
New Map and Fact Sheet Released



Unconditional Cash Transfer Programs Expand Across the Country for Pregnant and Parenting People

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In February 2025, The Center on Reproductive Health, Law and Policy (CRHLP) authored a [policy brief](#) highlighting the benefits of unconditional cash transfer programs (UCTs) for pregnant and newly parenting people.¹ UCTs are a no-strings-attached government benefit that provide a defined amount of immediate cash each month at a regular interval. Program participants receive this cash for a specific amount of time and may use it however they choose. These flexible funds are offered at a critical moment for families: many people experience enormous new healthcare and childcare costs in the first few years of their child's life. UCTs aim to alleviate some of this burden while addressing systemic barriers to economic security.

Since publishing our brief, 29 new UCT programs have been established in 6 new states and 11 new cities and counties. There are now UCT programs operating in 19 states throughout the country. The explosion of new programs illustrates the demand for community-based interventions to improve maternal and infant health and wellbeing.

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In partnership with the Mother Infant Cash Coalition (MiCC), CRHLP has released a [new map](#) and fact sheet tracking the growth of UCT programs across the country. As new programs launch and more data

emerges, MICC and CRHLP will continue to chart their progress and document the growing movement for economic support for families.

Events

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Leveraging the “Menopause Moment” to Demand Women’s Health Equity: Book Launch and Panel Discussion

Celebrating Jennifer Weiss-Wolf’s new book, ***When in Menopause: A User’s Manual and Citizen’s Guide***, this discussion will bring together policy experts, UCLA’s leading menopause care provider, **Dr. Rajita Patil**, and groundbreaking reproductive scientist, **Dr. Amander Clark** to discuss why menopause care that is high-quality, inclusive, and affordable is still so difficult to access; why we still see a chronic inattention to and underinvestment in women’s health and research; and ways we can understand and use the “menopause moment” to reshape the national conversation about equity in women’s health.

This event will be in person and streamed live online.

The evening will also feature special guests and refreshments.

When in Menopause A User’s Manual & Citizen’s Guide

by Jennifer Weiss-Wolf
Foreword by New York Times
bestselling author Sharon Malone, M.D.

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October 13, 2026



5pm- 7pm



**James West Alumni
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530 Westwood Ave**

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Join us to celebrate Jennifer Weiss-Wolf’s new book, *When in Menopause: A User’s Manual and Citizen’s Guide*. CRHLP Director Melissa Goodman will lead a discussion amongst lawyer and author Jennifer, UCLA menopause care leader Dr. Rajita Patil, and UCLA reproductive scientist Dr. Amander Clark, about menopause care, research, needed policy interventions and systems change, and the

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Join us in person or stream the conversation online. Special guests and refreshments will be featured throughout the evening. RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/CRHLPMenopause>



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Current UCLA Law students are invited to join us to learn about the
academic and extracurricular opportunities we have available.

**WEDNESDAY
September 9**

5:30 – 7:00PM

Presentation at 6:00pm

At our office in Westwood (Address provided upon RSVP)

Refreshments will be provided.

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At 6:00 PM, enjoy a special presentation about our work and ways you can get involved. Whether you're curious about research, policy, or advocacy, now is your opportunity to get involved! Register now and spread the word by sharing this invite with your network: tinyurl.com/StudentOH2026

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A federal judge has temporarily blocked the Trump administration from implementing new criteria for the federal Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, finding that the administration's new conditions that conflict with Congress's mandate to fund evidence-based pregnancy prevention programs are likely arbitrary and capricious. The new criteria, introduced after the administration terminated funding for many existing programs, would prioritize abstinence, reduce contraception education, and require lessons on "body literacy" and fertility.

In its ruling, the court observed that "an educational initiative that counsels teens on how to avoid pregnancy without discussing the realities of unprotected intercourse and its alternatives would seem to defy social reality, common sense, and scientific evidence alike. Yet HHS seeks to impose these and other unexplained criteria on all TPP grantees moving forward." The preliminary injunction prevents the Department of Health and Human Services from using the new criteria to award grants while the lawsuit proceeds, though it does not restore the tens of millions of dollars in funding that programs lost earlier this summer. The ruling results from a legal challenge brought by sexual health education organizations, Planned Parenthood, and local governments, who argued that the new requirements would force grantees to use medically inaccurate and non-



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Last week, a federal appeals court [upheld](#) a permanent injunction, dating back to 2017, that prevents Indiana from prohibiting Planned Parenthood from providing teens with information about abortion and referrals to health providers in states where abortion is legal. The court ruled that providing factual information about lawful abortions and connecting patients with out-of-state providers constitutes speech protected by the First Amendment, rejecting the state's argument that the speech could be restricted because it facilitates conduct that would be illegal if taking place in Indiana. As the court explained, "Indiana's parental consent and abortion requirements for minors simply do not apply to the activities of out-of-state providers. A state does not have the power to regulate or prohibit lawful activities in another state." This First Amendment ruling [has](#) no impact on Indiana's near-total abortion ban, which a state court upheld. But it does protect Planned Parenthood's ability to help minors understand their options and access legal care outside the state.

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