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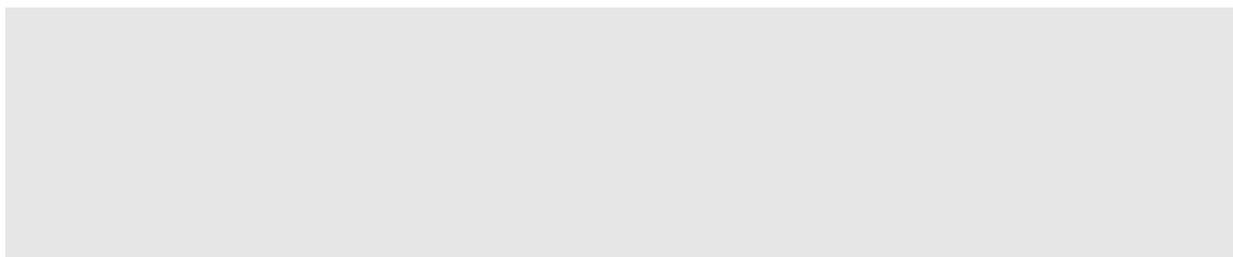
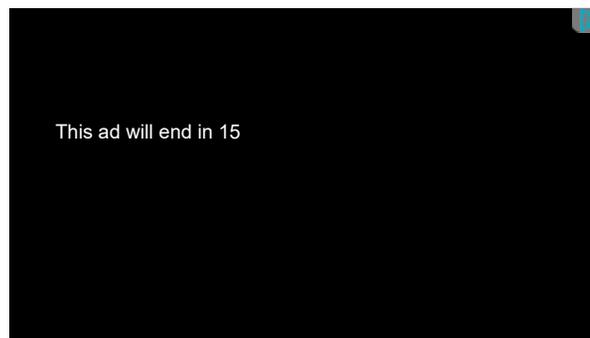
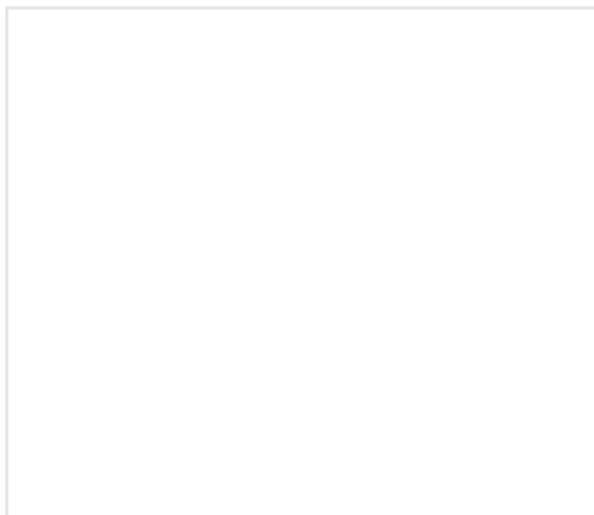
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Planned Parenthood and City of Austin to renovate East 7th Street Health Center

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas has made the commitment to invest nearly \$1.4 million in private donations to improve the center.

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AUSTIN, Texas — Austin Mayor Steve Adler and other community leaders joined [Planned Parenthood](#) on Thursday to announce the [renovation of Planned Parenthood's East Seventh Street Health Center](#).

The health center has been leased from the City of Austin since 1973 and provides its services to more than 5,000 people a year.

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[Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas](#) has made the commitment to invest nearly \$1.4 million in private donations to improve the center. As of October, \$1.35 million has been raised.

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During the announcement, Mayor Adler said the health center was relied on for healthcare by thousands of Austinites.

"The City has long supported Planned Parenthood and we are in favor of the efforts to maintain this operation and this service in our community," said Mayor Adler. "We oppose anything that seeks to undermine affordable healthcare for the residents of our city."

Mayor Adler said last year [Austin City Council](#) approved a 20-year lease for the location.

The renovations will be the first major improvement to the health center in more than 15 years. During the renovations, Planned Parenthood said patients can book appointments at any of the other three health centers in Austin.

Planned Parenthood said their latest location, located at 2911 Medical Arts, Suite 12, will be opening soon.

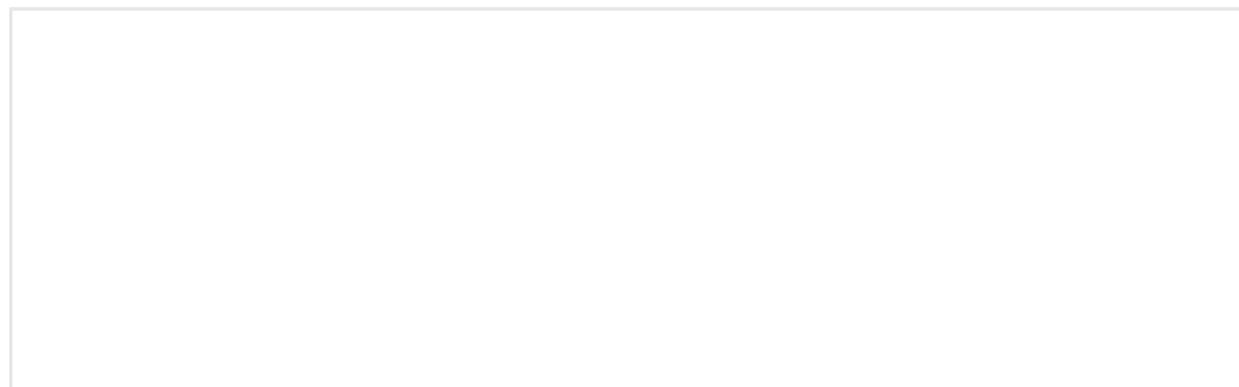
According to statistics provided by Planned Parenthood, 88% of the East Seventh Street Health Center's patients had incomes at or below 300% of the federal poverty level in 2019. Thanks to grant funding, more than \$560,000 in patient assistance funding was made available.

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Additional statistics from Planned Parenthood show that 80% of their appointment in 2018 identified as women, with 46% of them between the ages of 20 and 29, and 49% of them identified as people of color.



According to Planned Parenthood, they provided the following services in 2018:

- Unduplicated Patients: 5,153 patients
- Birth Control: 1,595 patients
- STI tests and treatments: 11,371 patients
- Cervical cancer screenings: 347 patients
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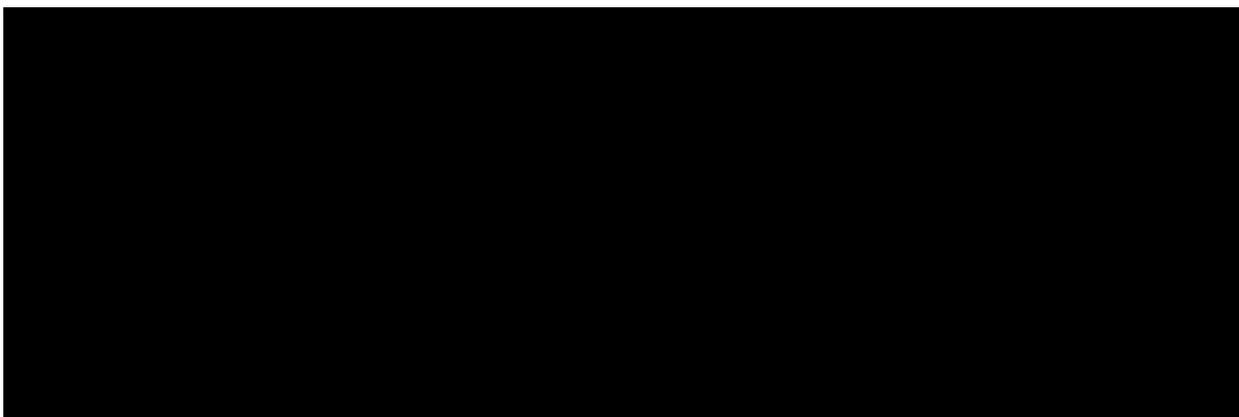
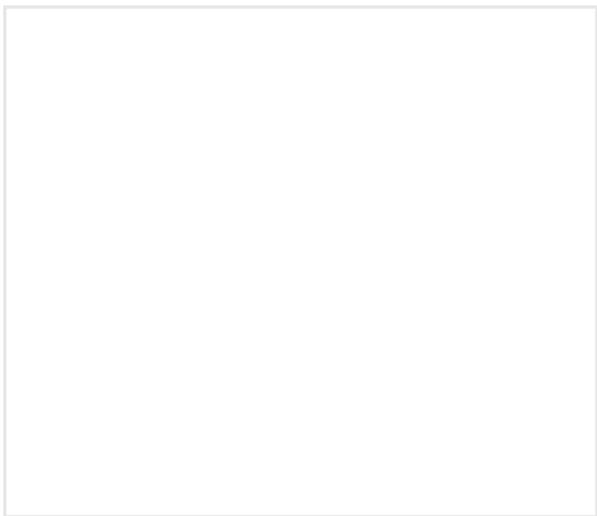
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The lawsuit lists Juul Labs, Pax Labs, Altria Group, Evolv LLC, Mamasan LLC, Axiocore Corporation and Yogi E-Liquid as the defendants in this case.

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TRAVIS COUNTY, Texas — A woman filed a lawsuit on Monday against seven vaping companies after she claimed their vaping products caused her to become so sick that, at one point, she became unconscious.

The lawsuit lists [Juul Labs](#), [Pax Labs](#), [Altria Group](#), [Evolv LLC](#), [Mamasan LLC](#), [Axiocore Corporation](#) and [Yogi E-Liquid](#) as the defendants in this case.

"Plaintiff's claims are based on injuries she received from electronic cigarettes ('vapes') and their subsequent component parts which are owned, operated and marketed by defendants," according to a lawsuit obtained by KVUE on Dec. 19.

The lawsuit stated the woman started vaping in March of 2018 while she was a resident in Travis County and "quickly became addicted to the high levels of nicotine" in the defendants' products. The lawsuit added that she was enticed specifically by Juul's advertisements.

In March 2019, the woman reportedly purchased a vape manufactured by Evolv and switched to a nicotine juice manufactured by defendants Mamasan and Yogi.

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The lawsuit alleges that within three weeks of using those products, she developed bronchitis and stopped vaping for a few weeks. However, she began vaping again in August because of the "addictive nature" of the vaping products, the lawsuit stated.

On Sept. 1, the woman reportedly started "feeling lethargic and coughing incessantly." The lawsuit alleged that at one point, she even started vomiting.

A couple of days later on Sept. 3, the woman's roommate found her unconscious in her bed, according to the lawsuit.

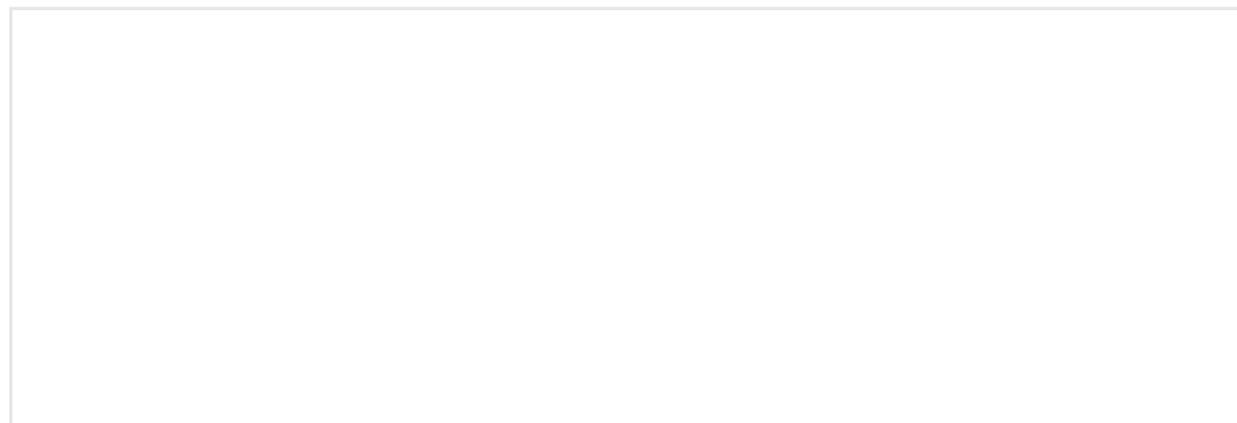
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When the woman finally woke up, the lawsuit alleged she was hardly able to walk and was taken to a hospital where she was diagnosed with lipoid pneumonia.

According to the lawsuit, doctors feared the woman had permanent damage to her lungs due to vaping.



The woman is reportedly still receiving treatment for her injuries and has since quit vaping, the lawsuit stated.

David Wenholz, one of the attorneys behind the suit, said: "Clearly Claire's health is the primary concern, but I think the secondary concern is we need to stop the way these products are marketed and look very carefully at how they are being sold to people in our area."

He said one of the goals of the lawsuit is to "expose the misleading marketing efforts" companies use.

"It's geared towards young adults, high school and middle-aged kids. Even though tobacco is not involved, nicotine is. And what we're learning is e-cigarettes, which are touted as being safer than cigarettes, tobacco cigarettes, actually in many instances have two, three, four, five times as much nicotine," said Wenholz. "And if you look at the research that's been done by the national institutes of health, there's wide consensus that use of high nicotine levels in developing brains affects everything from memory, creative ability and other portions of our ability to function."

He said they hope to shine a light on the marketing efforts used by the companies.

KVUE has reached out to Juul, Pax, Altria Group, Evolv and Yogi for a comment regarding this lawsuit. KVUE could not find contact information for Mamasan or Axiocore. This story will be updated when KVUE receives responses.

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