

**TITLE X FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM  
MISSION**

In 1970, Congress passed the Family Planning Services and Population Research Act (Public Law 91-572), which added Title X to the Public Health Services Act. This legislation authorizes grants to public and non-profit organizations for the provision of a broad range of acceptable and effective medically approved family planning services for all who want and need them. The mission of the Region I Title X Program is to provide individuals the information and means to exercise personal choice in determining the number and spacing of their children. The Title X Program works collaboratively with federal, state, and local partners to maximize the provision of related clinical services as well as focused outreach and public awareness activities. The Title X Program makes data and science-based decisions taking into account accessibility, confidentiality, and response to targeted client and population needs. Among all clients served, the Title X Program emphasizes services to the under-served, especially low-income, at risk women and adolescents. The Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) is the single Title X “grantee” for the state of Rhode Island. As the grantee, HEALTH is the entity that receives federal Title X grant funding and assumes legal and financial responsibility and accountability for the awarded funds and for the performance of activities approved for funding.