

## El Paso News

## **Planned Parenthood returns to El Paso**

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EL PASO, Texas (KTSM) - Planned Parenthood is returning to El Paso.

The company is making its announcement official on Thursday.

"El Paso is one of the largest cities in the U.S. without a Planned Parenthood health center.," said a news release. "Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is changing that, providing El Paso with much-needed women's and sexual healthcare services beginning in October."

The clinic will be located at 1511 E. Missouri -- the same facility of the <u>now-closed Reproductive Services</u>.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas is currently in Austin, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Paris, Plano, Tyler, Waco and surrounding communities.

According to the release, Planned Parenthood health centers provide healthcare services including breast and cervical cancer screenings, birth control including long-acting IUDs and implants, annual exams, HIV tests, PrEP and PEP HIV prevention medication, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), treatment for urinary tract and vaginal infections, midlife services including hormone replacement therapy for women with menopausal symptoms, and other healthcare services.

Those services are are open to anyone who seeks them, the release said.

According to <u>Texas Monthly</u>, Planned Parenthood is also opening in another West Texas city, which hasn't been announced yet. The expansion is estimated at \$10 million and is funded by private donors.

In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed a bill barring the use of state funds for Planned Parenthood. Since then the company has relied heavily on donations.

For more information go to: <u>ppgreatertx.org/elpasohealthcare</u>.

Read Bishop Seitz's Response:

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