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U.S. Office Awards Regional Family Planning Program for Innovative Approach

(Cleveland, OH) On April 28, 2010, The Center for Community Solutions and Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio received an award at the U.S. Office of Population Affairs Integration of HIV/AIDS Prevention Project Conference for an innovative approach to integrating routine HIV testing into Title X family planning clinics in Painesville and Ashtabula.

In 1970, federal legislation created a national family planning program funded by Title X of the Public Health Services Act. Since then, Title X has been the primary source of funding for subsidized family planning services in the United States. Community Solutions has been the administrator of Title X Title X funds in Northeast Ohio since 1976. Funds are distributed to health care providers in five counties who provide comprehensive family planning services to patients—both male and female.

In 2009, the Northeast Ohio Family Planning Program served over 22,000 patients—80 percent of whom live below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level—and initiated three outreach projects to reach 800 underserved individuals in Cuyahoga County. The program also completed a comprehensive family planning needs assessment for the five-county region, including demographic, health, and insurance indicators.

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