "Definitely the most lucrative part of their business was abortions… One of the things that kept coming up was how family planning services were really dragging down the budget, and family planning services include education about contraceptives. It was a drain on the budget, but abortion services were really running up the budget and that was keeping the center afloat."[22] In another interview, Johnson said, "The money wasn't in family planning, the money wasn't in prevention, the money was in abortion and so I had a problem with that."[23]

According to estimates, a first trimester non-subsidized abortion costs approximately $550. As reported in their 2010 annual report, Planned Parenthood performed 329,445 abortions, yielding approximately $181,000,000 in revenue—solely from abortions performed that year. In contrast, Planned Parenthood made 841 adoption referrals in 2010.

While PPFA holds non-profit status, it continues to pull in a sizeable profit each year. In the annual report for fiscal year 2010, the organization claimed an excess of revenue over expenses of 18.5 million dollars.[24] In fiscal year 2009, the organization claimed an excess of revenue over expenses of $63 million[25]; in fiscal year 2008, PPFA's excess of revenue over expenses was $85 million.[26]

Government Funding

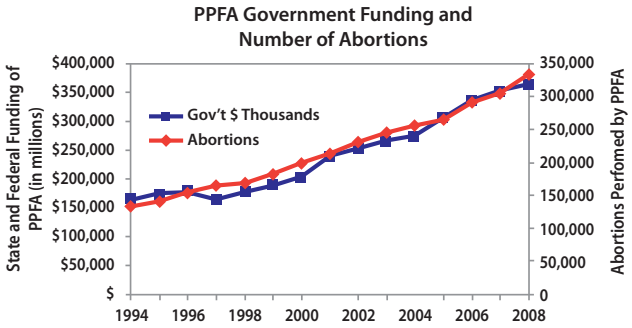
In addition to the financially profitable practice of performing abortions, PPFA's 2010 annual report indicates that it received approximately 46 percent of its income from federal, state and local government grants and contracts.[27] In other words, taxpayer dollars fund nearly half of PPFA's budget. In 2010, $487,400,000 was paid to PPFA by the government.[28] Another $233,800,000 of PPFA's budget came from contributions and gifts.[29]

In any given year, PPFA receives taxpayer funds via the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). While funds flow through a variety of streams, "Title X" family planning services serve as the primary source. An interesting and informative website that tracks HHS grant and contract recipients in the current funding year is: www.hhs.gov/opa/title-x-family-planning/.

While the federal government does not pay directly for elective abortions performed by PPFA, it appears to subsidize PPFA's least lucrative component, family planning. By funding non-abortion services, the federal government essentially allows Planned Parenthood to cover overhead and other expenses, as it pursues a more lucrative and lethal business—abortions.

Relationship Between Government Funding and Abortion

Chart 1



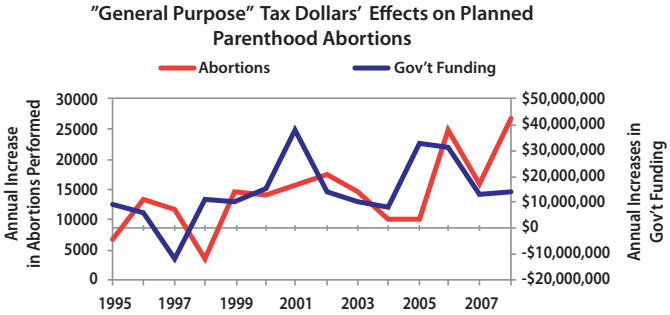
The Hyde Amendment, in place since 1976, is a legislative provision that bars the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from paying directly for an abortion unless the pregnancy is the result of a rape or incest or the life of the mother is at stake. However, it appears that taxpayer dollars provided to the nation's largest abortion provider, while technically kept separate from abortion funding, ultimately contribute to PPFA's abortion business.

Planned Parenthood increasingly has benefited from state and government funding. In 1994, the group received approximately $163 million in state and federal tax dollars. By 2010, government funding for PPFA had almost tripled to $487 million. During this same period of time the number of abortions performed annually by the group increased from 133,289 in 1994 to 329,445 in 2010.

We have included several charts to elucidate the relationship between government funding and PPFA's abortion rates. Chart 1 (see above) reveals the obvious close correlation between PPFA government funding and the number of abortions. However, most of the apparent correlation is due to both funding and abortions increasing year over year, which does not necessarily show causation.

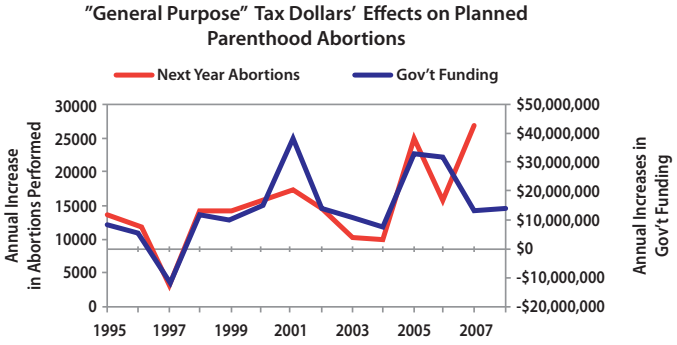
Chart 2 (see opposite) shows a more sensitive analysis of the relationship between *changes* in abortion funding and the number of abortions performed annually. Though the plotted lines have similar patterns, one can see that the orange line (representing annual change in number of abortions) lags slightly behind the blue line (representing change in amount of government funding per year). When an analysis is performed on the relationship between the *present year's* change in funding amount and the *following year's* change in the number of abortions (see Chart 3), the two plotted patterns are seen to be almost identical or "perfectly co-varying." In other words, every data point indicating a greater increase in funding corresponds to a similar change/ further increase in the number of abortions, in the following year. Every data point indicating a slow-down in the increase in funding corresponds to a similar slow-down in the increase in the number of abortions the following year. The only exception to this near-perfect rule is in the years 2007-2008, where, as seen in Chart 2, the *present* year's funding increase tracks with that year's increase in the number of abortions performed by PPFA. The analysis does not change when done on a constant-dollar, per-capita basis, i.e. when controlling for inflation and population growth.

Chart 2



As we have seen, analyzing the relationship between the annual change in state and federal dollars received by PPFA and the annual change in the number of abortions performed indicates a very close correlation, or even causation, between the receipt of federal and state dollars and PPFA abortion activities. In the end, the operating model of Planned Parenthood is such that its abortion activities require the overhead and general funding support of the federal government.[30]

Chart 3



Waste, Abuse, and Potential Fraud

In February 2012, Alliance Defending Freedom (formerly the Alliance Defense Fund) published a report compiling federal and state audits of a variety of Planned Parenthood affiliates from 1995-2009. All audits are public. Federal audits were conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. State audits were conducted by the appropriate inspector general office or the state health agency; for example, in New York the audit was conducted by New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General. In total, the audits revealed that a small number of Planned Parenthood affiliates were responsible for over 95 million dollars in waste, abuse, and potential fraud. Clinics misused government funding in a variety of ways. Examples included the following practices: over-billing for family planning, dispensing prescriptions without authorization from the appropriate medical practitioner, billing for unallowable costs (e.g. multiple post-natal visits when only one may be billable), and billing incorrect rate codes. This list is not exhaustive. Additionally, at the time of publication, four Planned Parenthood affiliates (two in Texas, one in Iowa and one in California) were involved in whistleblower lawsuits brought to the fore by former Planned Parenthood employees. To view the full ADF report, visit www.adfmedia.org/files/StearnsReport.pdf.

Failure to Report Statutory Rape and Sex Abuse

A Planned Parenthood clinic in Ohio resolved a four-year law suit in April 2011 that involved issues surrounding statutory rape and parental consent laws. The case involved a 14-year-old girl who was impregnated by her soccer coach and then forced, by him, to abort the baby.[31]

In another disturbing legal case, *Fairbanks v. Planned Parenthood*, a 16-year-old teenage girl informed Planned Parenthood workers that she was impregnated by her father who, she said, was sexually molesting her. Planned Parenthood did not report the sexual abuse to authorities. It was not until a full year later when the young woman's basketball coach filed a police report, that the sex-offending father was convicted and incarcerated.[32]

Live Action also has documented evidence suggesting Planned Parenthood's failure to report statutory rape in at least eight of its affiliated clinics. Video footage highlighted incidents in several states, including California, Arizona, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Alabama.[33] As a result of Rose's "sting" operations, one employee in Bloomington, Indiana was fired; another employee in Indianapolis, Indiana resigned; and the Planned Parenthood clinic in Birmingham was placed on probation by the state of Alabama.

In addition to probable violations of statutory rape reporting laws, Planned Parenthood has been accused of failure to follow parental consent laws and failure to provide medically accurate information.[34]

Aiding and Abetting Sex Trafficking of Minors

In February 2011, Live Action released seven damaging undercover "sting" videos revealing that Planned Parenthood affiliates were willing to aid and abet the sex trafficking of minors. The videos included an actor "pimp" with two young women posing as prostitutes inquiring about abortion. In only one of the seven videos was there evidence to suggest that Planned Parenthood contacted appropriate law enforcement. Undercover "sting" operations were carried out in New Jersey, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and New York.[35]

To be clear, sex trafficking of minors is a federal crime with serious consequences. According to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), any child under the age of 18 involved in prostitution is, by definition, a victim of sex trafficking. The TVPA defines "severe forms of human trafficking" as:

> The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Coercion includes threats of physical or psychological harm to children and/or their families. Any child (under the age of 18) engaged in commercial sex is a victim of trafficking.

For more information on U.S. trafficking laws, please visit: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/anti-trafficking-in-persons.

In one of Live Action's February 2011 "stings," a clinic manager of the Planned Parenthood in Perth Amboy, New Jersey suggested to the actor "pimp" that the girls who were 14 or younger could lie about their ages to avoid mandatory reporting laws. She

also suggested that the "young prostitutes" get cheaper contraception by lying to the clinic workers and "… just kind of play along… that they're students. We want to make it look as legit as possible." The clinic manager additionally suggested that the trafficked girls under the age of 15 go to another clinic, because "their protocols aren't as strict as ours and they don't get audited in the same way that we do." The clinic worker even suggested other ways the trafficked girls could bring in money during the two weeks after an abortion (when they cannot have sex due to the surgery and healing). She recommended the girls simply work "waist up, or just be that extra action walking by." For the footage, see here: www.liveaction.org/traffick/. To view an FRC webcast on the sting operations visit: www.frc.org/traffic.

Clinics Decreasing

Abortion industry advocates claim that there are too few clinics and too many obstacles to women being able to obtain an abortion.[36] However, it should be noted that Planned Parenthood clinics have been closing their doors, in part, due to market demands. Additionally, fewer medical students are choosing to enter into this line of their profession.[37]

In 2009, the total number of Planned Parenthood clinics in the U.S. was 817, down from 855 in 2007. Of these, in 2009, 173 performed surgical abortion, a decrease from 2007 when 179 performed surgical abortions.

RU-486 Use on the Rise

However, while the number of PPFA clinics performing surgical abortion is decreasing, the use of chemical abortifacients is on the rise. The number of abortion facilities that provide mifepristone, popularly known as RU-486, has risen in the last few years.[38] In 2007, 108 facilities administered the RU-486 regimen. In 2009, that number increased to 131.[39]

In 2000, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved RU-486 to be used as an abortion pill. To date, it remains the only FDA-approved drug for the purpose of abortion. However, certain other drugs and devices approved as "emergency contraceptives" by the FDA possess abortifacient modes of action, such as ella®, which is labeled an "emergency contraceptive." Mifepristone (RU-486) is categorized as a selected progesterone receptor modulator (SPRM), and works to block progesterone, thus depriving a developing baby of necessary proteins to survive its first ten weeks of development. SPRMs also suppress the mother's immune system, making her more prone to infection and bleeding.

The FDA approval process for RU-486 was rushed, flawed, and politicized. The FDA deviated from its normal approval process and used inferior clinical trials to gain the approval. By April of 2011, ten-and-a-half years after the abortifacient was made available in the United States, the FDA acknowledged 11 deaths, 9 life-threatening incidents, 612 hospitalizations, 339 cases involving the need for blood transfusions, and 256 cases of infections. A total of 2,207 adverse events were reported.[40] The abortion industry has the long-term goal of making abortion easier to access and more mainstream medically and socially. The FDA's approval of RU-486 proved central to this strategy.

In March 2010, a Planned Parenthood clinic in Iowa reportedly began to prescribe RU-486 over Skype, rather then relying on an in-person doctor visit. In May 2010, PPFA announced its five-year plan to begin "telemed" abortions nationally.[41] Telemedicine, or telemed, is the use of electronic communications to relay medical information between the patient and her doctor, in a separate location. In a telemed abortion, the doctor prescribes and administers the RU-486 to initiate a chemical abortion, even though he is deliberately absent from the patient. Given the drug's normal side effects and frequent complications, telemed abortions pose a serious threat to the mother's health. As the plan began to be implemented, however, state legislatures took steps to ban dangerous telemed abortions. In April 2012, the state of Wisconsin passed a bill outlawing telemed abortions and requiring a doctor to be present when the person administers a chemical abortion.

PPFA also administers the RU-486 regimen in an off-label fashion by, for example, administering the regimen after the FDA prescribed gestation cut-off date (49 days)[42] up to 63 days. It also prescribes the regimen at a lower dose than recommended by the FDA.[43]

Planned Parenthood claims to be an advocate for women's health. However, the Federation has shown a consistent disregard for the ramifications and complications posed by chemical abortions. By failing to warn clients about potential complications, and minimizing the medical attention and professional supervision of the chemical abortion regimen, Planned Parenthood shows a disregard, not merely for the unborn child, but also for the health of the mother.

Planned Parenthood, Your Children, and Sex

Early in her career, Margaret Sanger promoted sex education for children. In 1916 she authored and published the book *What Every Girl Should Know*, addressing adolescent sex, menstruation, contraception, and other topics. She later wrote a book titled, *What Every Boy and Girl Should Know*, published in 1927.

Sex education for children has remained critical to Planned Parenthood over the years. Prominent on its current website is the "Info for Teens" tab (found at www.plannedparenthood.org/info-for-teens/). Hardly neutral, the website indicates a bias against heterosexual, monogamous, lifelong, marital commitment. Even in its "All About Relationships" section, "marriage" fails to be mentioned even once.[44] Major subheadings on this site include: Dating, Family and Friends; Body and Mind; Sex and Masturbation; Birth Control; Safer Sex and STDs; Teen Pregnancy; and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning.

One option is to follow Planned Parenthood Teen Info on Twitter. If so, you will read posts such as, "Genitals are like snowflakes. No two sets are alike." One of the first pictures one encounters is a man with his arm around another man and the caption, "How to talk to your partner about herpes."

While the website encourages parents to attempt to discuss sexual activity with their teenage children, it also suggests that parents are ill-prepared to discuss teenage sexual activity.[45] In the teen section titled "Relationships," Planned Parenthood promises to help young people "keep things cool at home" [46] and offers "safe, confidential information" at a myriad of Planned Parenthood locations.[47] The information provided in this pamphlet is anecdotal, but we suggest that any parent of an adolescent become aware of Planned Parenthood's material, and direct outreach to your son or daughter. Planned Parenthood prioritizes an individual's sexual self-expression. Parents who wish to offer their children a healthier moral framework should understand the competing narrative.

International Planned Parenthood Federation also has published several pieces on sexual education over the last few years. The first report, "Stand and Deliver: Sex, Health and Young People in the 21st Century," published in January 2010, advocates policies that dangerously over-sexualize children as young as ten. The recommendations are developmentally inappropriate, downplaying the role of parents in transmitting values to their children, and accusing religious groups of "deny[ing young people] the pleasurable and positive aspects of sex." The report advocates for an international "human right" to unlimited contraception and mandatory "comprehensive" sex education for children as young as ten. To see this report, go to the following website: www.ippf.org/resources/publications/stand-and-deliver.

Additionally, International Planned Parenthood released a sex education guide for HIV-positive youth in January 2010 titled, "Happy, Healthy, Hot: A Young Person's Guide to Their Rights and Living with HIV." Some quotes from this guide include the following: "Many people think sex is just about vaginal or anal intercourse… But, there are lots of different ways to have sex and lots of different types of sex. There is no right or wrong way to have sex. Just have fun, explore and be yourself!" The guide also recommends, "Improve your sex life by getting to know your own body. Play with yourself! Masturbation is a great way to find out more about your body and what you find sexually stimulating. Mix things up by using different kinds of touch from very soft to hard. Talk about or act out your fantasies. Talk dirty to them."

Alarmingly, the sex guide for adolescents advocates against national laws that HIV-positive people must reveal their life-threatening status to their sex partner. The guide claims that these laws "violate the rights of people living with HIV." They explain,"There are many reasons that people do not share their HIV status. … They may worry that people will find out something else they have kept secret, like they are using injecting drugs, having sex outside of a marriage or having sex with people of the same gender." To see this report, please visit this website: www.ippf.org/resources/publications/healthy-happy-hot.

On October 1, 2010, the Obama Administration announced grant recipients for its new sex education program, which replaced longtime federal abstinence education. Of the recipeints named, Planned Parenthood's Teen Prevention Program (PREP) was awarded a total of $22 million annually for five years to provide sex education to children.[48]

Planned Parenthood and Komen

On January 31, 2012, a story broke that the Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure had broken ties with Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Up until this time, Komen provided small grants to Planned Parenthood for breast cancer screening. Out of their $81 million in grants and contracts, the group

provided a few grants to PPFA affiliates, averaging $700,000 annually. In December, 2011, the Komen Foundation informed Planned Parenthood that it would be changing its grant criteria so that 1) groups under criminal or congressional investigation could not be recipients of funding and 2) grants would be more results-oriented. At the time, Planned Parenthood did not directly perform mammograms that, according to the National Institutes of Health, are necessary for the prevention of and screening for breast cancer. FRC made a call to PPFA's national office in December 2011 and was informed that no affiliate directly provided mammograms at that time. Interestingly, in a CNN interview the previous spring, Planned Parenthood's president Cecile Richards erroneously reported that a loss of government funding would mean that women would lose access to mammograms.[49]

In late January, Planned Parenthood leaked information about Komen's decision to part ways with them. A media firestorm followed. Such was the intensity of pressure that later the same week, Komen loosened its new criteria and publicly apologized for making such a decision. In the months that followed, PPFA re-granted Planned Parenthood affiliates.[50]

The lesson to U.S. charities? Mess with the nation 's largest abortion provider and you will regret it.

Planned Parenthood's Financial Allies

Planned Parenthood is well-supported by major corporations, nationally and internationally. A pro-life group in Virginia prepares an annual list of businesses that donate to the organization. The list is informative and may surprise the reader. The list at www.fightpp.org/.

Laws De-funding Planned Parenthood

As previously mentioned, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on February 18, 2011, to remove federal taxpayer funding from Planned Parenthood Federation of America. While the bill failed to pass the Senate, the popularity of the House bill indicated a shift in public opinion about the nation's largest abortion provider. Following the House vote, many states took their own steps to either reduce or remove funding to the nation's largest abortion provider.

They did so in a variety of methods: through direct legislation, budget cuts, or simply re-prioritizing grant money away from organizations that provide abortion. Such states included Indiana, Kansas, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, North Carolina, and Nebraska. Faced with monetary loss, Planned Parenthood tried to halt these actions, suing the state in some cases, with results yet to be determined.

In response to state initiatives, the Obama Administration stepped in to override state decisions to defund the organization. In June 2011, New Hampshire voted to de-fund Planned Parenthood; the Obama administration bypassed this decision by directly awarding a $1 million grant to Planned Parenthood in October 2011. The state filed a formal protest with the Department of Health and Human Services. In March 2012, the Obama Administration denied certain Medicaid funding to the state of Texas and threatened funding in Indiana because the state had defunded Planned Parenthood.

What You Can Do

It is likely that your local Planned Parenthood affiliate receives federal, state, and/or local government funding. Concerned citizens frequently ask how they can protect unborn children and address Planned Parenthood's outreach to and damage within their community. While every situation is unique, we would suggest the following steps.

1. Information Gathering: Does your community have a local PPFA affiliate? A simple Internet search will reveal details like location and leadership. Find out its name and leaders so you are more aware of stakeholders' local influence and whether they are on the local school board, hold public office, own their own businesses, etc. Not all Planned Parenthood affiliates perform surgical abortions. Some offer only chemical abortions (RU-486), others might also perform suction aspiration abortions, and dilation and evacuation (D & E) abortions. Some might refer patients to abortion clinics in the area. If the PPFA affiliate does not perform abortions, you can find out to which clinics they refer patients. Ask if they perform abortions every day of the week. In some instances, doctors will fly in from out of state and perform abortions only one day a week. The more information you can find out, the better. It is not difficult to obtain this information.

Given the previous information on the millions of taxpayer dollars Planned Parenthood receives for adolescent pregnancy prevention, consider checking with your local school district to see if Planned Parenthood is active in your children's schools. In California, the

nation's largest abortion provider has opened up a clinic within a high school.[51]

2. Funding: You have many options through which to learn more about your local affiliate's funding. A good place to start is with your state's department of health. You can look on government websites to see what family planning services and groups are funded through the state and which perform abortions.

- As previously indicated, we suggest looking at federal funding streams to learn more about Planned Parenthood finances as well. One good source is the previously listed site for HHS grants. You can also look through the HHS Family Planning Database to find who is a recipient of Title X (family planning project) funding in your state or local area (www.hhs.gov/opa/title-x-family-planning/).

- IRS 990 tax forms are public information, and can be accessed relatively easily. Request your local affiliate's IRS 990 form to see how much money it has made, where it is coming from, how much they invest, etc. Another way of accessing this information is through Guidestar, a charity evaluator site (www.guidestar.org/).

- Check city, county, and state budgets. In situations where grant or contract recipients are not listed, you are strongly encouraged to ask and keep asking until you obtain a listing of the actual names of the groups providing the services mentioned in this booklet.

3. Familiarize yourself with and befriend city council members and state legislators to identify pro-life champions: Be active in your community. Networking, being knowledgeable about the groups in your local area, and having relationships with leaders in your community is critical to influencing local leaders. One concerned citizen was actively involved in a local coalition of health organizations, of which Planned Parenthood was a member. She knew that the coalition received significant county funding, but was unable to ascertain if Planned Parenthood was receiving part of that money. After seeing the annual report and seeing that the recipients were not listed, she began asking more questions of her local elected officials. At this point, having a friend who was equally concerned and had a relationship with a local elected official was important and helpful. In the end, she learned that the Planned Parenthood affiliate was receiving a significant amount of county funding and helped ensure it ultimately was defunded.

4. Legislation: Call upon your state and local elected officials to pass legislation that will protect life and force transparency for Planned Parenthood. Americans United for Life has draft state legislation available at: www.aul.org/defending-life/.

5. Sonograms: Offering free sonograms across the street from abortion clinics has sometimes led to their eventual closing. Sonograms are a wonderful tool in promoting the truth about the growth and dignity of the unborn. Nonprofit organizations like ICU Mobile offer free sonograms to women considering an abortion. For more information about this organization, visit www.icumobile.org/. The provision of sonograms constitutes the practice of medicine and should always be used under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician. For more information on the provision of sonograms, go to www.nifla.org/training.asp.

6. Pray and *peacefully* protest outside of your local Planned Parenthood clinic: In the words of former Planned Parenthood director, Abby Johnson, "Having a vigil outside an abortion clinic is vital…having people out there…praying, pricks the conscience of everybody walking in… Any time you brought a member of the clergy, that was particularly effective."[52] Forty Days for Life is an organization that organizes peaceful prayer vigils outside of abortion clinics. For more information, see: www.40daysforlife.com/about.cfm.

Conclusion

There are many aspects of Planned Parenthood's work and history you will not find by searching its website or reading through its annual reports. For example, you will not find out that the current Planned Parenthood CEO, Cecile Richards, formerly worked as Assistant Chief of Staff to Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), former House Speaker and now Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives. You certainly will not find the fact that Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, was once the guest lecturer at a Ku Klux Klan (KKK) meeting in Silver Lake, New Jersey, and that her eugenics message was so well-received that she was immediately invited to speak at 12 additional KKK chapter meetings.[53] You also will likely not see that in order for a Planned Parenthood clinic to receive *official* affiliate status, it must perform abortions.[54]

Planned Parenthood promotes itself as the premier organization for women's health nationally and internationally. Based on the evidence discussed in this pamphlet, one can conclude that Planned Parenthood is neither benevolent nor benign in the way it

cares for women, minorities, or children. From its eugenic foundations, to its telemed dissemination of the dangerous RU-486 abortion regimen, Planned Parenthood is exploiting its clients as it also destroys countless unborn boys and girls. You can help protect life by educating parents, teachers, clients, and elected officials about the reality behind this profit-making organization. The truth about Planned Parenthood must be told so its leadership feels public disapproval where it hurts the most—their wallets.

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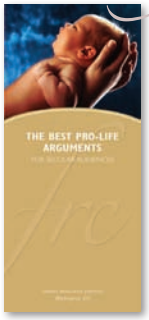

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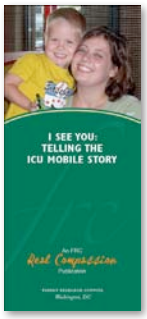

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