

Reproductive Health Alliance (RHA) is a consortium of reproductive and sexual health providers, leaders and advocates from across the state whose mission is to guarantee access to reproductive health care in Minnesota.

RHA's membership includes a variety of leading health care organizations, independent nonprofit community clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and advocacy organizations. Most are designated as essential community providers by the Minnesota Department of Health. **RHA member clinics provide vital health care services to tens of thous***ands of low-income or uninsured women, men and families across Minnesota.* A full list of our membership can be found at <u>http://reproductivehealthalliance.org/</u>

RHA fully supports HF712 (Reyer) / SF668 (Morrison), a \$7.9 million increase to the Family Planning Special Project grant program. FPSP programs provide pre-pregnancy and family planning services to low-income, high-risk individuals.

Currently, the FPSP grant program funds services such as contraception, HIV testing, STI testing and treatment, and breast and cervical cancer screenings.

The only increase in FPSP funding was in 2015 and the program received a \$1 million increase – the first in many years and at a level significantly below what was needed, even at that time. Nothing has changed. **Clinics are still struggling to meet demand with the current funding and many clinics doing this work go unfunded.** 

RHA believes in a future where all Minnesotans have access to reproductive health care and education. This is why, in addition to FPSP, RHA supports all legislative efforts to protect reproductive health clinics and patients. This includes but is not limited to legislation regulating crisis pregnancy centers and increasing access to <u>all</u> reproductive health care.