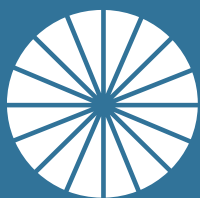


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Training and supporting primary care clinicians to make reproductive health care accessible to everyone.



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10 Years of Expanding Access to Reproductive Health Care

A Message From the Executive Director and Board President

Ten years ago, we launched the Reproductive Health Access Project (RHAP) with a clear mission: to integrate abortion, contraception, and miscarriage care into primary care so that everyone, everywhere would have access to reproductive health care.

In 2005, we had no office, no staff, and no funding. But RHAP's founders—Ruth Lesnewski, Lisa Maldonado, and Linda Prine—would spend the next 10 years piloting, refining, and expanding successful strategies to destigmatize reproductive health care and make it more accessible.

Today in 2015, RHAP's founders are joined by a staff of five (and we have a real office!), four physician fellows, and a national network of more than 900 clinicians. And even more importantly, RHAP has developed a dedicated base of supporters who are fully committed to our mission.

By integrating reproductive health into primary care, RHAP is transforming reproductive health care.

We provide:

- **Intensive training and support programs** that create clinical leaders who go on to teach more clinicians and improve health care in their communities.
- **A free, online resource library** of clinical resources, teaching tools, and patient education materials to keep clinicians up-to-date on the latest reproductive health practices so they can provide better patient care.
- **Guidance on policies and standards** to improve the provision of full-spectrum reproductive health care.

Today, our mission is more urgent than it was when we started in 2005.

Because of the huge upswing in state legislation restricting access to reproductive health care, access to abortion care is more uneven than ever, and large swaths of our country have little or no access. In addition, stand-alone family planning and abortion clinics are increasingly under attack.

Primary care is becoming the only source of reproductive health care in many of our nation's communities. This is why RHAP's work is so crucial.

As we close our 10th year, we remain committed to training and supporting primary care clinicians so that abortion, contraception, and miscarriage care is accessible to everyone, everywhere—no matter how long as it takes!

Thanks for supporting the Reproductive Health Access Project and its mission over the past decade. We look forward to your continued support as we face the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,



Lisa Maldonado
Executive Director

Lisa Maldonado is one of the original founders of the Reproductive Health Access Project and has served as its executive director since 2005.



Danielle Pagano
Board President

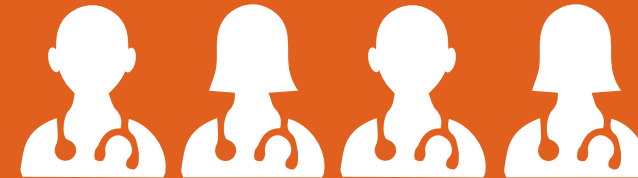
Danielle Pagano has served as president of the board of directors of the Reproductive Health Access Project since 2014 and as a member of its board since 2009.

Training and Education

The Reproductive Health Access Project works to expand access to reproductive health care by training and supporting primary care clinicians, including family physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives, and physician assistants.



Reproductive Health Care and Advocacy Fellowship Developing Physician Leaders and Advocates in Family Medicine



Although 80% of people in the United States receive their health care from primary care providers, fewer than 6% of family medicine residency programs provide comprehensive reproductive health training. To address this deficiency in training, RHAP created the Reproductive Health Care and Advocacy Fellowship.

This year-long clinical fellowship develops physician leaders who will promote, provide, and teach abortion, contraception, and miscarriage care within family medicine. Fellows spend the year as teachers in training, learning to perform and teach full-spectrum reproductive health care procedures. They then go on to multiply the im-

pact of the program by training other clinicians.

In 2015, RHAP added a new fellowship site in Boston, bringing the year's total to four fellows (including three in New York City). RHAP is also proud that its new Boston fellow is being trained and mentored by the program's very first fellow, who completed her fellowship in 2008.

RHAP has trained 16 fellows since the inception of the fellowship program.

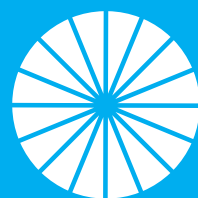
For more information on the Reproductive Health Care and Advocacy Fellowship, [click here](#).



APRIL 2005

RHAP is Founded

Ruth Lesnewski, Lisa Maldonado, and Linda Prine start the Reproductive Health Access Project (RHAP) to improve access to abortion, contraception and miscarriage care by integrating that care into primary care practices. They are guided by the belief that reproductive health care is basic health care and should be accessible in primary care settings.



OCTOBER 2006

RHAP Launches the Family Medicine Reproductive Health Network

RHAP forms a network of 125 pro-choice family physicians dedicated to expanding access to abortion in primary care. The network works to provide training and peer-to-peer support and advocates for integrating reproductive health care into family medicine.



AUGUST 2007

RHAP Launches the Reproductive Health Care and Advocacy Fellowship

This year-long fellowship program, based in New York City, aims to develop leaders and clinical faculty who will train and provide full-spectrum reproductive health care within family medicine. Honor MacNaughton is selected as RHAP's first fellow.



Hands-on Reproductive Health Training Center

Training Clinicians in IUD and Contraceptive Implant Insertion and Removal



The IUD and contraceptive implants are the most effective reversible contraception methods available—yet many primary care clinicians are not trained to provide these methods, and training options for community-based clinicians are nearly non-existent.

RHAP's Hands-on Reproductive Health Training Center—piloted with support from the New York City Department of Health—provides hands-on IUD and

contraceptive implant insertion and removal training for community-based primary care providers.

This intensive and innovative program trained 17 clinicians in 2015, and 21 since starting the program last year.

For more information on the Hands-on Reproductive Health Training Center, [click here.](#)

Miscarriage Care Initiative

Supporting the Treatment of Early Pregnancy Loss in Primary Care Settings



Since one in five pregnancies ends in miscarriage, patient care would improve if primary care providers offered comprehensive treatment of early pregnancy loss.

RHAP's Miscarriage Care Initiative (MCI) works to expand access to evidence-based, patient-centered miscarriage care in primary care settings. The program provides support for health care organizations to integrate all three forms of miscarriage

management—expectant, medication, and aspiration management—into their practices.

In 2015, RHAP launched five new MCI programs, in Asheville, NC; Chula Vista, CA; Seattle, and two in Chicago. The program now serves a total of 10 organizations throughout the country.

For more information on the Miscarriage Care Initiative, [click here.](#)



APRIL 2008

RHAP Helps Establish the Country's First Student-run Women's Health Free Clinic

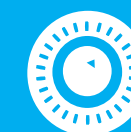
RHAP joins forces with the Institute for Family Health and NYU Medical School to pilot a model for a student-run clinic to expand reproductive health training to medical students while providing critical care to the uninsured.



OCTOBER 2008

RHAP Launches the Contraceptive Access Initiative

The Contraceptive Access Initiative is RHAP's first programmatic effort directly targeting the nation's network of community health centers.



OCTOBER 2009

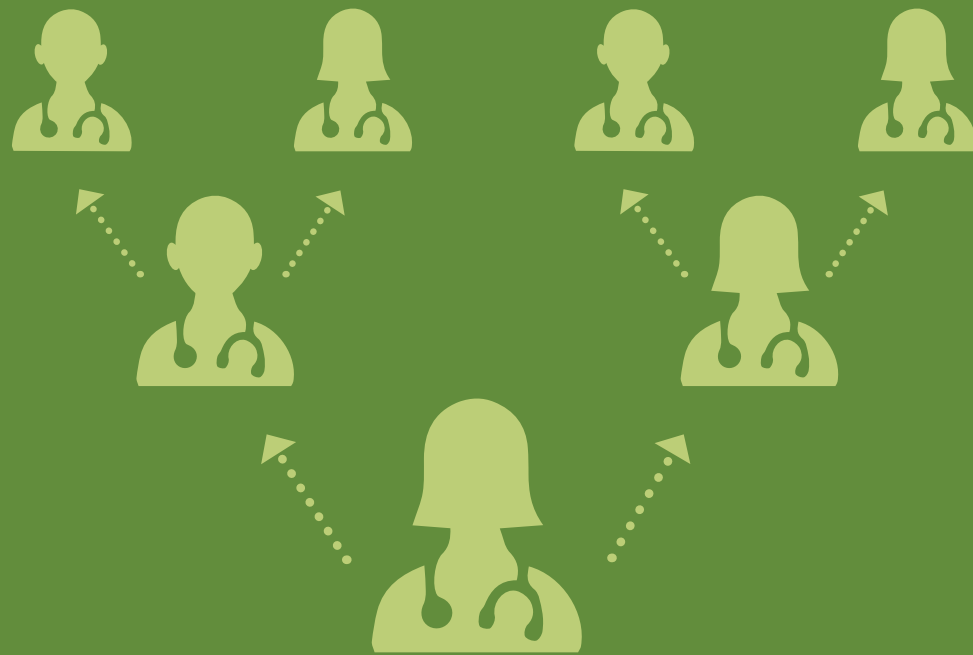
RHAP Introduces "Contraceptive Pearls" Publication

Designed to reach primary care clinicians in community health centers, this monthly e-mail publication highlights clinical best practices designed to improve and expand access to contraception.



Connecting and Mobilizing Clinicians

RHAP connects pro-choice, pro-contraception clinicians to a national network of like-minded professionals.



The Reproductive Health Access Network Connecting Clinicians and Developing Advocates



Many of the clinicians RHAP works with are the lone pro-choice, pro-contraception providers in their communities. RHAP's Reproductive Health Access Network helps these clinicians navigate the challenges of adapting their practices or health centers to provide comprehensive reproductive care. Through RHAP's fellowships, grants, and training programs, Network members receive hands-on training and financial and technical assistance, and learn how to become advocates in their field.

In 2015, RHAP broadened the network's membership beyond family physicians to all pro-choice primary care clinicians (nurse practitioners, midwives, and physician assistants) and expanded its focus beyond abortion care to contraceptive and miscarriage care. RHAP also worked to create local clusters to allow for greater information sharing, discussion about local barriers to care,

and advocacy at the community and statewide levels.

During the year, RHAP:

- Supported local network clusters in Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island;
- Organized national and regional network meetings in five cities;
- Launched new clusters in Philadelphia and Baltimore; and
- Laid the groundwork for additional clusters in Chicago, Ohio and North Carolina.

In 2015, membership in the network increased over 30%, to 920 clinicians in 41 states.

For more information on the Reproductive Health Access Network, [click here](#).

OCTOBER 2010

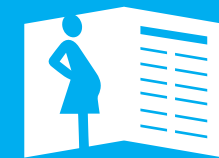
RHAP Expands Student-run Women's Free Health Clinic Model
RHAP replicates the NYU Women's Health Free Clinic model and provides start-up funding to five medical schools — at Emory University, Tufts University, University of Miami, Ohio State University, and the University of Kansas — to establish student-run women's free health clinics.



JULY 2011

RHAP Article Reframes Miscarriage Care

"Office Management of Early Pregnancy Loss," written by RHAP's medical director and first fellow, is published in the *American Family Physician Journal*. The article marks RHAP's first major effort to integrate comprehensive miscarriage care into primary care settings.



Providing Tools and Resources for Clinicians and Patients

RHAP's evidence-based patient education materials and clinical tools have become the go-to resource for primary care clinicians and their patients.



Patient Education Materials and Clinical Resources Building a Free Online Library of Reproductive Health Resources

RHAP's library of nearly 300 patient education materials, clinical tools, and teaching resources provides the latest information about contraceptive, abortion and miscarriage care, enabling clinicians to provide better care by helping patients make informed decisions about their reproductive health. All RHAP materials are based purely on scientific evidence, free from "big-pharma" influence and funding, and easy to read and understand.

Patient posters and handouts are displayed and distributed at primary care offices, college-based health centers, family planning clinics, city and county health departments, and federally qualified health centers (which provide care to our

nation's most underserved communities). All of RHAP's materials can be downloaded free of charge from RHAP's website, and larger printed formats are available for purchase.

Patient education materials are available in English and Spanish and cover a wide range of topics including:

- Birth Control Choices
- Emergency Contraception
- Early Abortion Options
- IUD Facts
- Miscarriage Treatment Options

To access RHAP's free online library, [click here](#).

SEPTEMBER 2011

NOVEMBER 2011

JULY 2012

10th anniversary 2005-2015

RHAP Helps Launch the Physician Matching Project

RHAP partners with Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH) to connect clinicians trained in abortion care willing to travel to clinics in need. Successful matches are made in six states: Alabama, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas.



physician matching project

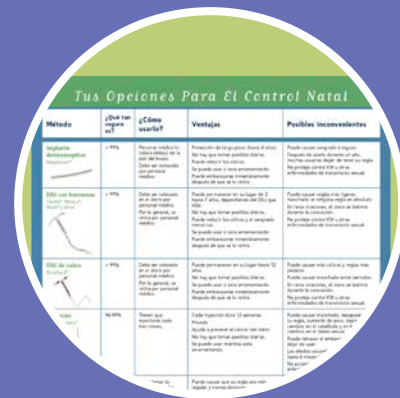
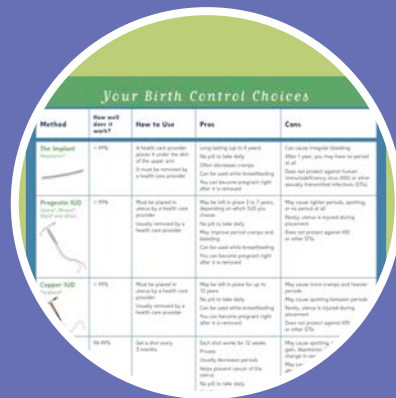
RHAP Helps Organize First Pop-Up Birth Control Clinic at Religiously Affiliated University

In collaboration with the Fordham University chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, RHAP helps organize the first "pop-up birth control clinic" to provide students with contraception they can't get at their university health center.



RHAP Launches Blog for Clinicians

RHAP's blog is designed to help clinicians share stories about the challenges they face, the patients they care for, and the impact that providing abortion, contraceptive, and miscarriage care has on the communities they serve.



RHAP launched an initiative in 2015 to translate its materials into additional languages so they can be available and accessible to as many people as possible—especially to underserved and immigrant populations. Under this initiative, materials are extensively field-tested and reviewed by native-speaking clinicians and patients, and are written to comply

with International Patient Decision Aid Standards.

Translations are currently underway for traditional and simplified Chinese, with additional translations planned for the coming years.

[Click here to search RHAP's resources by language.](#)

Specifically for clinicians, RHAP now publishes two e-newsletters about best practices:

Insights Into Abortion and Miscarriage Care, introduced this year, is issued bi-monthly and produced in collaboration with UCSF's Innovating Education in Reproductive Health. This new e-publication covered topics such as:

- Counseling for Miscarriage Management
- Local Anesthesia for Uterine Aspiration
- Using Ultrasound to Diagnose Early Pregnancy Loss
- Managing Calls for Medication Abortion

Contraceptive Pearls is a monthly e-publication designed to improve and expand access to contraception. RHAP published 12 issues in 2015 covering topics including:

- The Flexible-Fit Diaphragm
- Non-Hormonal Contraception
- Breast Cancer and Contraception
- Contraception for Women with Endometriosis
- Abnormal Pap Smears and Contraceptive Options

[Click to access issues of Insights Into Abortion and Miscarriage Care and Contraceptive Pearls.](#)

SEPTEMBER 2012



RHAP Establishes Graduate Abortion Provider Support (GAPS) Fellowship

The GAPS Fellowship provides family physicians in critically underserved areas with intensive technical, legal and financial support to integrate abortion into their clinical practices. The first two GAPS fellows are from Arkansas, and RHAP triples the number of abortion providers in the state in two years.



MARCH 2013

RHAP Launches Online Store for Patient Education Materials

To increase the distribution of its patient education materials, RHAP launches an online store geared toward family planning clinics, community health centers, school-based clinics, and colleges/universities.



APRIL 2013

RHAP Begins Advocacy Campaign for Improved ACGME Training Standards

RHAP launches a successful national campaign to get the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)—the organization that sets training standards for U.S. medical residency programs—to mandate that family physicians be trained in contraceptive care and pregnancy options counseling. ACGME accepted the improved standards in 2014.

Website Re-launch

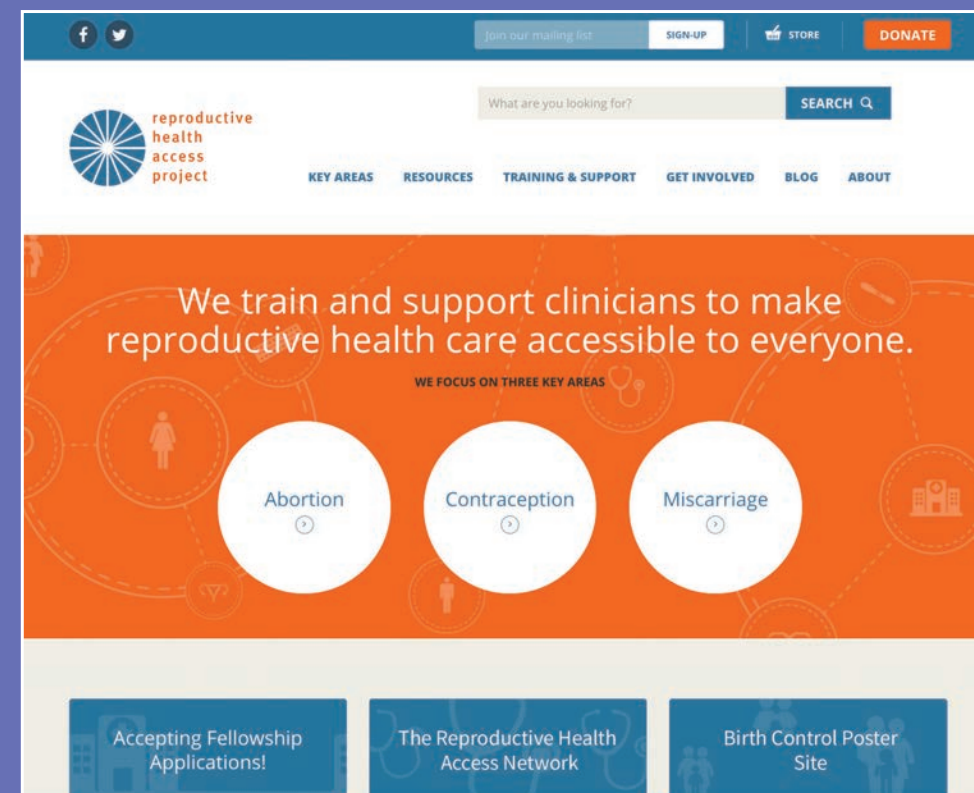
Broadening Worldwide Access to RHAP Resources

RHAP's website is its most valuable tool for sharing and distributing its resources. To improve and extend the access and distribution of these materials, RHAP redesigned and re-launched its website in 2015. The new site is responsive, easy to read across multiple platforms, and offers improved search, download, and share functions.

By year-end, more than 100,000 users had

accessed RHAP tools and resources throughout the U.S. and the world. Many users were from countries like Pakistan, Brazil, Somalia, Saudi Arabia and so many others where reproductive health information and services are difficult to obtain.

Check out RHAP's new and improved website at www.reproductiveaccess.org.



JUNE 2014

10th anniversary 2005-2015

RHAP Launches Miscarriage Care Initiative

RHAP introduces a new initiative to incorporate comprehensive early pregnancy loss treatment into community health center settings. The first participants are in California, Illinois, Michigan and Montana.



SEPTEMBER 2014

RHAP Launches Hands-on Reproductive Health Training Center

RHAP's new center provides hands-on clinical training in IUD and contraceptive implant insertion and removal to community-based primary care clinicians. Six clinicians are trained to competency during the first four months of the project.



Influencing Policy to Increase Access to Reproductive Health Care

RHAP works closely with professional organizations as well as on the government level to improve reproductive health training, policies and standards.



Professional Organization Advocacy Promoting Leadership and Influencing From Within



Professional organizations such as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) can be valuable vehicles for creating change. RHAP encourages participation in such organizations since they present clinicians with opportunities to strategize, share and mobilize around improving reproductive health.

In 2015, RHAP's medical director, Dr. Linda Prine, joined forces with other reproductive health leaders to form the Reproductive Health Care Member

Interest Group within the American Academy of Family Physicians. As the largest family medicine organization in the country, the AAFP carries considerable political and policy influence. The new interest group will work to improve AAFP policies around reproductive health care in family medicine by allowing members to collaborate and present a unified message on reproductive health issues to AAFP leadership. RHAP also expects the new interest group to be a powerful tool for identifying and cultivating family medicine reproductive health leaders across the country.

JANUARY 2015



RHAP Re-launches Website to Broaden Outreach
RHAP redesigns its website to extend national and international distribution of its clinical resources and patient education materials.



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FEBRUARY 2015

RHAP Helps Form AAFP's Reproductive Health Care Member Interest Group

To improve the policies of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) around reproductive health care in family medicine, RHAP's medical director joins forces with other reproductive health leaders to form the AAFP Reproductive Health Care Member Interest Group.



Some of the key objectives of the AAFP Member Interest Group are to:

- Promote evidence-based reproductive health care in family medicine;
- Create and offer continuing medical education (CME) activities on reproductive health topics;
- Help AAFP members integrate comprehensive reproductive health care into their practices; and
- Assist the AAFP in membership recruitment and retention of pro-choice, pro-contraception family physicians.

During the year, RHAP also advocated to maintain funding for school-based health centers in New York, and partnered with other organizations in advocating to lift federal bans on abortion coverage and oppose public policies that impose a religious viewpoint.

For more information about clinician advocacy at the AAFP and other organizations, [click here](#).

Celebrating 10 Years of the Reproductive Health Access Project!



The Reproductive Health Access Project celebrated its 10th year in 2015. To mark the occasion, RHAP partnered with the Lady Parts Justice League to host New York City's "V to Shining V" in September. This amazing night of comedy and music featured

Lea De Laria, Leah Bonnema, Naomi Ekperigin, Buzz-off Lucille, Ted Leo, Janeane Garofalo, and other performers. Hundreds of supporters joined us for the celebration and enjoyed the show, both in-person in New York City and via live stream!

Thanks to all our donors, funders, partners, and staff for your support!

MARCH 2015



RHAP Introduces "Insights into Abortion and Miscarriage Care" Publication

This bi-monthly e-publication offers evidence-based, clinical information on abortion and miscarriage care and is produced in partnership with University of California San Francisco's Innovating Education in Reproductive Health.



AUGUST 2015

RHAP Expands Reproductive Health Care and Advocacy Fellowship
RHAP adds Boston as a fellowship site, increasing the number of fellows trained to four during the year.



SEPTEMBER 2015



10 Years!
In 2015, RHAP celebrates 10 years of improving access to reproductive health care.

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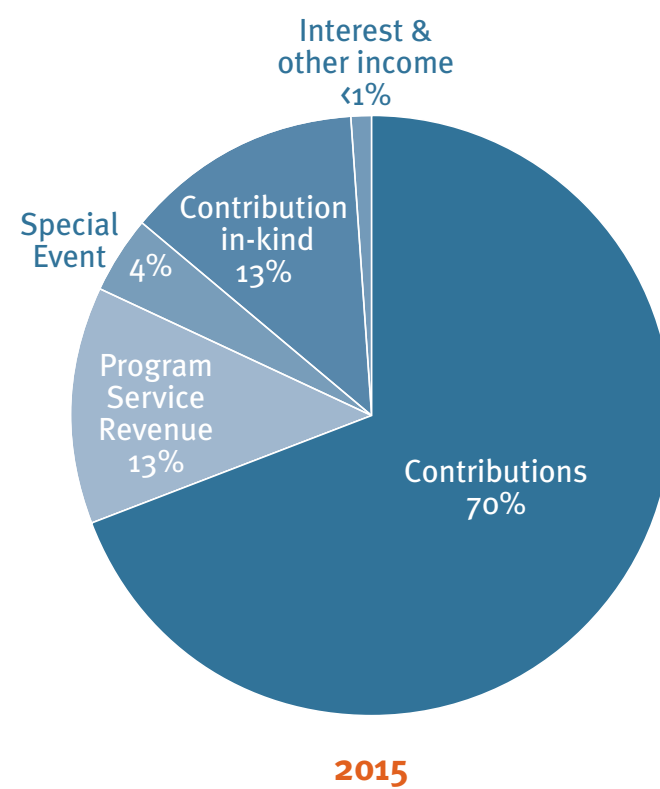
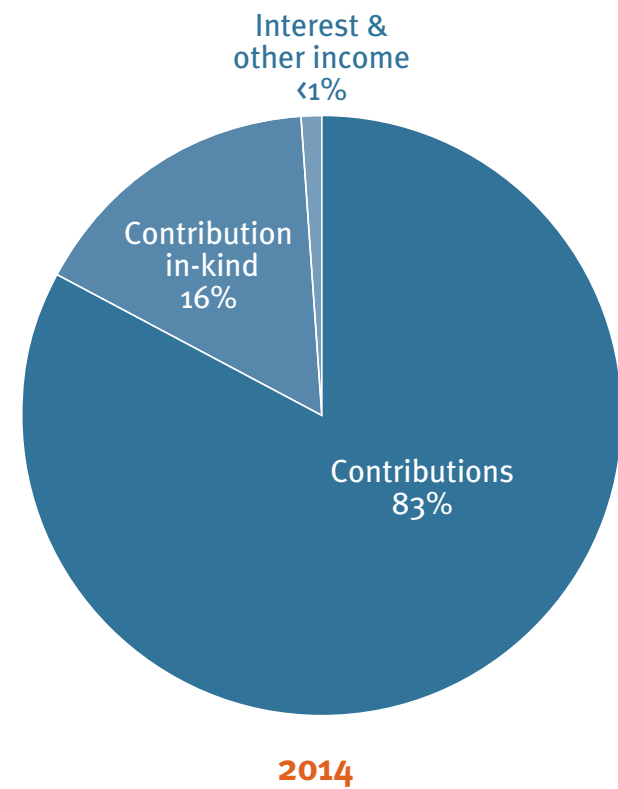
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Fiscal year: April 1 - March 31

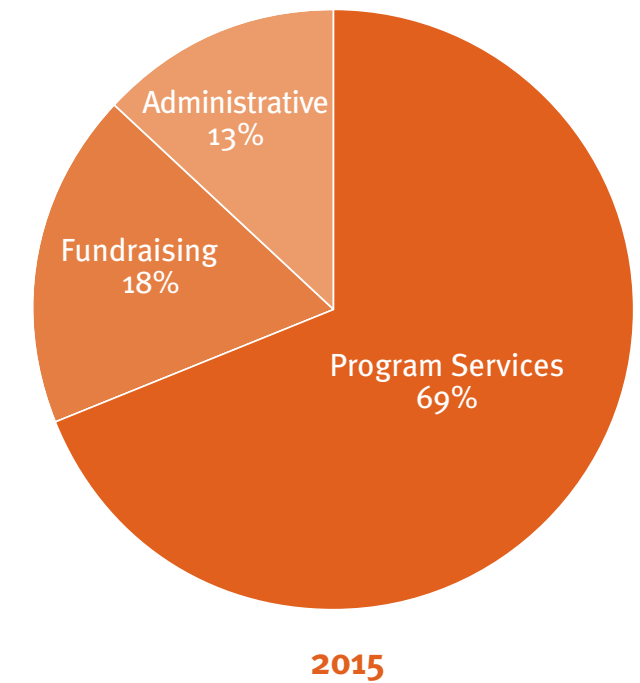
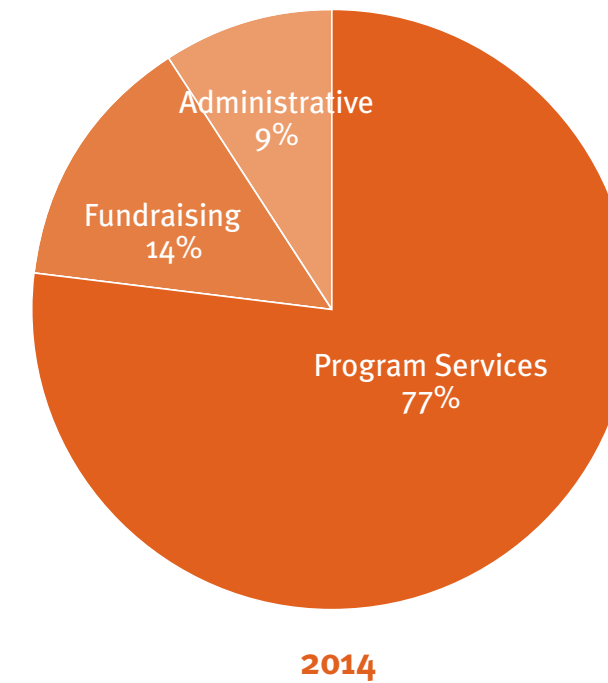
Income	2014		2015	
Contributions	\$493,157	83%	\$533,197	70%
Program Service Revenue	\$0	0%	\$102,075	13%
Special Event	\$1,608	0%	\$27,086	4%
Contribution in-kind	\$96,578	16%	\$94,940	13%
Interest & other income	\$438	<1%	\$148	<1%
Total Income	\$591,781		\$757,446	
Net assets, beginning of year	\$212,098		\$203,586	
Net assets, end of year	\$203,586		\$224,270	



Financials

Fiscal year: April 1 - March 31

Expenses	2014		2015	
Program Services	\$462,488	77%	\$507,922	69%
Fundraising	\$82,803	14%	\$132,333	18%
Administrative	\$55,002	9%	\$96,507	13%
Total Expenses	\$600,293	100%	\$736,762	100%



*Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



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