



CONNECTIONS

A SPECIAL PRIDE MONTH EDITION

PRIDE MONTH AND SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

The Community Health Education team at Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is skilled in providing LGBTQIA+ inclusive sex education so that all education program participants are affirmed and welcomed.

This Pride month, we are excited to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ communities at Pride events across Texas. These events are opportunities for connection, education, and celebration.



HEALTH SERVICES: OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS TOURS NORTH DALLAS SHELBURNE HEALTH CENTER

We were proud to host the Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Melanie Fontes Rainer and her staff for a tour of our North Dallas Shelburne Health Center. The tour was followed by a discussion of a new federal rule protecting patients' private healthcare data: HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy.



TAKE ACTION: LOCAL PRIDE FESTIVALS AND PARADES

Planned Parenthood activists and supporters: Join Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas in June at a local Pride parade or festival! These community events are a great way to show your support and bring your friends and family!

See below for selected local Pride parades and festivals that Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas will be attending.

JUNE 1	Round Rock Pride	Round Rock, TX
JUNE 7	Rainbow Roar	Waco, TX
JUNE 8	Pridenton	Denton, TX
JUNE 15	Trinity Pride Fest	Fort Worth, TX
JUNE 22	Tyler Area Gays Pride	Tyler, TX



Pride event in Temple, TX

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

For LGBTQIA+ patients, access to non-judgmental, affordable healthcare is especially important. Stigma and discrimination can be barriers to healthcare in Texas. Planned Parenthood is proud to serve as a trusted resource for sexual healthcare and information for the LGBTQIA+ community. **All are welcome here.**

46%

PPGT provided 4,744 gender affirming hormone therapy appointments for patients ages 18 and up in 2023. A 46% increase over 2022.

100%

100% of PPGT health centers provide expert sexual and reproductive healthcare to patients across the gender spectrum.

WE OFFER ESSENTIAL CARE TO ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY:

All healthcare services provided at Planned Parenthood are available for LGBTQIA+ patients

Hormone therapy for transgender patients

LGBTQIA+ inclusive sex education

Our most common services provided are:



Birth control to help patients plan and space their pregnancies.



Testing and treatment for STIs, HIV tests, and HIV prevention medication.



Lifesaving breast and cervical cancer screenings.

A NEWS CONNECTION: ANOTHER CASUALTY OF ABORTION BANS? MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH

We know that denying access to abortion has dire short-term physical health consequences, including an increase in pregnancy-related complications and can lead to maternal death. But what about the unseen and often ignored harm: the damage that bans on reproductive care have on mental health?

With community support, Planned Parenthood advocates for healthcare and abortion access for All. No matter What.

“When we’re forced into a decision that doesn’t feel right, we know that it has negative mental health impacts.”

-Dr. Amna Dermish, Chief Operating and Medical Services Officer, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas

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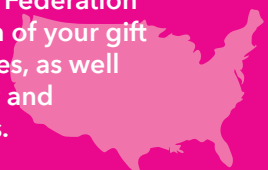
Support high-quality healthcare and sex education programs. Please get in touch with us today at development@ppgt.org or **214-254-3017** to learn how a legacy gift to Planned Parenthood ensures high-quality healthcare for generations ahead.

What’s the difference between giving to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas and Planned Parenthood Federation of America?

When you donate directly to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, 100% of your gift supports local healthcare and sex education services across Central, East, North, and West Texas.



When you donate to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, a portion of your gift supports local services, as well as national advocacy and sex education efforts.



If you have a question, want to learn more, or want to get involved, please get in touch with the Development Office at (214) 254-3017 or development@ppgt.org.

