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Representatives from five local organizations opposed to new federal sexual education restrictions show their solidarity against the move outside the offices of Planned Parenthood on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard. The group includes officials from Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette, the Latino Network, Self Enhancement Inc., the Native Youth and Family Center, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland.

Advocates fight new rule and brace for cuts

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Young people in communities of color in the Portland metro area will suffer more unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases if the Trump Administration is successful in a new policy requiring abstinence as the only option for discussion in birth control and STD prevention programs receiving federal Title X grants.

Several organizations in Multnomah County that work with minority communities on family planning and preventative sexual health services, including Planned Parenthood, the Latino Network, and Self Enhancement, Inc., are bracing for the impacts, while challenging the decision.

Scientific studies and past results show that

Sex Ed on the Line

unplanned pregnancies among teens will go up as well as STDs if the new federal rules for the grants are upheld, preventing service providers from discussing the full range of sexual health options available, including birth control and legal access to abortion.

Lisa Saunders, manager of strategic developments at Self Enhancement, Inc., serving Portland's black community, said her organization has received \$90,000 per year from county Title X grants for the past three years, and a portion was used to hire Marlo Williams to conduct summer age-appropriate sex education programs for both children and their parents. If SEI's funding is cut, Williams will lose her job and science-based sex education from the organization will cease.

"During the summer Marlo taught 140 kids in six weeks, giving them a wide range of information, and also had classes for parents," Saunders said. "She has given them the platform and the tools they need to navigate that conversation and

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