

Fact Sheet

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

- The Planned Parenthood Federation of America is the single largest abortion provider in the United States. During 1998, Planned Parenthood clinics performed 167,928 surgical abortions. At an average cost of \$350 per abortion, the organization grossed \$58,554,300 in abortion income. (Planned Parenthood 1998-1999 Annual Report, page 9).
- Despite Planned Parenthood's "choice" rhetoric, it provided adoption referrals to only 4,892 women and prenatal care to 16,065. Planned Parenthood provides 34 times more abortions than adoption referrals. It provides ten times more abortions than prenatal services. (Planned Parenthood 1998-1999 Annual Report, page 9).
- Planned Parenthood's activity generates enormous revenue each year. During its 1999 fiscal year, the group reported a \$125.8 million excess of revenue over expenses. (Planned Parenthood 1998-1999 Annual Report, pages 18-19).
- Planned Parenthood remains a significant beneficiary of federal money. In 1998, Congress gave Planned Parenthood and its affiliated organizations, the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the Alan Guttmacher Institute, \$142,976,618 to support its domestic and international "family planning" agenda. (Government Accounting Office, July 18, 2000 memo to members of Congress).
- Planned Parenthood opposes the right of conscience—the right of Catholics and Catholic hospitals to abide by church teaching on health care issues. In an October 1999 speech Gloria Feldt, Planned Parenthood's current president outlined the group's four-part agenda for the millennium, the fourth plank of which is "bringing justice to 'conscience' provisions for health care providers and facilities." She called conscience clauses a "sugarcoated name" for "interference" in medical decisions and lamented, "your daughter might not be able to receive family planning, abortion, or infertility treatments at a Catholic hospital." (Gloria Feldt in a speech delivered at the Commonwealth Club of California, San Francisco, October 19, 1999).
- Planned Parenthood operates "Teenwire," a provocative website aimed at adolescents, which through the use of coarse and vulgar language, educates on, among other things, masturbation, oral sex, sex, contraception and abortion.
- In September of 2000, Planned Parenthood introduced a "Joe Sperm" costume-character to children parade-goers who were attending a Eugene, Oregon city parade. Planned Parenthood admitted that the target of its campaign featuring "Joe Sperm," is lower income people. (Randi Bjornstad, "Birth Control Gets a Lighthearted Boost," *The Register-Guard*, September 19, 2000).