

Pregnancy Services Program

Goals:

The goal of the Pregnancy Services Program is to provide individual grants to eligible groups/agencies that can provide medically accurate services and programs related to pregnancy. The priority service area focuses on positive public health activities for pregnant women and their children.

The grants may be used to provide these additional pregnancy related services:

- Prenatal vitamins
- Folic acid education
- Education on prenatal care
- Education on the benefits of breastfeeding and referral local resources that support breastfeeding mothers.

Program Components:

The Pregnancy Services Program is a new initiative that was established by the State Legislature in 2006 to provide individual grants to non-profit agencies whose primary function is to assist pregnant women seeking alternatives to abortion. Program funding must be used to provide pregnancy related services that are medically accurate. Services are provided throughout pregnancy and up to the child's first birthday.

Funding

Funds for the Pregnancy Services Program are received from the state general fund. The funds are used to contract with local groups/agencies that provide medically accurate services and programs related to pregnancy and services up to the child's first year of birth.

Target Audience:

Currently there are seven programs in the following counties being funded: Gila, Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, Pima, and Yavapai.

Why is this Program Needed?

The Pregnancy Services Program was developed to assist pregnant women who may require support during their pregnancy. In addition to receiving options counseling, clients receive assistance in obtaining prenatal care, referrals to community and state resources, and education on pregnancy related topics. After the birth of the child, the client is provided parenting skills education and training, education on infant/child development, education on preconception care, as well as information on the childhood immunization schedule and the importance of age appropriate immunizations.

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What has the Program Achieved?

The Pregnancy Services Program grants were awarded in February of 2007 to 13 applicants who will be providing services in 23 sites.

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