



# PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREAT PLAINS VOTES (PPGPV) 2024 POLICY PRIORITIES

## ABORTION ACCESS

**Abortion is health care.** All individuals should have the right and ability to make fundamental decisions about their bodies, including equitable access to safe, legal abortion no matter their identity, zip code, background, or ability to afford care.

## SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

Everyone deserves **equitable access** to affordable sexual and reproductive care, including birth control, cancer screenings, and STI prevention and care.

## BIRTH CONTROL

Preventative reproductive care – including birth control – is basic health care. **Access to effective contraception is essential to reducing the number of unintended and high-risk pregnancies** and to plan for safe, healthy pregnancies.

## FAMILY PLANNING FUNDING

Adequate funding of family planning and sexual and reproductive health is essential to ensuring patients, **of any income or insurance status**, can access life-saving care.

## MENSTRUAL EQUITY

Period equity is the idea that everyone, regardless of their identity or status in life, **deserves access to affordable and safe period products** without gender or hygiene-based stigmas.

## GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE

PPGPV advocates for policies which protect all individuals' ability to access the health care they need and opposes discriminatory bans or restrictions and attacks against LGBTQIA+ rights and dignity.

## SEX EDUCATION

Inconsistent laws and policies make access to sex education inequitable. **Every person should have the information they need to make healthy, informed decisions about sex, birth control, and pregnancy.** Comprehensive sex education provides individuals with the information and tools they need to be empowered to determine if, when, and how to engage in safe and consensual sexual activities.

## HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS & WORKFORCE

PPGPV advocates for the strengthening of laws which **protect both providers' and patients' safe access to reproductive health care facilities** and against policies which unduly regulate or criminalize abortion providers or interfere with medical decision making.

## MATERNAL & INFANT HEALTH

A maternal health crisis is happening across the country with devastating impacts on pregnant people of color, those with low incomes, and those with disabilities. According to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), **Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes compared to white women.**

## ANTI-ABORTION CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS

PPGPV **opposes attacks on and political interference with sexual and reproductive health**, including funding of crisis pregnancy centers.

## INTERSECTIONALITY

**All people** should have access to quality, affordable health care regardless of their gender and racial identities, sexual orientations, or socioeconomic status.