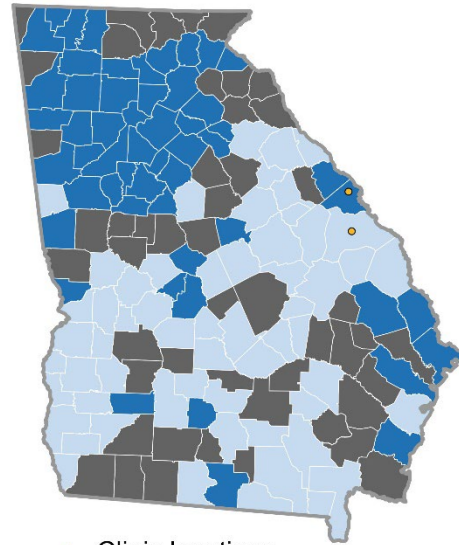


Neighborhood Improvement Project, Inc.

The Neighborhood Improvement Project, dba Medical Associates Plus (MAP), has delivered Title X services through two federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in Augusta and Waynesboro, Georgia, since 1997. Initially a subrecipient, MAP became a direct Title X grantee in 2018. In this capacity, the organization serves about 1,500 clients per year.¹

Stats at a Glance²

- ▶ Number of family planning (FP) encounters – 1,584
- ▶ FP users with incomes below 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) – 835 (89%); all FP users with incomes below 250% of FPL – 927 (99%)
- ▶ Number of tests performed for gonorrhea – 302, syphilis – 81, and HIV – 120
- ▶ Number of female users who received a chlamydia test – 224 or a Pap test – 270



• Clinic locations

Pop. per sq. mi. Less than 40
 40 - 109
 110 or more

Overview of Services Offered

As a Title X recipient, MAP provides a broad range of FP services including pregnancy prevention and birth spacing, pregnancy testing and counseling, assistance to achieve pregnancy, basic infertility services, sexually transmitted infection (STI) services, and other preconception health services. The services are voluntary, confidential, and provided regardless of ability to pay.³ The infographic below is an Overview of Services Offered within the MAP network. The data shown below are not specific to any particular site but rather are representative of the broader grantee network. For information on services available at individual service sites, please refer to the [OPA clinic locator](#).



Pregnancy assistance and counseling

- Counseling on achieving pregnancy
- Preconception health services
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- Basic infertility services



Contraceptive services

- FDA approved long-acting contraceptives
- FDA approved short-acting contraceptives
- Natural family planning methods



STI services

- STI and HIV education and counseling
- STI and HIV screening and testing
- STI and HIV treatment
- STI self-testing
- Expedited partner therapy
- PrEP counseling and risk assessment
- PrEP prescription services
- PEP counseling
- PEP prescription services



Other preventative health services

- Screening for breast cancer
- Screening for cervical cancer
- HPV vaccinations
- Screening for intimate partner violence
- Screening for mental health
- Screening for obesity
- Screening for smoking, drug, and alcohol use
- Adolescent-friendly health services

LEGEND

- Available at all service sites
- ◐ Available at service sites and through referrals
- Available through referral only

¹ Source: Data collected by Mathematica in 2023 for the Title X Implementation Study.

² Source: Family Planning Annual Report (FPAR): [2022 National Summary](#).

³ See the [Title X Service Grants web page](#) for more information on the requirements and regulations guiding Title X projects.

Equity in Practice



Several MAP activities help clients access care at its clinics. For example, because transportation is difficult in MAP's service area, MAP partners with the local transit authority to offer discounted bus passes in the urban center of Augusta. This helps reduce transportation barriers to increase equitable access to care, and has proved to be a successful way to reach adult clients. MAP also has two mobile care units to serve rural areas, schools, and other hard-to-reach areas in the community. To make services more accessible to youth, MAP has modified the hours at service sites to provide care at times that are convenient for youth. Map offers a teen clinic in the evening, increasing access for students who attend school during the day and may not have access to a car.

Innovations in Practice



MAP has worked to engage men in the communities it serves. One example is the annual Men Matter Too event. In partnership with vendors and other community organizations, MAP reaches out to men about their health and healthy relationships. To promote the event, MAP creates banners, billboards, and commercials geared toward men. Male leaders in the community speak on panels and show support for the services MAP provides. By engaging men in the clinic and the community, MAP is empowering all people to be in control of their reproductive health.

Did You Know?



MAP serves several communities designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas. To help people reach services despite these shortages, MAP builds partnerships with community agencies and providers to increase awareness of available Title X services. MAP and its partners spread the word about Title X services at community events, festivals, food banks, and online via the grantee's organizational website and Facebook page. To ensure clients have access to a broad range of services in the community, MAP partners with groups like Unite Us, a network of partners that includes health care, government, nonprofits; and Resourced Augusta, a collection of community resources for Columbia and Richmond County. Connections within these groups enable MAP to offer clients information about and referrals to health and social services in the community.



MAP partners with the Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. (APC) to reach young people with services and education. MAP provides access to comprehensive health care and Title X services, and APC offers the Love Notes curriculum, which focuses on healthy relationships, reproductive well-being, and unplanned pregnancy. By partnering to share aligned programs, MAP and APC have been able to provide services to young people in a culturally responsive way.



MAP's partnership with APC has enabled the grantee to work directly with youth to make services at the MAP teen clinic more youth-friendly. APC convenes a youth leadership team, which empowers young people ages 13–19 to educate their peers, families, and communities about how to make health decisions. In 2020, MAP created an education video with APC and the team to help adolescents and young adults navigate a visit to the teen clinic. The video provided information on accessing testing services through peer-to-peer education.

About the Title X Program

The Title X Family Planning Program, created in 1970 and authorized under Title X of the Public Health Service Act, is administered by the Office of Population Affairs (OPA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For more information, please refer to OPA's [website](#).

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