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# midwest access project

Filling the Gaps ~ Training Providers in Reproductive Health

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## A New Logo, New Website, & New Additions

*Sending out updates in a NEWSletter never made more sense!*

The beginning of all things new began in October 2012, when we unveiled our new logo and tagline at MAP's 5 Year Anniversary Celebration. Our tagline, *Filling the Gaps ~ Training Providers in Reproductive Health*, is a new feature for us. By adding the tagline to our organization's logo, we hope to offer a more immediate answer for those whose first question is, "What do you do?" The answer our new tagline provides was never meant to end such questions. In fact, we are hoping this addition to our logo will inspire new questions, while continuing the conversation around MAP.

With all the questions MAP inspires, we hope to always have an answer ready and available. What gaps are there in training? What providers do you train? What areas of reproductive health do you address? Now, all these answers and more can be found on MAP's new website. Expanding on the "new" theme, we are excited to announce that the updated and much more interactive MAP website will be unveiled August 1<sup>st</sup>. See all the improvements for yourself and find the answers to your questions at [www.midwestaccessproject.org](http://www.midwestaccessproject.org).

Finally, we'd like to introduce you to our newest team members:

**Joan Pinnell, MS**  
Director of Development  
& Communications

Joan had assumed leadership roles within organizations such as Girls Rock! Chicago, Creative Pitch, and Women Employed prior to joining MAP. Her strong commitment to reproductive justice was a constant driver throughout her career, as Joan became a certified Rape Crisis Counselor and Abortion Doula, and volunteer Clinic Escort. Shortly after she completed her master's thesis research on women's sexual healthcare, Planned Parenthood Federation of America named Joan their 2013 Young Volunteer of the Year. Joan is excited to connect with all our supporters. She welcomes your ideas and feedback, as well as any opportunity for collaboration, as she works to ensure the continuation of our programming.

**Kathy Chan**  
Board Member

Kathy is the Associate Director and Director of Policy and Advocacy for the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, a nonprofit that uses policy, advocacy, and community empowerment to improve the health and lives of women, children, and families. In the past, Kathy worked for Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services where she assisted with the strategic enrollment process and implementation of All Kids. She is an appointed member of the Illinois Medicaid Advisory Committee, a board member for Chicago Volunteer Doulas, and volunteers with the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Chicago.

**Dinaz Mansuri, MA**  
Board Member

Dinaz is Executive Director of the Mayer and Morris Kaplan Family Foundation, a multigenerational private Foundation that makes grants in Chicago, California, Wyoming, and Colorado in Education and the Environment. Dinaz oversees a grant-making program and manages a board of Trustees and committees, that include 22 Kaplan family members. She is currently Co-Chair of the Donors Forum Family Foundations committee and a Redesign Task Force member. Dinaz has a B.A. in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago, an M.A. in Social Service Administration from University of Chicago, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from University of Illinois at Chicago.

## Save the Date

**WHAT** Midwest Reproductive  
Health Networking  
**WHERE** Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
**WHEN** 10/05/13 at 7pm

To **RSVP** or for more information,  
please contact Katherine Quinn:  
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## Oct. 5, 2013: Join MAP In Milwaukee, WI

*It's time for the 2nd Annual Family Medicine Midwest Conference*

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Family Medicine Midwest conference on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Medical students, residents, and faculty from 12 Midwest states will gather around family medicine and primary care topics. MAP's workshop, *Office Based Manual Vacuum Aspiration for Uterine Evacuation*, will be open to all and MAP alum will present *Comprehensive Miscarriage Management and Long Acting Reversible Contraception and the Family Physician*. That evening, MAP and the Reproductive Health Access Project are co-hosting a networking event for reproductive health providers and allies. Be sure to mark your calendars now! You're all invited and we hope to see you there.

“ During my rotation I saw so many situations I'd never seen before and think I really developed more skills to help me be a more compassionate health care provider. ”

## MAP Programming Never More Important Than Now

According to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), 2013 will go down in history for the record-breaking 300 state-level restrictions introduced by lawmakers by summer. With each current event and policy change that passes more restrictions, the women of this nation are reminded that their reproductive rights are hardly guaranteed.

What impact does all this legislative activity have on the Midwest Access Project's work and our trainees? Despite advocacy on behalf of healthcare providers and interference by government, practicing physicians and students must keep up with the ever-changing mandate practicalities and properly integrate each detail into their current practice and/or educational programming. For example, this month the Illinois Supreme Court ruled to uphold a state law requiring parental notification for anyone under age 18 seeking an abortion. The law, which goes into effect on August 15<sup>th</sup>, will have implications for how physicians will communicate with and provide services to their adolescent patients seeking abortion.

TRAP laws (targeted regulation of abortion providers), which mandate physician-admitting privileges, offer another example. Doctors who provide abortions are often unable to obtain hospital-admitting privileges due to such factors as the hospital's oppo-

sition to abortion or requirements placed on physicians to admit a minimum number of patients. Because abortion is extremely safe and rarely results in hospitalization, it is nearly impossible for most abortion providers to meet the minimum requirements.

Our last example relates specifically to education. We were dismayed in April to learn that the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) had proposed changes to the family medicine residency program guidelines that included removing the resident requirements to learn family planning, contraception, and options counseling for unintended pregnancy. Though the intent was to streamline the guidelines, we believe that removing the guidelines will allow institutions, especially residency programs within religiously affiliated hospitals, to drop this training altogether. Because the ACGME currently requires such training, religiously affiliated institutions often have residents rotate through external clinics or programs (such as the Midwest Access Project) to learn skills they do not teach. We have joined our colleagues across the country to petition the ACGME to reconsider altering the requirements. They will announce their decision toward the end of 2013.

### We Need Your Support

Visit our new website [www.midwestaccessproject.org](http://www.midwestaccessproject.org) today to learn more about why MAP's work remains critical and donate online or make checks payable to *Midwest Access Project* and send to: **2000 W. Armitage Ave. Chicago, IL 60647**

*As always, your donations are tax-deductible!*

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Training in Early Abortion for Comprehensive Healthcare  
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### Summer 2013 Marks A Major MAP Milestone!

In June 2013, MAP officially welcomed the **100<sup>th</sup> trainee** to the program—exactly 6 years to the month after our first trainee began in June, 2007.

“ Fabulous teacher and wonderful mentor. I learned a great deal about women's health and would recommend this program to anyone in a heartbeat! ”

The Midwest Access Project (MAP) envisions a society in which integrated, comprehensive reproductive health care is fully accessible to all. We exist to increase the provision of full-spectrum reproductive health care in the region, without barriers to access, through education and training of health care providers and the public.