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3 Community College Student Health Centers

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5 **Abstract**

6 **Objective:** Community college students engage in more risky sexual behavior compared to their
7 four-year counterparts, yet have access to fewer reproductive health services. The study's
8 purpose was to examine whether California Community College student health centers'
9 participation in Family PACT, a state publicly-funded family planning program, increased
10 reproductive health services to community colleges students. **Participants:** California
11 community college student health centers. **Methods:** Bivariate analyses of student health centers
12 with and without Family PACT participation and qualitative analysis of five participating
13 campuses. **Results:** Among the 60 colleges in the study, 25 student health centers participated in
14 the Family PACT program. Family PACT campuses reported greater provision of sexual and
15 reproductive health services and higher levels of staffing and revenue. **Conclusions:** Key
16 benefits of Family PACT participation among community colleges include expansion of sexual
17 and reproductive health services to an underserved population and increased student health
18 centers' financial sustainability.

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28 INTRODUCTION

29 Young adults must have access to a wide range of sexual and reproductive health services
30 to be in full control of their reproductive lives and optimize health. A strong body of literature
31 demonstrates the social and economic benefits of access to reliable contraceptives, such as the
32 ability to follow through with educational goals.¹ Nationally, preventive care benefits, including
33 contraception and sexually transmitted infection (STI) screening, are part of the ten essential
34 health benefits that all health plans are required to offer under the Affordable Care Act.²
35 Increasing the proportion of sexually active individuals, aged 15 to 44 years old, who receive
36 reproductive health services, is also a Healthy People 2020 objective.³

37 Most college students are experiencing what Arnett termed “emerging adulthood,” a
38 developmental period from ages 18-25, during which young people undergo an exploration and
39 formation of identity, friendships, relationships, and career choices.⁴ Research has shown this
40 period to be a time when young adults explore intimacy and sexual experiences.⁵ By age 25,
41 93% of young people in the United States have had sexual intercourse.⁶ Young people aged 15-
42 24 account for half of the 20 million new sexually transmitted infection cases in the U.S.
43 annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control.⁷ The emerging adulthood period is
44 therefore an opportune time for comprehensive sexual and reproductive health service provision.

45 **Reproductive and Sexual Health Status of Community College Students**

46 While there is an abundance of literature that explores sexual health attitudes, knowledge,
47 and behaviors of college students, most of the research focuses on four-year college students.
48 Community college students are underserved and understudied in research on student health,
49 with a number of studies imploring that the direction of future research be focused on healthcare
50 availability and accessibility to this population.⁸

51 A limited number of studies that do center on community college students have indicated
52 that this population engages in more risky sexual behavior compared to their four-year
53 counterparts, yet, has access to fewer sexual health resources.^{7,9,10} A consortium of ten
54 California Community Colleges that participated in the 2016 National College Health
55 Assessment revealed that only 46.1% of students reported using any method of contraception (by
56 them or their partners) the last time they had vaginal intercourse, and 17.6% of sexually active
57 students reported using emergency contraception within the last 12 months.¹¹ A 2018 analysis
58 on the state of sexual health services at U.S. colleges and universities found that, for community
59 colleges with student health centers, 77.9% offered STI screening, while 46.6% offered
60 contraceptive services, but noted that they may also require additional support for providing
61 sexual health care, particularly from local agencies.¹²

62 Community colleges need to expand the provision of more comprehensive reproductive
63 and sexual health services, which may support academic success. The Institute for Women's
64 Policy Research, a leading think tank on public policy analysis, issued a briefing paper in 2020
65 laying out the evidence between reproductive access and educational outcomes, including the
66 recommendation that college campuses and states partner to increase the range of affordable and
67 reliable birth control options available to students on campus.¹³ Studies have shown that
68 community college students are motivated to seek higher education and are interested in
69 preventing pregnancies, yet, have limited awareness of pregnancy risk and prevention methods
70 such as effective contraception.¹⁴ A 2013 study examining who should assume responsibility for
71 two and four-year college students' sexual health revealed that student participants believed it is
72 the college's responsibility to provide resources, but the responsibility of students to access such
73 resources.¹⁵ The provision of reproductive health care is considered central to a college health

74 program, as outlined in the American College Health Association’s Framework for a
75 Comprehensive College Health Program.¹⁶

76 **California Family PACT Program**

77 California’s Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment) is the state’s
78 innovative approach to providing comprehensive family planning services to low income
79 individuals, defined as under 200% federal poverty level.¹⁷ The program serves 1.1 million
80 residents of childbearing age through its network of more than 2,220 public and private
81 providers. Although the intention of the Family PACT program is to provide family planning
82 needs to individuals who have no other source of regular health care, there are a number of
83 conditions that make students eligible, such as low income and the need for confidentiality. One
84 systematic review reaffirmed the idea that young adults may be more open to seeking and
85 receiving family planning services when confidentiality is preserved.¹⁸

86 Family PACT is a programmatically strategic and financially smart program for college
87 health centers to enroll in for two primary reasons: Program enrollment will expand the range of
88 sexual and reproductive health services to its student population, and participation will generate
89 revenue through this reimbursement mechanism to support financial sustainability efforts of
90 student health centers that already operate on a limited budget. In fiscal year 2015, the average
91 statewide reimbursement per Family PACT client was \$292, an amount when applied to a large
92 cohort of students who are likely to access reproductive health services on campus, could yield
93 significant supplemental income to colleges.

94 **Community Colleges Operate on a Limited Budget for their Health Services**

95 California Education Code 76355 authorizes the governing boards of each community
96 college district to charge a health fee to support health supervision and services; the current

97 maximum allowable amount is set at \$21 per term.¹⁹ Nineteen dollars, per semester, was the
98 average health fee charged in the 2018-19 academic year, yielding an average annual health fee
99 of \$38 per year, according to the latest survey of community college health programs in the state.
100 Thirty-eight dollars per year is a fraction of the health fee at the two state public university
101 systems: \$273 is the California State University system average annual fee, and \$2633 is the
102 average annual fee across the University of California system. Community college health
103 centers are in need of expanded revenue sources if they are to carry out a student health program
104 that “must be sufficiently broad to meet health care needs of the general student body,” as
105 outlined in the appropriate use of the health supervision and services fee regulations.¹⁹
106 Community college health centers are therefore ideal entities to participate in the state-funded
107 family planning program.

108 **About the California Community College System**

109 The California Community College (CCC) is the largest system of higher education in
110 the nation, serving approximately 2.1 million students across its 114 campuses plus one online
111 college. Approximately one in every four community college students in the nation attend a
112 CCC campus. The CCC system prides itself as being at the forefront of supporting social and
113 economic mobility. The CCC system serves a student population of high need: more than 40%
114 are the first generation in their families to attend college, while over half are economically
115 disadvantaged.²⁰ Of the 115 campuses in the CCC system, 92 colleges, or 80%, have student
116 health centers. This system of health care services, serving more than 1.6 million students, is in
117 a unique position to promote healthy behaviors and encourage the uptake of preventative health
118 care, such as sexual and reproductive health services.

119 **Purpose of the Study**

120 The purpose of the study is three-fold: [1] to examine student health centers in the
121 California Community College system that participate in the state publicly-funded family
122 planning program and compare school characteristics with nonparticipating campuses; [2] to
123 examine reproductive health services characteristics and capacity between participating and non-
124 participating campuses; [3] to understand the experiences of student health centers with a Family
125 PACT program through a selection of case studies.

126 **METHODS**

127 **Data Sources**

128 This study used survey data from community colleges and qualitative data from selected
129 colleges with Family PACT programs. Survey data were collected by the Health Services
130 Association of California Community Colleges (HSACCC) with the intention of gathering
131 annual benchmark data of community college student health centers. Since 2008, HSACCC has
132 invited all member campuses with a student health center to complete an on-line survey annually
133 to capture the prior academic year's student health services, staffing, policy compliance, revenue
134 and funding, and service outcomes. Permission for using the data to conduct the research was
135 granted by HSACCC. Consent from health center directors was implied by their participation in
136 the survey. We pooled two years of HSACCC data from 2016-17 (n=51; response rate=55%) and
137 2018-19 (n=39; response rate=42%) surveys, using data from the most recent year if schools had
138 both years of data. The analytic sample included 60 schools representing 65% of all community
139 college student health centers. HSACCC data were merged with school-level and community-
140 level characteristics. School characteristics are derived from California Community Colleges
141 Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Management Information Systems Data Mart and the National
142 Center for Education Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).^{21,22}

143 All community colleges submit data on school and student characteristics to CCCCCO Data Mart
144 and IPEDS. We merged each community college's school characteristics for the corresponding
145 academic year. Community characteristics are from the American Community Survey (ACS)
146 linked to the city in which the community college is located and matched to the corresponding
147 year.²³ This study received approval from Public Health Institute's Institutional Review Board
148 (#I20-018).

149 **Quantitative Data Measures**

150 Dependent variable: The key outcome measure is a community college student health
151 center's enrollment in a Family PACT program reported from the HSACCC survey. Responses
152 included *not enrolled*, *Family PACT offered by outside agency*, *Family PACT offered onsite with*
153 *contracted billing provider*, and *Family PACT offered onsite with own billing*. The option
154 *Family PACT offered by outside agency* denotes services rendered on campus. We dichotomized
155 the measure into being enrolled in Family PACT (the latter three options) or not enrolled.

156 Independent variables: To describe characteristics and capacity of the student health
157 center from the HSACCC survey, we included average number of full-time staffing, total
158 number of students served, revenue and total budget, and types and total number of reproductive
159 health services offered at the student health center. To account for school differences, we
160 examined community college characteristics from Data Mart and IPEDS including total
161 enrollment, student demographics (i.e., age, gender, race/ethnicity), and educational outcomes
162 (i.e., retention/success rate, transfer and graduation rate).^{21,22} Finally, we incorporated
163 community-level characteristics from the ACS to examine potential differences by geography
164 (rural-town, suburb, or urban), community socio-demographics (i.e., population density as

165 number of people per square mile, percentages of youth ages 18-24, minority composition,
166 median household income, percent poverty, and percent with a college degree).²³

167 **Quantitative Data Analysis**

168 Using Stata v.16,²⁴ we conducted bivariate analyses to examine the dependent variable of
169 student health centers with and without a Family PACT program. First, we analyzed whether
170 there were school-level or community-level differences. Then we examined whether student
171 health centers with a Family PACT program were more likely to offer more reproductive health
172 services and had greater capacity as measured via staffing, revenue/budget and number of
173 students served. As a binary outcome, we used Pearson’s chi-square tests for categorical
174 independent variables and t-tests for continuous independent variables to test for statistical
175 differences.

176 In sensitivity analyses using logistic regression models to predict having a Family PACT
177 program, we included survey year to each of the bivariate models to account for potential
178 differences in completing the HSACCC survey in 2016-17 versus 2018-19. No significant
179 differences were found and we present the bivariate percentages and means for easier
180 interpretation. Given the low response rates of HSACCC survey and the potential sample biases
181 of colleges who did not participate in HSACCC survey, we compared colleges who completed
182 the survey with colleges who did not complete the survey by their school-level and community-
183 level characteristics.

184 **Qualitative Data**

185 We supplemented the quantitative findings with qualitative data to better understand the
186 experiences of student health centers with a Family PACT program. We utilized a case study
187 approach made up of semi-structured oral interviews with five student health center directors.

188 Schools were purposively selected by type of Family PACT program (with contracted outside
189 agency or internally) and region in California (Northern vs. Southern) based on HSACCC survey
190 data and membership contacts. Directors from the student health center of the selected schools
191 were invited to participate in one-on-one telephone interviews. The authors drafted an interview
192 protocol that included questions about history and decision-making to enroll in the Family PACT
193 program, experiences related to program implementation and evaluation, and benefits, challenges
194 and key recommendations from having a Family PACT program. The team followed a semi-
195 structured interview protocol, and took detailed notes. The first author completed three
196 interviews, and second and fourth authors each completed one interview, for a total of five
197 interview case studies. Each interview lasted approximately one hour. After reviewing all five
198 interview notes, the first and second authors met to discuss and identified key themes based on
199 (1) factors in decision-making process, (2) benefits and challenges from program
200 implementation, and (3) recommendations. Thematic analysis was used to examine how the five
201 schools were similar and different based on these themes.²⁵ A cross-case comparison joint
202 display is used to compare and contrast the school-level quantitative data with qualitative
203 interview data across the five studies.²⁶ This joint display allowed for a more comprehensive
204 analysis to gain a better understanding of Family PACT programs in the case studies.

205 **RESULTS**

206 **Demographic Characteristics of CCC Student Health Centers**

207 Among the 115 California community colleges, a total of 92 schools have a student
208 health center. Given the varying response rates to HSACCC survey, demographic characteristics
209 of schools in the sample (n=60) versus those not in the sample (n=32) are shown in Table 1. The
210 two groups were similar in terms of population size, gender composition, academic quality, and

211 community characteristics such as population density and rural versus urban setting. Academic
212 quality indicators included retention and success rates for degree-applicable courses (86.4 and
213 71.4%, respectively), as well as the graduation rate (29.6%) and transfer rate (10.8%). Retention
214 rate signifies the rate at which students completed courses and did not withdraw from them,
215 while the success rate refers to the rate at which students completed the course with an A, B, C
216 or Pass grade.²⁷

217 Between schools in the sample and those not in the sample, slight differences were noted
218 with regard to race/ethnicity, with schools in the sample having a smaller percentage of Black
219 students (5.1% vs. 8.0%) and higher percentage of white students (29.8% vs. 22.2%). Schools in
220 the sample had a slightly greater percentage of students under age 25 (61.4% vs. 57.7%) while
221 both groups had a comparable percentage of reproductive-aged students, with 93.1% of students
222 being under the age of 50.²⁷ Finally, schools in the sample charged on average a higher student
223 health fee (\$19.38 vs. \$17.00).

224 **Comparison of Schools with and without Family PACT Participation**

225 For the 60 schools with HSACCC data, Table 2 illustrates demographic characteristics of
226 the 25 schools that participated in the Family PACT program versus the 35 schools that did not
227 participate in Family PACT as of 2019. Of note, Family PACT participation encompassed all
228 schools who provided Family PACT services on site, regardless of whether the services were
229 provided by an outside agency (n=5; 20.0%) or whether billing was contracted externally (n=17;
230 68.0%) or billing conducted internally (n=3; 12.0%). The two groups had no statistically
231 significant differences with regard to student population size, racial/ethnic composition,
232 academic quality, and community characteristics. Schools that participated in Family PACT had
233 a marginally lower percentage of female students than non-participating schools (53.4% vs.

234 55.6%) as well as a slightly lower percentage of reproductive-aged students; for schools
235 participating in Family PACT, 58.9% and 91.3% of students were under age 25 and 50,
236 respectively, versus 63.3% and 94.4% for non-Family PACT schools.

237 **Comparison of Student Health Centers with and without Family PACT Participation**

238 Table 3 compares characteristics of the 25 California Community College student health
239 centers with Family PACT participation to the 35 programs that do not offer Family PACT
240 services. There was no significant difference between the two groups in the number of students
241 who receive health care services. Student health centers enrolled in Family PACT had on
242 average a greater number of permanent staff (4.83 vs. 2.60). Schools participating in Family
243 PACT also had a higher average revenue from student health fees (\$617,627 vs. \$547,309).
244 Schools with Family PACT also reported additional revenue from Family PACT reimbursement
245 averaging \$16,648, compared to \$0 for schools without Family PACT participation.

246 A higher percentage of health centers offering Family PACT offered emergency
247 contraception (96% vs. 56.3%) as well as hormonal birth control methods (100% vs. 62.5%)
248 compared to programs not enrolled in Family PACT. Compared to programs without Family
249 PACT, a greater percentage of Family PACT-enrolled programs offered STI testing (100% vs.
250 59.4%), HIV testing (87.5% vs. 62.5%) and long-acting reversible contraception (52.2% vs.
251 22.6%). There was no difference between schools with and without Family PACT in the
252 provision of condoms or pregnancy testing.

253 To delve further into Family PACT participation not reported in the HSACCC survey,
254 Table 4 highlights themes from key informant interviews at select community college campuses.
255 The five campuses, all of which were participating in Family PACT at the time of the interviews,
256 were selected to provide a snapshot of varying geographic locations and community settings

257 within California. Once a college enrolls in Family PACT, the institution has the ability to be
258 reimbursed for services rendered for every year thereafter. The year in which a campus first
259 enrolled in Family PACT varied over a 9-year span from 2008-2015, and all campuses cited
260 good administrative support for Family PACT enrollment. All campuses described revenue
261 generation as a key motivating factor for Family PACT enrollment and generated between \$5000
262 and \$60,000 in the preceding year through Family PACT. All selected campuses reported the
263 presence of nearby community-based family planning services but cited the ability to provide
264 reproductive health services to students on campus as a benefit of Family PACT participation.
265 Challenges of Family PACT participation included staffing and billing concerns, normalizing
266 provision of sexual health services on campus, challenges in up-front cost and provision of long-
267 acting reversible contraception (LARC), and difficulties publicizing the services to students.
268 Outreach strategies included signage, social media, classroom presentations, and partnerships
269 with student government or student-led publications. When discussing recommendations for
270 future campuses looking to participate in Family PACT, the participating campuses
271 recommended use of a third-party biller to decrease administrative burden and highlighted the
272 mutual success of Family PACT for both students and the campus as a whole.

273 **DISCUSSION**

274 Our findings show that schools participating in Family PACT are more likely to offer
275 sexual and reproductive health services to community college students. This supports the
276 necessity for other college health centers to participate in Family PACT to better meet students'
277 needs and maximize revenue generation. College health centers have an obligation to provide
278 the standard of care. The American College Health Association outlines best practices for sexual
279 health promotion and clinical care, which include being proactive about addressing sexual health

280 with patients by taking a routine sexual history that is inclusive and comprehensive, providing
281 treatment and making referrals as appropriate.²⁸

282 School and community characteristics did not appear to be key factors in Family PACT
283 program enrollment. There were no school- and community-level characteristic differences; yet,
284 we do not know why some campuses enroll in Family PACT and some do not. Information
285 gathered in the case studies suggests that strong, universal administrative support was a common
286 element for Family PACT enrollment process. Additional information is needed to better
287 understand incentives and barriers to Family PACT participation. Nonetheless, there may be an
288 unrealized programmatic, academic, and financial potential for Family PACT participation
289 among schools who currently do not participate.

290 **Comparison of Student Health Centers with and without Family PACT Participation**

291 While staffing capacity is higher among Family PACT schools compared to non-
292 participating schools, the number of unique patient encounters was comparable. We cannot
293 explain the similar productivity level, though it may be the case that staff time may have been
294 dedicated to supporting enrollment and billing practices of the Family PACT program, as staff
295 were not identified as clinical versus non-clinical. Enrollment in the Family PACT program may
296 potentially generate a revenue stream that would support program operations. California
297 community colleges enrolled in the Family PACT program offer more comprehensive
298 reproductive health care services that focus on prevention, which is aligned with and a central
299 component of the American College Health Association's Framework for a Comprehensive
300 College Health Program and in alignment with the intent of CA Education Code Title 5 on the
301 proper use of funds of provision of health services. Access to such services has been shown to

302 increase retention and completion of goals in academic settings, specifically among young
303 women of lower socioeconomic status.²⁹

304 Community college students may be unlikely to seek reproductive health care outside of
305 the campus-based student health setting for a multitude of reasons including access,
306 confidentiality issues and possibly insufficient insurance coverage.^{8,12,30} Our case studies
307 reiterated the benefits regarding onsite provision of reproductive health services for the student
308 population, despite the presence of nearby community-based family planning services. The
309 Carnegie Foundation defines college health as “developmentally appropriate, educationally
310 effective, medically expert, accessible, and convenient.”³¹ Provision of a comprehensive range
311 of sexual and reproductive health services supports college campuses in the realization of this
312 vision.

313 **IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE**

314 Participation in California’s state-funded Family PACT program could benefit
315 community colleges. Family PACT can potentially strengthen health service delivery at
316 community college health centers, ensuring students receive a diverse array of reproductive
317 health services. California community college student health centers that are not enrolled in the
318 Family PACT should explore the benefits of participation and consider enrollment. Currently,
319 fewer than half of colleges with student health centers are enrolled, leaving the majority of
320 campuses with potential to expand their provision of more comprehensive sexual and
321 reproductive health services.

322 With over 90% of the community college student population being of reproductive age,
323 expansion of sexual and reproductive health services would help community colleges deliver
324 relevant and needed care. For many students, sexual debut occurs during emerging adulthood

325 and college health centers can help set the trajectory for young people to engage in positive,
326 healthy behaviors.⁶ Community college students who are introduced to or use the Family PACT
327 program can continue accessing such care at community health centers or other Family PACT
328 provider locations once they matriculate.

329 Through a structured program such as Family PACT, college health centers would be
330 able to provide preventive care in line with national performance measures such as cervical
331 cancer screening and STI screening; these are services covered under the Family PACT
332 reimbursement structure. Family PACT participation has been shown to be associated with
333 increased long-acting reversible contraception provision.³² For many students, having access to
334 highly-effective contraceptive methods can support retention and academic success.¹³ Currently,
335 only about one in five (22.6%) of non-participating campuses offer LARCs, compared to slightly
336 over half (52.2%) of those participating in Family PACT. Enrollment in Family PACT could
337 help provide an infrastructure for healthcare providers to fully realize their scope of practice and
338 provide a greater spectrum of services. Furthermore, participation in Family PACT might
339 strengthen ties with other healthcare providers in the community and promote continuity of care;
340 for instance, patients with positive pregnancy tests might be referred to local healthcare providers
341 that may offer abortion services or prenatal care as indicated.

342 Enrollment in the Family PACT program will also yield additional financial resources
343 through reimbursements of services rendered. The average Family PACT reimbursement for
344 participating colleges during the last academic year was \$16,648; this would result in a 3%
345 average increase in the budget revenue for non-participating campuses—funds that are even
346 more needed as healthcare costs continue to rise while the student health fee per term remains
347 stagnant. One school in our case study reported generating \$60,000 in Family PACT

348 reimbursement during the last school year, and brought in \$325,000 in student health fee
349 revenues, which amounts to an additional 18% of what was collected from health fees—a
350 substantial amount. Community colleges students experience varying degrees of socioeconomic
351 hardship and are ideal candidates for Family PACT eligibility. Expanding access would allow
352 campuses to support their students' health and academic outcomes while generating a revenue
353 stream for future sustainability efforts.

354 **Recommendations**

355 For the twenty-five campuses that are currently participating in Family PACT, there is
356 opportunity for HSACCC to organize a learning collaborative to engage member colleges in
357 collective problem-solving, share promising strategies, and optimize billing practices. Such
358 collaboration could also provide assistance to other campuses interested in enrolling in Family
359 PACT. Additionally, HSACCC should increase engagement of its membership to complete
360 annual surveys for higher quality data. Future studies should also examine challenges associated
361 with Family PACT participation found in our case studies, such as staffing capacity, upfront
362 costs with providing LARCs, and program outreach strategies. As part of a future study,
363 community college student health centers may consider assessing student awareness of services
364 and advertising methods to help increase Family PACT enrollment. Family PACT has
365 established clinical care program standards to ensure high quality of care; a follow up study can
366 focus on whether participation in such a program would also improve the quality of care
367 provided by community colleges.

368 **Limitations and Strengths**

369 Although this study contributes to the dearth of literature on community college
370 reproductive and sexual health services, there are several limitations. The dataset is not

371 reflective of all community college student health centers in the state, and therefore, results are
372 not generalizable. HSACCC's annual survey included a limited number of items related to
373 participation in Family PACT, which does not allow for deeper analysis of program
374 participation. For example, the HSACCC annual survey did not include questions related to the
375 measurement of student health center capacity pre- and post-Family PACT adoption and its
376 impact on revenue generation. Further, quantitative findings on health services characteristics
377 were self-reported. Additionally, the study did not include interviews with campuses that did not
378 have a Family PACT program; this is an area for consideration in future studies. The validity and
379 reliability of the HSACCC annual survey instrument have not been established; there is an
380 opportunity to strengthen and improve survey instrument to optimize the quality of data collected
381 from community colleges.

382 Despite these limitations, this study had some notable strengths. This is the first study, to
383 our knowledge, to examine participation of college health centers in publicly-funded family
384 planning programs and understand reproductive health services characteristics and capacity.
385 Research has shown that during economic downturns such as the one we are currently
386 experiencing as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the need for publicly-funded family
387 planning services rises. Because of this, combined with an increase in enrollment in community
388 colleges, there will be greater need for family planning services. This is an exploratory study
389 that can lay the groundwork for a deeper analysis on the provision of sexual and reproductive
390 health services to an underserved population and ways in which colleges can provide such
391 services in a financially sustainable manner.

392 **Conclusion**

393 Understanding the landscape on sexual and reproductive healthcare availability and
394 accessibility among community colleges in the largest institution of higher learning in the nation
395 is an important step in maximizing opportunities that can help set the trajectory for young adults
396 to engage in positive, healthy behaviors. Moreover, community college health centers have a
397 collective responsibility to further the aims of national goals such as Healthy People 2020 and
398 advance the field of college health.

399 **Table 1. Sample Characteristics among California Community Colleges with Student**
 400 **Health Centers**

	Schools in Sample	Schools not in Sample	p- value	Total
	n or %	n or %		n or %
Total n	60	32		92
<i>Student Composition</i>				
Student Population Size (SD)	24,186 (12,275)	19,447 (11,395)		22,537 (12,127)
% Female	53.9	55.6		54.5
% Latino	42.6	46.6		43.9
% White	29.8	22.2	0.018	27.1
% Black	5.1	8.0	0.029	6.1
% American Indian /Alaskan Native	0.5	0.3		0.4
% Asian Pacific Islander	14.2	15.0		14.5
% <25 years old	61.4	57.7	0.043	60.1
% <50 years old	93.2	92.9		93.1
<i>School Resources</i>				
Student Health Fee (\$), Fall 2018	19.38	17.00	<0.001	18.55
<i>Academic Quality</i>				
Retention Rate: Degree Applicable (%)	86.6	86.1		86.4
Success Rate: Degree Applicable (%)	71.6	71.0		71.4
Graduation Rate (%)	30.9	27.3		29.6
Transfer-out Rate (%)	10.9	10.6		10.8
<i>Community Characteristics</i>				
Rural-Town	6.7	3.1		5.4
Suburb	43.3	50.0		45.7
Urban	50.0	46.9		48.9
Population Density*	4,885	6,120		5,315
% 18-24 year olds	10.1	10.3		10.2
% Non-White	37.1	39.6		38.0
Median Household Income (\$)	74,933	78,105		76,037
% Poverty	14.2	15.1		14.5
% College Degree	35.9	36.9		36.2

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 402 Note: Only statistically significant p-values at a level less than 0.05 are shown.
 403 *Population density is defined as number of people per square mile.

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Table 2. Schools with Family PACT Compared to Schools without Family PACT among California Community Colleges with Student Health Centers

	Family PACT Program	No Family PACT Program	p- value	Total
	n or %	n or %		n or %
Total n	25 41.7%	35 58.3%		60
<i>Student Composition</i>				
Student Population Size (n/SD)	25,682 (12,171)	22,140 (11,374)		23,616 (11,743)
% Female	53.4	55.6	0.048	54.7
% Latino	45.4	41.1		42.9
% White	30.0	29.2		29.5
% Black	3.9	6.1		5.2
% American Indian /Alaskan Native	0.5	0.4		0.5
% Asian Pacific Islander	11.9	15.9		14.3
% <25 years old	58.9	63.3	0.036	61.5
% <50 years old	91.3	94.4	0.009	93.1
<i>School Resources</i>				
Student Health Fee (\$), Fall 2018	18.84	18.97		18.92
<i>Academic Quality</i>				
Retention Rate: Degree Applicable (%)	87.4	86.7		87.0
Success Rate: Degree Applicable (%)	72.5	71.2		71.7
Graduation Rate (%)	32.3	29.9		30.9
Transfer-out Rate (%)	10.8	10.9		10.9
<i>Community Characteristics</i>				
Rural-Town	4.0	8.6		6.7
Suburb	32.0	51.4		43.3
Urban	64.0	40.0		50.0
Population Density	5,392	4,398		4,813
% 18-24 year olds	11.1	9.3		10.0
% Non-white	31.9	40.4		36.9
Median Household Income (\$)	79,053	73,611		75,878
% Poverty	13.2	14.7		14.1
% College Degree	37.7	34.7		35.9

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Note: Only statistically significant p-values at a level less than 0.05 are shown.

413 **Table 3. Student Health Center Characteristics among California Community Colleges**

	Family PACT Program n or % (min, max)	No Family PACT Program n or % (min, max)	P- value	Total n or % (min, max)
Total n	25	35		60
<i>Student Health Center Characteristics</i>				
Average Full-Time Equivalent Permanent Staff	4.83 (2.0, 11.5)	2.60 (0.0, 10.0)	0.002	3.61 (0.0, 11.5)
Total Unduplicated Students Served	2,354 (0, 12,000)	2,262 (25, 10,000)		2,308 (0, 12,000)
Total Encounters Per Student Served	2.1 (0.0, 5.0)	3.0 (1.0, 13.0)		2.5 (0.0, 13.0)
<i>Revenue and Budget</i>				
Revenue from Student Health Fee (\$)	617,627 (99, 1,600,000)	547,309 (100, 1,298,467)		580,400 (99, 1,600,000)
Revenue from Family PACT (\$)	16,648 (0, 60,000)	0 (0, 0)	<0.001	8,324 (0, 60,000)
Total Budget Expenditures (\$)	697,917 (250,000, 1,200,000)	553,030 (150,000, 1,200,000)		614,035 (150,000, 1,200,000)
<i>Reproductive Health Services (%)</i>				
Condom	100.0	97.1		98.3
Pregnancy Testing	100.0	91.2		94.9
Emergency Contraception	96.0	56.3	<0.001	73.7
Birth Control	100.0	62.5	0.001	78.6
STI Diagnosis/Testing	100.0	59.4	<0.001	77.2
HIV Testing	87.5	62.5	0.037	73.2
Long-Acting Reversible Contraception	52.2	22.6	0.024	35.2
Average number of services provided	6.3 (4.0, 7.0)	4.4 (0.0, 7.0)	<0.001	5.2 (0.0, 7.0)

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Table 4: Family PACT Participation among Select California Community College Campuses

	Campus A	Campus B	Campus C	Campus D	Campus E
Geographic	Southern California	Bay Area	Bay Area	Southern California	Southern California
Campus setting	Suburban	Suburban	Suburban	Urban	Suburban
Student enrollment	6,499	5,483	8,670	19,997	16,405
Permanente FTE	6	2	3.25	3.5	3.5
Years of enrollment	2012 - Present	2015 - Present	2008 - Present	2017 - Present	2012 - Present
Organization partnership	None	None	Community nonprofit hospital	None	None
Community-based family planning services	Neighborhood public health clinics	Planned Parenthood and community clinics nearby	Planned Parenthood and community clinics	Planned Parenthood in the community	Planned Parenthood, Family Planning Associates
Reasons for enrollment	Potential for revenue	Potential for revenue; ability to dispense medication from clinic	potential for revenue, ability to provide comprehensive services in a timely manner	Encouragement from CCC colleague; need for additional revenue	Provide needed reproductive health services, realize revenue stream
College administration support	Good; participation needed to be district-wide	Good	Good	Good	Good
Program benefits	Financial revenue; convenient services for students	Participation triggered clinic to transition to EMR system	Revenue, builds rapport with the student body, offers more options for family planning for student	Family planning services for students	Confidential/free services for students; financial revenue
Program challenges	Introduction of LARCs to college administrators on liability	Student awareness; normalizing STD screening	Billing is challenging; campus climate not always open to sexual education	Placement of reimbursement funds in college account; lack of capacity to provide LARCs onsite	Marketing/publicity; having sufficient staffing to provide services
Outreach strategies	Poster displays; partnership with student government	Signage; social media; classroom presentations	social media, signage, classroom presentations	Use of MPH students to conduct classroom presentations	Classroom presentations; posted flyers; student-led newsletter
Revenue generated last year	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$60,000
Future recommendations	Benefits outweigh barriers; provide students a full range of services	Partner with third-party biller to reduce burden	Overall elevates the total student health program and provides relevant services to students	It's a win-win for the college and students	Partner with third-party biller to reduce burden; engage staff in understanding Family PACT

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