



Inaugural Edition! Fall 2019

Legislative Session Update

There is so much to celebrate from this past legislative session! Connecticut passed one of the most generous **Paid Family and Medical Leave** laws in the country, protecting workers who need time off to care for themselves, their loved ones, or to welcome a new child. Our coalition work was instrumental in expanding the definition of “family” to include those relationships extending beyond blood or legal relations—a major win for single parents and the state’s LGBTQ+ community.

PPV!CT and CT Equality helped ensure **minors who are at-risk for HIV can confidentially access the prevention medication, PrEP**, and worked with champions to establish a **statewide LGBTQ+ health and human services network**.

The CT Immigrant Rights Alliance (PPV!CT is a proud member) led the successful campaign to pass the **TRUST Act**, which improves state laws to protect immigrants and limits the ability of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to target individuals in the custody of state and local law enforcement.

And, in the **Fight for \$15**, we were on the side of victory! The minimum wage will be raised to \$15/hr an hour by 2023, with the first raise starting October 2019.

We can't rest yet – there's still more work to be done next year:

- Legislation that will expand access to doula care to improve birth outcomes for women (*read more on the reverse side*)
- Regulation of crisis pregnancy centers to make sure they cannot use deceptive advertising to mislead people who are seeking care
- Securing additional privacy for individuals using their insurance coverage so only the patient, and not their parents or spouse, receive information about medical treatment

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Monday, November 18
5:30–8:30 p.m.

Featuring Deja Foxx and
honoring Judy Blei

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We Won't Be Gagged

PPV!CT supporters and volunteers continue to show up, speak out, and fight back against the latest attack on our health care—the *dangerous and unethical Title X gag rule*.



Although Planned Parenthood was forced out of the federal Title X program, the fight isn't over. We have the power to win and we are stronger because of you! For more information on how you can join the fight against the gag rule and protect access to health care for thousands of patients in Connecticut, contact us at organizing@ppsne.org.

Volunteers and Staff Storm the Capitol!

This July, PPV!CT volunteer leaders and staff joined more than 300 participants across the country at the national People's Summit in Washington, D.C.



Together, they attended workshops and trainings to explore new tools and resources that will enhance our ability to organize against continued threats to our reproductive rights.

Youth Organizers Take Action On and Off Campus

The Planned Parenthood **Generation Action Internship** is a network of young organizers and activists across Connecticut who take action on their college campuses and in their communities to mobilize advocates for reproductive freedom. In addition to raising awareness about reproductive rights, Generation Action interns educate young people about sexual health and create lasting change in their communities. Their work uses an intersectional framework that connects reproductive rights to other issues like civil rights, immigration, LGBTQ+ justice, and the environment. **Your donations sustain their effort.**

PPV!CT is excited to welcome Tiara Mack as the new Youth Organizing Specialist overseeing the Generation Action program. Tiara was a Generation Action intern at Brown University in 2016, and has spent her career since advancing reproductive freedom. Tiara has been an advocate for reproductive health, rights, and justice in Rhode Island, speaking out on behalf of the *Reproductive Privacy Act of 2019* to protect abortion access. She has taught comprehensive sex education in Providence schools as an undergraduate and continues to work as an educator and community organizer. Under Tiara's leadership, recruitment for new Generation Action interns is underway!

Doula Care to Fight Maternal Mortality

Maternal mortality and morbidity is a crisis in the U.S., where Black women are 3-4 times more likely to die during childbirth than white women.

Doulas, trained health care personnel who support women before, during and after childbirth, have been shown to increase positive birth outcomes. PPV!CT and Doulas for CT are working to pass new legislation that **expands access to doula care**, centered on the experiences of Black mothers and Black doulas, to fight the maternal mortality rate.

**Doula
Care
Access
for all.**

8 Days. 27 Youth. Empowering Work



This summer, the second annual **Black and Brown LGBTQ+ Summer Camp** was held in New Haven. Kicking off during Pride Month, the eight-day program welcomed 27 young people of color to learn the history of queer activism and work on strategies to dismantle racism. This empowering work was organized in partnership with City Wide Youth Coalition and the New Haven Pride Center.

Current Connecticut 100 Voices Members. *100 Voices for Planned Parenthood is a group of bold philanthropic leaders who share a fierce and unapologetic passion for reproductive access who have made a gift of \$1,000 or more to Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut.*

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