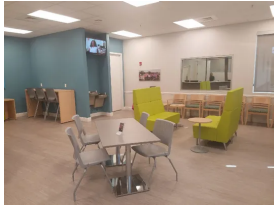


Planned Parenthood celebrates opening of new health center

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(Photo: Planned Parenthood)

Planned Parenthood of South, East and North Florida will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for its new health center in Tallahassee on June 25 at 2618 West Tennessee St.

The opening of the Planned Parenthood Tallahassee health center arrives as many counties in North Florida, including Leon County, continue to be challenged by some of the poorest health outcomes in the state. The rate of sexually transmitted infections in Leon County has been increasing over the last few years and Leon County currently has the highest number of newly diagnosed Chlamydia cases in the state.

The Planned Parenthood Tallahassee health center will provide the full range of sexual and reproductive health services. These services include lifesaving cancer screenings, birth control, breast exams, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy testing and options education, and abortion services. The new Planned Parenthood center anticipates serving more than 5,000 patients annually once the health center is fully operational.



Planned Parenthood opens its new Tallahassee center with a grand opening Monday. (Photo: Planned Parenthood)

"We are thrilled to be opening this brand new state-of-the-art health care center to serve the residents of the Tallahassee community and North Florida as a whole. We believe part of having a healthy community is making sure everyone has access to the care they need," said President and CEO Lillian Tamayo. "This new facility will also allow us to expand reproductive health care access in the South which faces some of the most deplorable public health outcomes and barriers to reproductive health care."

Planned Parenthood has been a health care provider in the Tallahassee area for more than 30 years. In addition to providing reproductive and sexual health care for women, men and young people, the new facility will house our expanding community health education, advocacy and public affairs presence in the Capitol.

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"One in five women will come to Planned Parenthood in her lifetime for preventive health care services. We are so honored to continue our role as a critical health care provider in Florida providing affordable, confidential and nonjudgmental care," said Tamayo.

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