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SHARING OUR EXPERTISE //

*“As we fight to protect contraceptive access, we must ensure that our narrative becomes more inclusive, more just, and more aligned with the experiences and values of women themselves.”*

**DR. CHRISTINE DEHLENDORF** argued for the family planning community to rethink how they measure success in *Rewire*

## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

# The Bixby Center is dedicated to having **real-world impact.**

**We're influencing the research landscape**—a landmark report demonstrating the safety of abortion in the US from the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine cited 69 of our publications.

**We're training the next generation of providers**, from San Francisco to Bihar, India.

**And we're sharing our research with policymakers**, from Sacramento to Buenos Aires.

As we step into an uncertain future for access to reproductive health care, the Bixby Center will continue to be a leading voice providing rigorous evidence to support reproductive autonomy and compassionate, patient-centered care.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this incredible community as we tackle the challenges ahead, and grateful for your support.

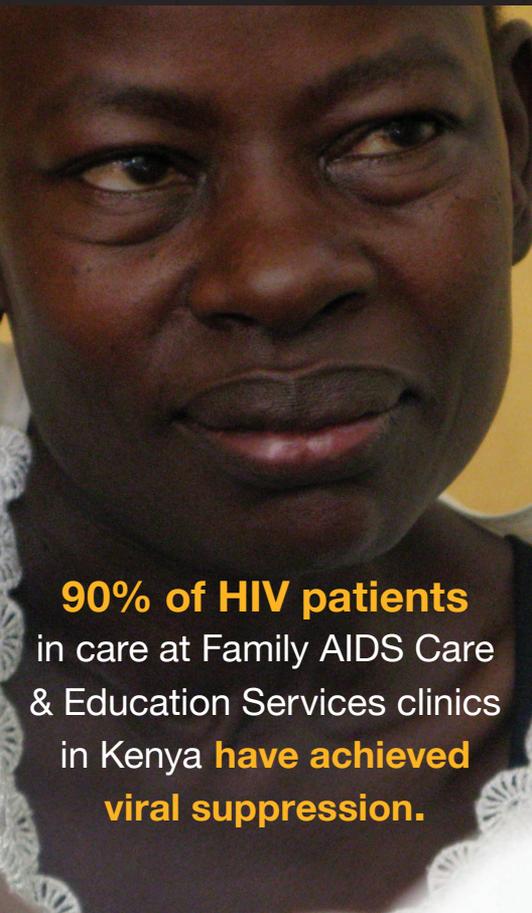


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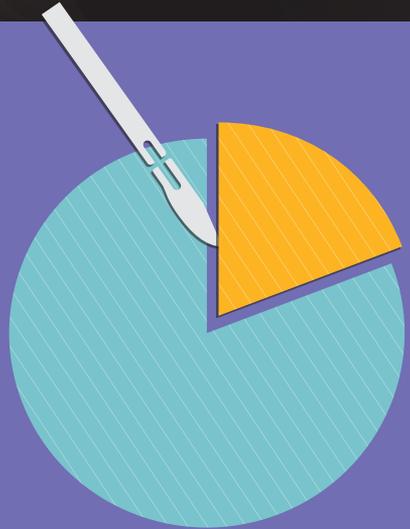
## COMPASSIONATE CLINICAL CARE



**797 patient visits** since New Generation Health Center opened at their new location to provide patient-centered reproductive health care to San Francisco youth.



**90% of HIV patients** in care at Family AIDS Care & Education Services clinics in Kenya **have achieved viral suppression.**



We had a **c-section rate of 19.6%** of births at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, **compared to the national rate of 32%.**

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING



**7,162**

**health care providers** trained to date to offer full-spectrum family planning care, including abortion.

- ▶ **64% of ob/gyn residency programs in the US** provide routine abortion training, up from 51% in 2004.
- ▶ **14 trainings provided for 469 health care administrators and clinicians** across the US to address HIV-related stigma, homophobia and transphobia, social determinants of health, and unconscious bias within their systems of care.
- ▶ **775 nurse-midwife mentors** trained to improve maternal and neonatal health in India.
- ▶ **70 health care providers in Kenya and India** trained to offer patient-centered birth, family planning, and abortion care.

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*“Transgender women are women. It is time that our research, health-care provision, and discourse clearly and consistently reflect this.”*

# CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH

Our 5-year **Turnaway Study** is the most authoritative source on the impact of abortion on women and their families. This year we published results showing:

- ▶ Being denied a wanted abortion resulted in **4x higher odds** that a woman's household income was below the Federal Poverty Level.
- ▶ Having an abortion did not lead to mental health problems, increased alcohol, tobacco or drug use, or to suicidal thoughts.

## Among 50,000 abortions,

we found **no difference in abortion-related complications** between abortions provided in ambulatory surgical centers and office-based settings.

**27 US cities are abortion deserts** where people have to travel more than 100 miles each way to reach an abortion facility.





The first study to comprehensively explore birth support in Kenya showed that **65% of women** would want a companion with them during labor for a future baby.



**81% of women** wanted to know ahead of time that Catholic hospitals restrict access to certain reproductive health care.



Black women who lived in the least privileged zip codes of California had **higher than a 25% chance** of having a preterm birth compared with those who lived in the most privileged zip codes.



**Four questions** comprise the first tool to assess the quality of contraceptive counseling from a patient's perspective.

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*"This Court concludes, at this stage of litigation, the State*

*has not met its burden showing a compelling state interest*

*in restricting Montana women's fundamental right to privacy."*

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MIKE MENAHAN**, citing our research in an order to block a state law that would have prohibited nurses from providing abortion care

## ABOUT THE BIXBY CENTER

The **UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health** believes that all people have the right to dignity in their sexual and reproductive lives. Every day, we work to ensure that all people have access to birth control, abortion, sex education, pregnancy and birth care, and HIV/STI treatment – regardless of their age, ethnicity, income, or where they live. Your contributions make it possible for us to achieve these goals through offering compassionate clinical care, training health care professionals, conducting cutting edge research, and sharing our expertise in the public debate.

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