



Family PACT Program Evaluation: Cost-Benefit Analysis for Calendar Year (CY) 2002

Since its implementation in 1997, California's Family PACT Program has had a significant effect on the lives and well-being of low-income individuals by preventing unintended pregnancy and preserving reproductive health. As part of a larger evaluation of the program, this study compared the cost of providing publicly-funded family planning services through the Family PACT Program in 2002 to the public sector expenditures which would have occurred in the program's absence as a result of unintended pregnancy. The results estimate local, state, and federal government savings from the investment in Family PACT services.

Pregnancies Averted by Family PACT

- Through the provision of contraceptive methods to nearly a million (926,218) women and 113,042 men in 2002, **the Family PACT Program averted an estimated 213,200 unintended pregnancies in California**, including 204,950 pregnancies to female clients and 8,250 to male clients.
- The 204,950 pregnancies averted to female clients would have led to approximately 93,970 live births, 78,620 abortions, 2,050 ectopic pregnancies, and 30,310 miscarriages.

Public Sector Cost-Savings

- The prevention of an unintended pregnancy results in significant cost-savings to the federal, state, and local governments. Low-income pregnant women can qualify for several public programs which provide free or low-cost medical services before and after a delivery, as well as income support and social services for themselves and their children.
- Each pregnancy averted by Family PACT saved the public sector approximately \$5,431 in medical, welfare and other social service costs for a woman and child from conception up to two years after birth and saved \$10,508 up to 5 years after birth.
- **The total public sector cost-savings of the pregnancies averted by Family PACT in CY 2002 was over \$1.1 billion up to two years after birth, and \$2.2 billion five years after birth.**
- Although adolescents account for approximately 21% of the total pregnancies averted by Family PACT, averting adolescent pregnancies accounts for over 30% of the cost-savings.
- The share of public sector cost-savings up to age 2 was 62% federal, 37% state, and 1% local. To age 5, the share of savings was 65% federal, 34% state, and 1% local.
- The Family PACT Program's total service expenditures were \$403.8 million in 2002. By reducing public health and welfare expenditures resulting from unintended pregnancies, **every dollar spent on Family PACT saved the public sector \$2.76 up to two years after birth and \$5.33 five years after birth.**
- Through the provision of effective methods of contraception to low-income individuals who have limited access to these services elsewhere, the Family PACT Program has reduced the number of unintended pregnancies in California resulting in substantial financial savings to local, state, and federal governments.