



**The Reproductive Health Access Project (RHAP)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing unintended pregnancy and promoting high-quality reproductive health care through family medicine. Our mission is to improve reproductive health through:

- Training primary care clinicians in an evidence-based, patient-centered, flexible approach to contraception.
- Surmounting financial, legal, and administrative barriers — including restrictions related to medical centers' religious affiliations — to providing contraception and early abortion in primary care settings.
- Developing a national network of primary care experts in reproductive health issues.
- Collaborating with advocacy and educational organizations to promote understanding about contraception and abortion.

Because family physicians develop lifelong relationships with patients, family physicians are ideally positioned to help them with reproductive decisions. Family physicians tend to work in medically underserved communities, both urban and rural. Families in these areas have the highest unmet need for reproductive health care and the highest unintended pregnancy rates.



FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENTS  
PRESENT RESEARCH AT THE  
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ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



TEACHING MEDICAL STUDENTS  
HOW TO INSERT AN IUD USING A  
PAPAYA AS A UTERINE MODEL

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Many aspects of standard medical practice impede women's ability to obtain birth control. RHAP challenges outdated aspects of standard medical practice (for instance, the American tradition that requires a Pap smear or office visit prior to routine renewal of contraceptives) to improve women's access to effective birth control.

In 2006, RHAP provided 16 workshops for 737 community clinicians, residents, and medical students in New York, California, Minnesota, Maine, and Massachusetts. RHAP also provided continuing education on emergency contraception to 60 community pharmacists.

## ADVOCACY

RHAP works to ensure that all women, regardless of socioeconomic status, have access to comprehensive reproductive health care. We have developed strong collaborations with policy and education organizations that are focused on reproductive health issues and provide the clinician's perspective to these efforts.

In 2006, in New York State, RHAP worked with the New York State Academy of Family Physicians to advocate for coverage of over-the-counter emergency contraception for Medicaid patients, reduced liability insurance premiums for family physicians providing reproductive health care, equitable payment for reproductive health procedures, and Medicaid payment for IUD insertion.

## OVERCOMING SYSTEM BARRIERS

Family physicians who are trained and committed to integrating reproductive health care into their practices often face multiple barriers, including obtaining adequate liability insurance, ensuring adequate payment for the care they provide, facing professional isolation, allaying staff concerns, and purchasing needed equipment and medications.

In 2006, RHAP provided technical assistance and support to family physicians and community health centers in the New York metro area, worked with clinics in the Bronx to expand access to emergency contraception, and moderated an active listserv providing clinical information and support to more than 460 clinicians nationwide.

RHAP conducted qualitative research to identify the barriers facing family physicians who would like to provide early abortion care. In the fall of 2006, RHAP launched the Family Medicine Reproductive Health Network, a national network of reproductive health leaders in family medicine to collaborate nationally and work locally to help family physicians integrate abortion care into their practices.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

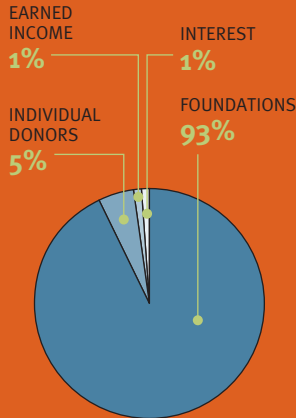
RHAP is changing the culture of family medicine by developing the next generation of family physician activists and leaders. RHAP collaborates with doctors-in-training on research projects, clinical presentations, and advocacy for better reproductive health care. In 2006 RHAP laid the groundwork for a Reproductive Health Fellowship in Family Medicine that will be launched in 2007.

RHAP presented at every major family medicine and public health conference, for a total of 20 presentations overall. Each of these presentations was a collaborative effort among RHAP staff and family medicine residents and community clinicians. These presentations on patient-centered, evidenced-based reproductive health care reached more than 300 primary care clinicians.

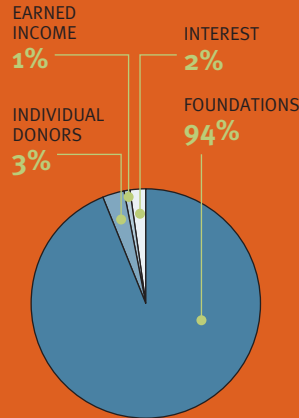
## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Year: April 1 – March 31

INCOME	2005	2006
Foundations	\$106,250	\$191,000
Individual Donors	\$5,250	\$6,500
Earned Income	\$1,205	\$2,789
Interest	\$1,230	\$3,811
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$113,935</b>	<b>\$204,100</b>

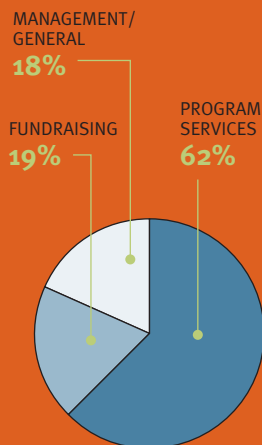


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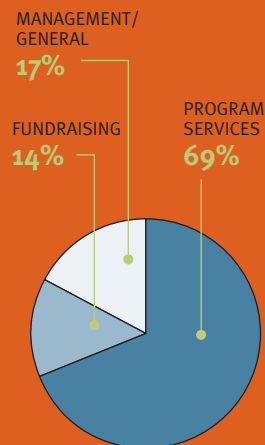


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EXPENSES	2005	2006
Program Services	\$63,637	\$136,572
Fundraising	\$19,585	\$27,922
Management/General	\$18,575	\$32,830
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$101,507</b>	<b>\$197,324</b>



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