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Summary Points for Iowa Initiative

The Iowa Initiative aims to reduce the high rate of unintended pregnancies among Iowa women ages 18-30 through networking, research and public outreach.

Currently, over 50 percent of all pregnancies in this age group are unintended. The Iowa Initiative is part of a network of organizations around the state working together to increase access to birth control options and family planning information.

Iowa ranks 43rd in the nation in providing funding for family planning, and 48th in access which leaves over 100,000 women without service. Over the next five years, the Initiative intends to build grassroots support for state and federal funding for birth control services by shedding light on the high social and economic costs paid by young mothers and their communities. Taxpayers can save \$3 for every \$1 they invest in prevention.

The Iowa Initiative is a five-year program that will serve as a model to reduce unintended pregnancies nationwide. Headed by Iowa's former First Lady Christie Vilsack, this program is funded by a private foundation.

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