

The Urgency of Reproductive Health Rights in Today's Environment

Our Bodies. Our Health. Our Communities.

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of sexual + reproductive health care™

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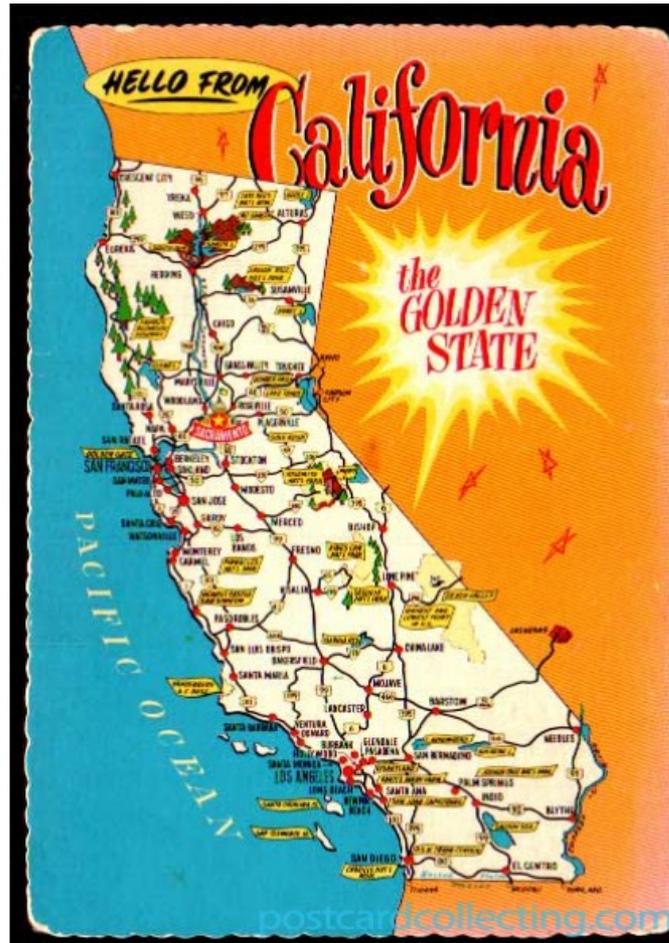
Essential Access Health champions and promotes quality sexual and reproductive health care for all.

Strategic Goals:

1. Ensure **ACCESS** to quality, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and information.
2. Champion **QUALITY** sexual and reproductive health care.
3. Advance **TRAINING** in quality sexual and reproductive health delivery and implementation.
4. Conduct innovative **RESEARCH** in sexual and reproductive health technologies.

Protecting + Expanding Comprehensive Family Planning Services for All

California Landscape



Birth Control Access in CA

- **FREE + CONFIDENTIAL** Services
 - Medi-Cal – Expansion
 - Family PACT – Uninsured/No Citizenship Requirement
- Freedom of Choice in Family Planning Provider/Direct Access
- Access to all FDA-Approved Methods – No-Copay/Restrictions
- Confidential Health Information – Private Plans
- Pharmacy Dispensing w/o Prescription
- 12-Month Supply
- Teen Access/Comprehensive Sex Ed

Federal Landscape



Title X Federal Family Planning Program

Did You Know?

Passed Congress in 1970 with BI-PARTISAN support
Enacted by President Richard Nixon

- Essential Access Health is the Statewide Grantee for CA
- CA Statewide Network is the Largest + Most Diverse in Nation
- **2018 Network**
 - **63** Agencies
(FQHCs, City + County Health Depts, University Affiliates, Hospitals)
 - **366** Health Centers
 - **38** Counties
 - **1,000,000** Patients Served

Title X Funding in CA

- Title X Funding Supports:
 - Contraceptive care
 - STD + HIV prevention education, counseling, testing + treatment
 - Adolescent services
 - Infertility services
 - Pregnancy testing + options counseling
- Funds may also be used for outreach + education efforts that link community members to care.
- Title X funding **may not be used** to provide abortion services.

The Value of Title X in CA

- **231,000** unintended pregnancies averted
- **112,300** unintended births averted
- **500,000** community members connected to local services
- The most important single factor associated with **comprehensive family planning care** at health centers is participation in Title X Program.
- Title X-funded health center sites are substantially more likely – 48 percent compared to 15 percent of sites not receiving Title X funding – to offer all of the **most effective birth control methods onsite.**
- Title X-funded health centers **expand access** through drop-in appts, teen-clinic hours, and mobile units.

Trump Administration's Title X Regulations

- Final Regulations Released March 4, 2019
- Legal challenges Filed
- Preliminary Injunctions Issued in April
 - Delay access to care
 - Disproportionately impact low-income communities, women of color + rural regions
 - Conflict with current law
- Preliminary Injunctions Lifted as Court Cases Advance
- HHS Put Regulations into Effect in July
- Impact Starting to Take Shape as Lawsuits Continue

Court of Public Opinion Already Settled: California Voters Agree Access to Birth Control + Pregnancy Options Information is Important

- **9 in 10** California voters believe access to birth control is important
- **3 out of 4** voters in every region of California believe access to birth control is important
- **Nearly 80%** of California voters are concerned about eliminating requirements that Title X providers offer women all of their pregnancy options
- **Strong majority** of California voters are concerned that changes to the Title X program will create more barriers to care.

Looking Ahead

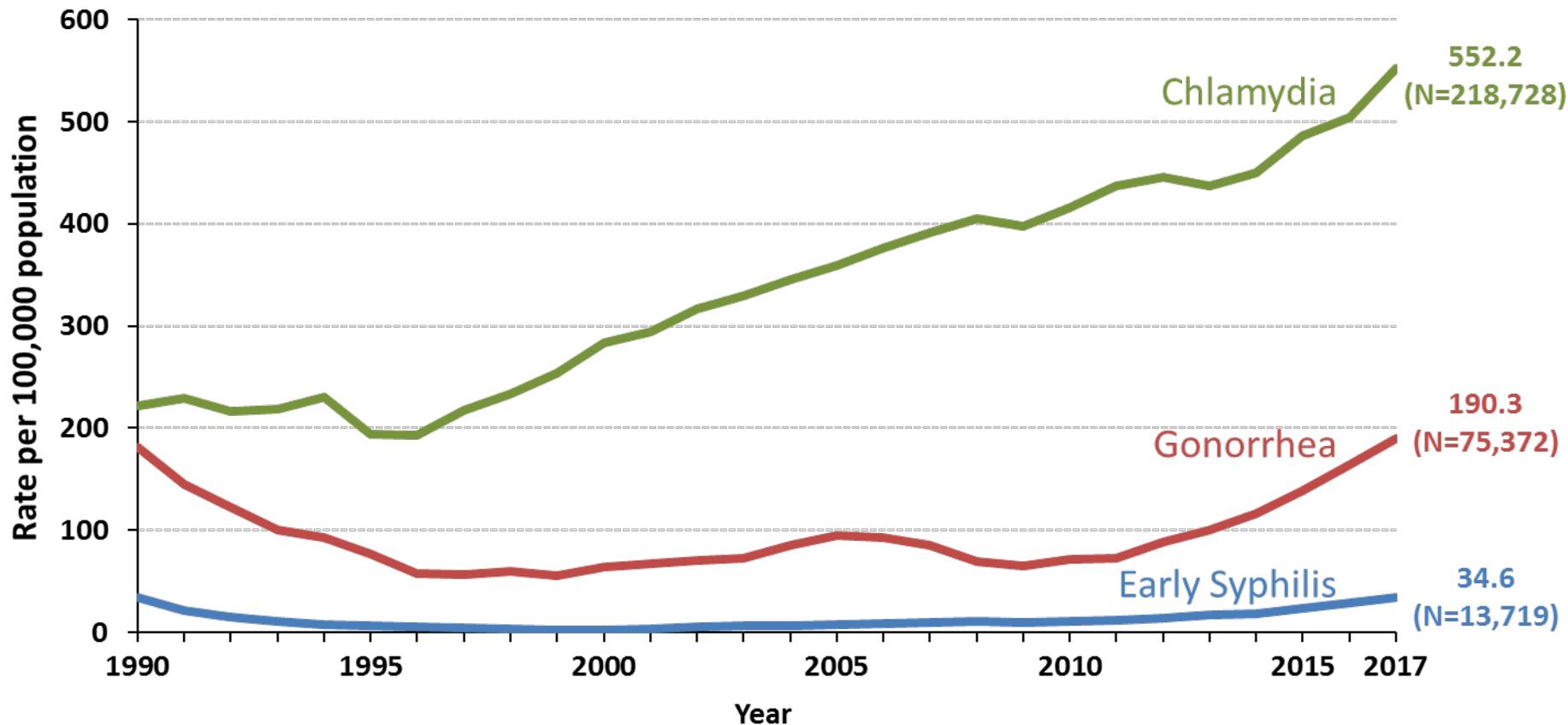
1. Save + Protect Title X
2. Keep Title X in CA Strong
3. Invest in Areas of High Need
4. Expand Access

Curbing Rising STD Rates + Investing in Prevention

STD Rates in CA

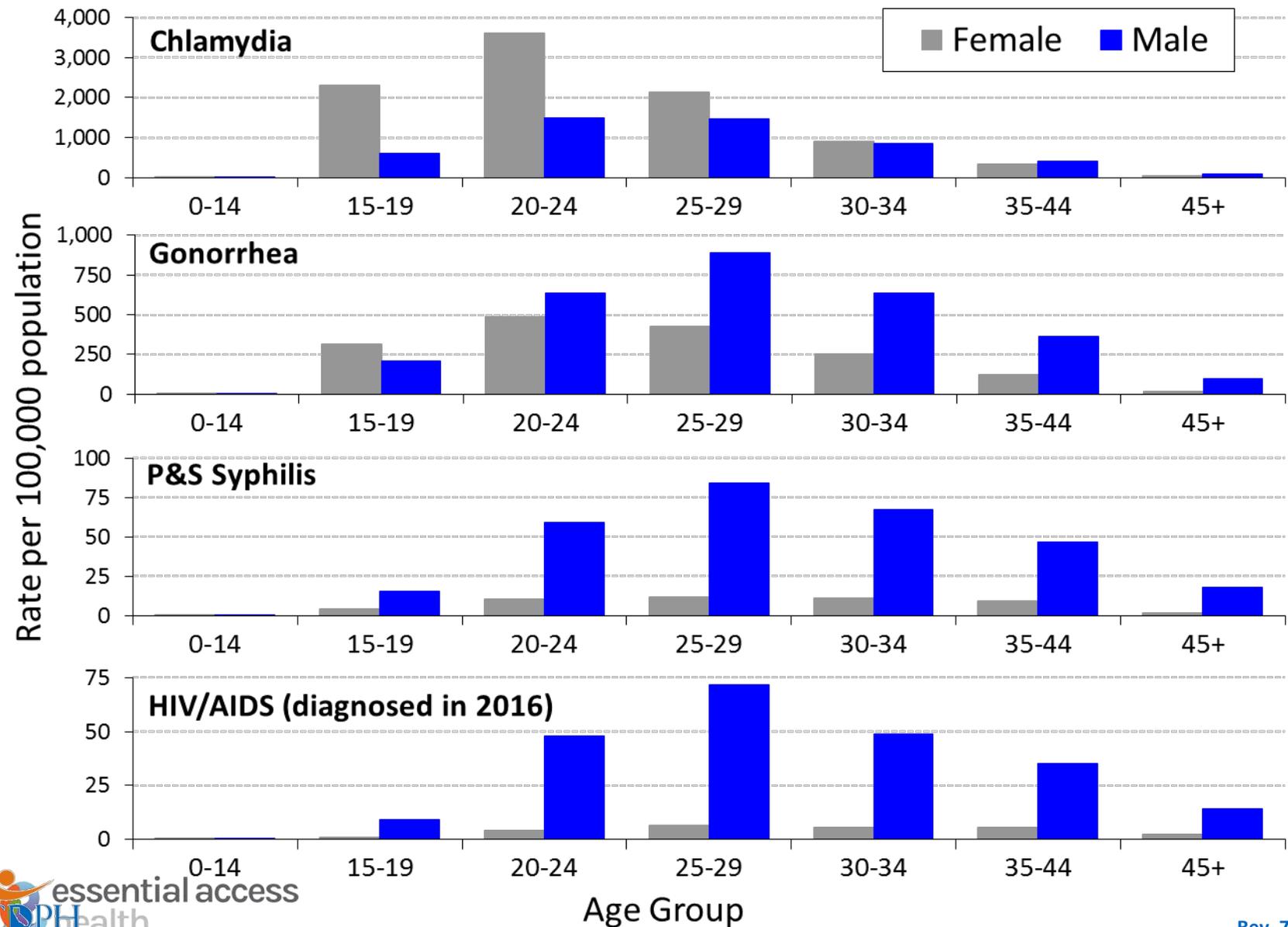
- Rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis are at all-time highs
- In 2017, more than 300,000 reported STD cases, a 45% increase since 2013.
- Over half of all STDs in the state are among California youth ages 15-24 years old
- CA has the 3rd highest syphilis rates in the nation
- Congenital syphilis -> 283 babies born with syphilis in 2017, 30 resulted in stillbirths

Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and Early Syphilis* California Incidence Rates, 1990–2017



* Includes primary, secondary, and early latent syphilis.

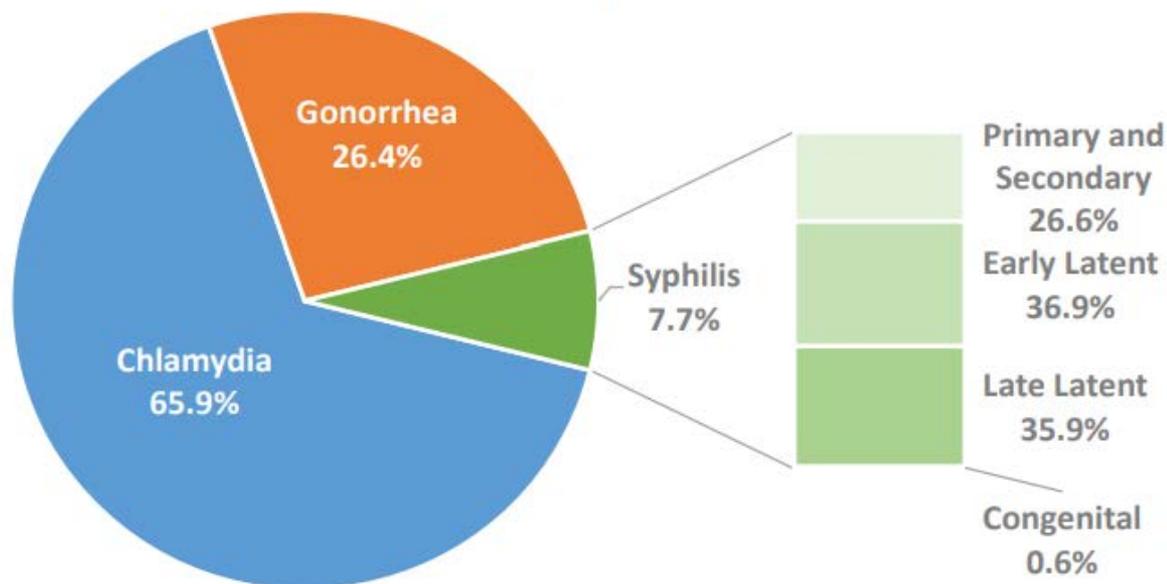
Incidence Rates of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, P&S Syphilis, and HIV/AIDS by Age Group (in years) and Gender, California, 2017



STD Rates in Los Angeles County

- Nearly 100,000 cases of gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis in 2017
- Chlamydia cases alone increased 29% between 2013 - 2017

Figure 1.1. Reported STD Cases, Los Angeles County, 2017¹
(N=97,295)



Public Health Risks + Costs of Inaction

- Inequities -> Young people under the age of 30, communities of color, and men who have sex with men (MSM) populations are disproportionately impacted by STDs
- Approximately \$1 billion is spent annually statewide on health costs associated with STDs.
- Untreated STDs can lead to serious long-term health consequences:
 - Infertility, blindness, risk of contracting HIV
 - HPV-related cancers dramatically increasing
 - Negative maternal child health outcomes

STD Prevention Action Plan

- Expand access to evidence-based best practices (Title X/PDPT)
- Ensure coverage + reimbursement for STD testing + treatment
- End the Epidemics Coalition (ETE)
 - Increased state investment to tackle STDs, HIV and HCV
 - Creation of statewide taskforce

Successes to date

- FY 2019-2019 included \$7 million for STD prevention + \$5 million for HIV + \$5 million for HCV
- In Nov 2018, LA County Board of Supervisors allocated \$5 million for STD prevention
- More than 150 community organizations have joined ETE

“You may have to fight a
battle more than once to
win it.”

~ Margaret Thatcher





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