
Reproductive Health and the Social Determinants

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Network for Reproductive
Options

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- Abortion fund
- Serving people in Oregon and Idaho
- Works to reduce financial and other barriers to abortion through direct service, community building and policy
- Founded in 2002
- Member of the National Network of Abortion Funds

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

— NETWORK FOR — REPRODUCTIVE OPTIONS

- Received 1,645 calls for funding assistance
- Pledged over \$80,000
- To help 440 people cover the cost of their abortions

Social Determinants of Health that Impact Someone's Reproductive Health

Poverty

Education

Racism

Isolation

Homophobia

Immigration/migration

Sexism

Global location

Trauma

Urban/Rural

Violence: Systemic, Community,
Interpersonal

Social Exclusion

Criminal Justice System

Climate Change

Reproductive Justice

- Widens the frame of how we think about reproductive health by acknowledging the social determinants of health and taking a justice approach
- A framework and movement developed, built, and moved forward by women of color, indigenous people, and trans* people
 - SisterSong
 - National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

Reproductive Justice

SisterSong defines Reproductive Justice as the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities.

Core Tenants

- Recognize the interconnectedness of identities and issues
- Focus on the control of genders, bodies, sexualities and families
- Rights, resources, recognition and respect for all families
- Working toward individual change, cultural change, and institutional change
- Led by the communities most affected by reproductive oppression

Example: Teen Pregnancy

- Traditional Public Health
- Public Health, acknowledging the social determinants of health
- Reproductive Justice



Justice for Young Families (J4YF)

All of our social determinants are reproductive justice issues

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS

GENDER IDENTITY IS

BUILDING FAMILY ON YOUR
OWN TERMS IS

RACIAL JUSTICE IS

ENDING INCARCERATION IS

SUPPORTING TEEN PARENTS IS

FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE IS

FOOD SECURITY IS



IMMIGRATION JUSTICE IS

ACCESSIBLE ABORTION IS

SUPPORTING BIRTHPARENTS IS

PAID LEAVE IS

DISABILITY JUSTICE IS

QUEER FAMILIES ARE

SAFE COMMUNITIES ARE

DECOLONIZATION IS

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE.

Oregon, Reproductive Health & Abortion

Protective

- Oregon expanded Medicaid!
- Paid sick leave
- Minimum wage is being raised
- OHP CAWEM covers prenatal care, labor & delivery, & 60 days postpartum
- Cover All Kids
- Sanctuary state status
- Reproductive Health Equity Act

Harmful

- No presumptive eligibility for OHP
- No paid family leave
- Only 6 counties have abortion clinics
- Housing shortage
- Significantly higher prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences for children
- Significant portions of the population are left out of policy solutions like minimum wage and paid sick leave

HB 3391 - The Reproductive Health Equity Act

- Works to ensure that all people, regardless of their income, insurance status, gender marker or immigration status have access to a full range of reproductive health services at no cost
- Codifies right to abortion
- Commercial health plans must continue to cover ACA reproductive health related preventive services
- Through insurance coverage and public funding, fills gaps to ensure that reproductive health services are covered for all