

EACH \$1 INVESTED IN TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM SAVES \$3.80

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"The new analysis adds to the already strong evidence that investing in publicly funded contraceptive services can lead to significant reductions in the numbers of unplanned pregnancies, abortions and unplanned births, while saving millions in public dollars," says Rachel Benson Gold, the Guttmacher Institute's director of p

seme approach that yields huge benefits for women individually, as well as for society overall, especially when combined with other policy steps, such as expanding access to contraceptives through Medicaid."

A previous Guttmacher study, released in August, estimated that expanding Medicaid eligibility for family planning services could help women prevent nearly 500,000 unwanted pregnancies and 200,000 abortions, while also averting 225,000 unplanned births and thereby saving \$1.5 billion in annual federal and state expenditures.

"Medicaid and Title X are highly complementary—and highly effective—programs that boost low-

-income women's access to family planning services," says Dr. Sharon L. Camp, Guttmacher president and CEO. "A poor woman is now nearly four times as likely to have an unplanned pregnancy as her higher

-income counterpart. But inflation-

adjusted funding for Title X has dropped by nearly 60% since FY 1980, even as family planning clinics have faced escalating costs and growing numbers of women find themselves in need of publicly funded family planning services. The new Congress should make it an urgent priority to invest in these programs—

it's a win-win that helps families and saves the government money."

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