

An overview of service provider types and key identifiers



PRIMARY CARE OFFICE

A health care center that provides an array of integrated and accessible health care services to individuals and families.

HOW YOU KNOW:

- Serves a variety of patient's medical needs and provides referrals
- Focus on provider-patient relationships
- Primary care offices can be funded publicly and privately*



FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER (FQHC)

A center that provides primary care to underserved populations, where working toward meeting community initiatives is a clearly defined goal.

HOW YOU KNOW:

- Primarily serves Medically Underserved Populations/Areas
- Provides services on a sliding scale
- A majority of the Board of Directors are patients



FAMILY PLANNING/TITLE X CLINIC

A clinic, commonly funded by Title X Federal funds, which provides advice and treatment relating to contraception and sexual health.

HOW YOU KNOW:

- Often set in public health department or community health center
- Family planning clinics that receive Title X funding, are prohibited from performing, promoting, or referring for abortions**



PLANNED PARENTHOOD

A nonprofit organization that provides an array of sexual health and reproductive healthcare, including abortion.

HOW YOU KNOW:

- Provides education on all pregnancy options, including abortion
- Planned Parenthood will always identify itself as such
- Is not currently a Title X funded clinic, but has been in recent history



SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER

Health centers in a school-based setting that provide a wide range of health care services to students.

HOW YOU KNOW:

- Typically provides primary care, behavioral and mental health care, oral care, and health education
- Based out of schools (primary, secondary, and University settings)
- May offer reduced-cost or free services



CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER

A nonprofit organization that seeks to intercept clients with pregnancies who might be considering having an abortion.

HOW YOU KNOW:

- CPCs are commonly religiously affiliated
- Clients are not provided with comprehensive or evidence-based information about their pregnancy options
- CPCs may provide supplies like pre-natal vitamins, information/counseling on adoption or parenting

Expanded definitions and identifiers can be found AHI's companion Clinical Resource Reference Guide.

*In some cases, clinic types and funding sources may overlap (ex. A FQHC can provide primary care).

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