



\$2 million Planned Parenthood facility opens in Fort Myers

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FORT MYERS, Fla. - As Planned Parenthood fights for survival amid government funding cuts a brand new \$2 million facility is opening its doors in Fort Myers along Commerce Park Drive and is closing the old facility along College Parkway.

Planned Parenthood's CEO Stephanie Firm said the agency is ready to take on new patients as well as some controversial new bills in Florida which affect transgender teens and girls seeking abortions.

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Planned Parenthood offers breast and cervical cancer exams, vasectomies, gender hormone therapy, and abortions.

Gender hormone therapy for teens is a practice some lawmakers want to outlaw and punish doctors who assist with jail time.

"That is a tragic cruel bill and once again our legislators have no idea what they're talking about in this area," Fraim said.

However, some lawmakers argue teens may later regret their decision to transition their gender.

Fraim also criticizes a Florida bill requiring teen girls to get parental consent before an abortion.

Planned Parenthood nationally is prepared to spend \$45 million in the 2020 elections.

"It's important that we have people who are sitting in positions to make policy and legal decisions in the courts and actually support our right to have privacy around our medical decisions," Fraim said.

The new facility will open its doors starting Monday, Jan. 27.

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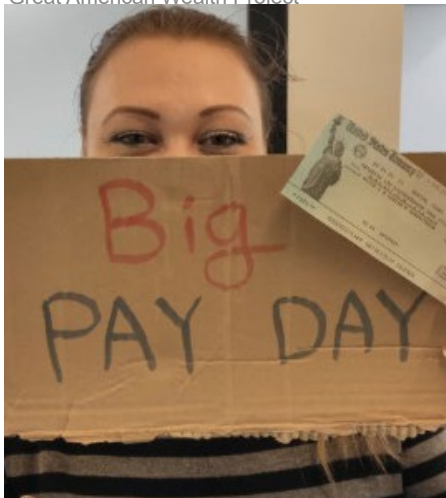
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