

Press Release: 19 Top National Women’s Reproductive Health, Rights, & Justice Nonprofits Identified by 192 Experts

*Reproductive freedom should not be seen as a privilege or as a benefit, but a fundamental human right.-
Faye Wattleton*

For years, various reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations have been working to ensure that women have the right to be in control of their physical, mental, and social well-being (as defined by the United Nations). Many supporters of this cause believe that women have a right to safe methods of family planning. They believe that reproductive health is an element of one’s general health, which is a fundamental human right for all. However, it is important to note that reproductive health has always been a controversial topic in the US.

Many Americans support nonprofits working in the *health* field. In fact, in 2009, Americans gave \$22.46 billion to the cause in general, representing 7% of the total annual giving (total is about \$300 billion). (From Giving USA 2010 report.)

We felt women’s health is an important sub-sector within the broader health field and wanted to learn more about which nonprofits were doing the most and best work to address women’s reproductive health, rights, and justice at the national level.

Therefore, **Philanthropedia surveyed 192 national women’s reproductive health, rights, and justice experts** (with an average of 18 years of work experience in the field) to identify those organizations that were making the biggest impact in the field.

Philanthropedia’s experts (funders, researchers, nonprofit senior staff, government officials, etc.) **identified 19 top women’s reproductive health, rights, and justice nonprofits (out of 192 total reviewed nonprofits)** working at the national level. We asked experts to recommend nonprofits that are service providers and provide clinical care (focused on prevention, cancer screenings, contraception, abortion, etc.), as well as advocacy and policy organizations. The nonprofits could focus on sexual health with a particular look at LGBTQ health concerns. Around reproductive rights, the nonprofits might include research, advocacy, litigation, and policy groups. And around reproductive justice, the nonprofits might include empowering the formerly powerless or individuals without a majority voice in this sector, such as younger women, women of color, and so on.

The following is the list of the top-recommended high-impact nonprofits working on women’s reproductive health, rights, and justice at the national level. “Agree” is the number of experts who agree that the nonprofit has had the most impact in the field. “Disagree” is the number of experts who disagree that the nonprofit has had the most impact in the field.

19 Top High-Impact Nonprofits	# of Experts who Agree	# of Experts who Disagree	Year Founded	Location
Guttmacher Institute	132	0	1968	Washington, DC
Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)	124	5	1916	New York, NY
Center for Reproductive Rights	106	4	1992	New York, NY
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	106	9	1920	New York, NY
National Abortion Federation (NAF)	79	7	1977	Washington, DC
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health	78	11	1994	New York, NY
Reproductive Health Technologies Project (PHTP)	71	8	1992	Washington, DC
Advocates for Youth	71	12	1980	Washington, DC
UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health	64	7	1999	San Francisco, CA
Sister Song	58	14	1997	Atlanta, GA
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP)	55	12	1963	Washington, DC
National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF)	56	14	1993	Boston, MA
Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health (PRCH)	57	16	1992	New York, NY
Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice (ACRJ)	47	10	1999	Oakland, CA
National Advocates for Pregnant Women	51	16	2001	New York, NY
Abortion Access Project	50	6	1992	Cambridge, MA
NARAL Pro-Choice America	65	32	1969	Washington, DC
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)	43	10	1996	Brooklyn, NY
Choice USA	48	19	1992	Washington, DC

We invite you to visit the profiles of each of these top organizations on our website to read the expert reviews here: <http://www.myphilanthropedia.org/top-nonprofits/national/reproductive-health-rights-justice>. Experts commented on the impact each nonprofit has had, what the nonprofit's other organizational strengths are, and how each organization could further improve.

We also invite your feedback. Please tell us what you think and what experiences you've had with these great organizations! We can be reached at feedback@myphilanthropedia.org.

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