

Oklahoma Pregnancy Facts:

- Oklahoma ranks in the top five in the US on teen birth rates.
- Oklahoma consistently has a high preterm birth rate.
- The Oklahoma Health Care Authority annually pays for 60% of the state's deliveries.

Oklahoma Strategies:

- In the fall of 2015 discussions began with private philanthropic groups about implementing a program addressing unintended pregnancies in Oklahoma.
- Private funding was secured for two dedicated staff members for a two year program (LARC Program).
- Efforts will focus on aligning statewide strategies with all payers; state-county and local health departments; tribal clinics; FQHCs and community agencies in the promotion of LARC usage as the most effective and cost-efficient form of contraception as well as disseminating information to members and providers about coverage benefits.

On the horizon:

The future in Oklahoma is promising as ongoing discussion continues with the private foundations about a concurrent but separate program to educate providers, health department personnel, FQHCs, etc. on LARCs (counseling, implementation, reimbursement, etc.) during the immediate postpartum period and after discharge in the outpatient setting.