



Evaluating the life course impacts of expanded access to contraception in Colorado

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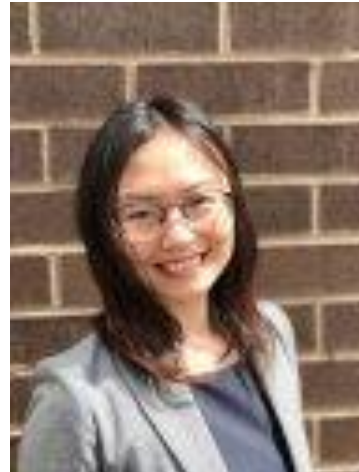
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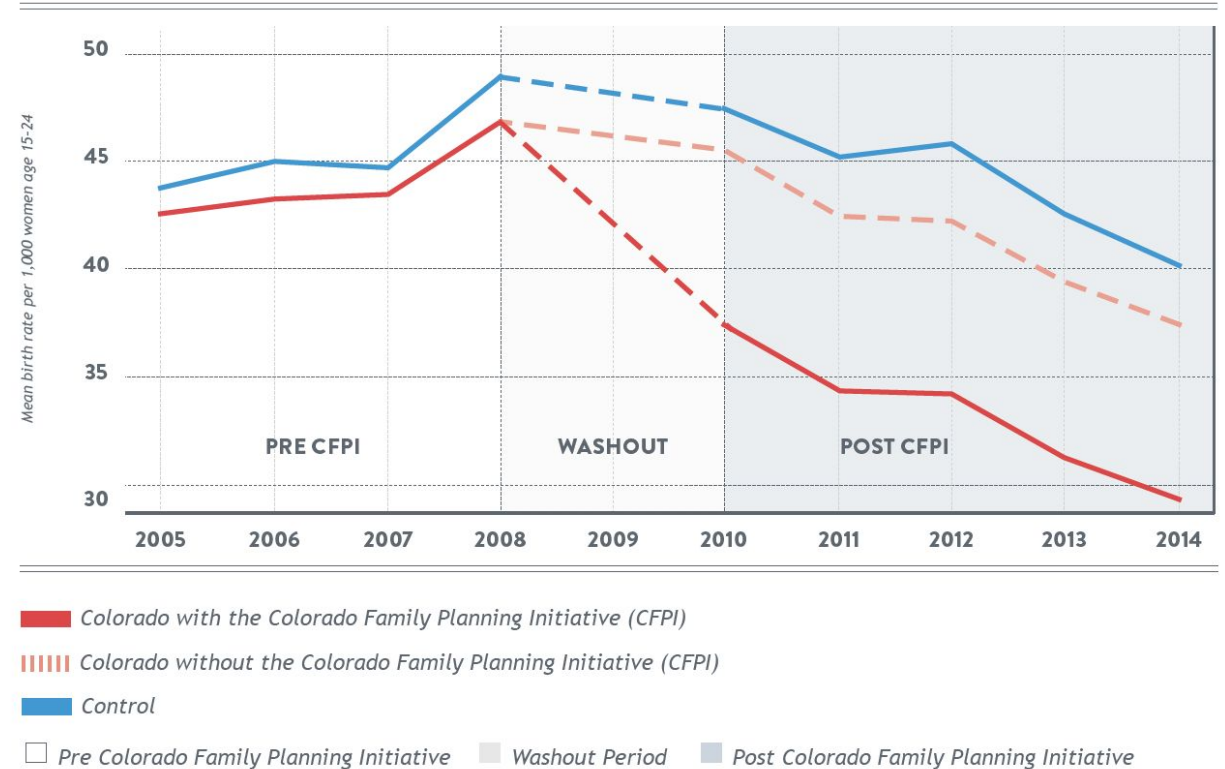


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Colorado Family Planning Initiative (CFPI)

- Began in late 2009
- Funding, training, support, and advertising to ensure that all Title X family planning clients could choose any FDA-approved method of contraception
- Documented impacts:
 - Increases in IUDs, implants, and sterilizations
 - Declines in births and abortions in teens and young adults

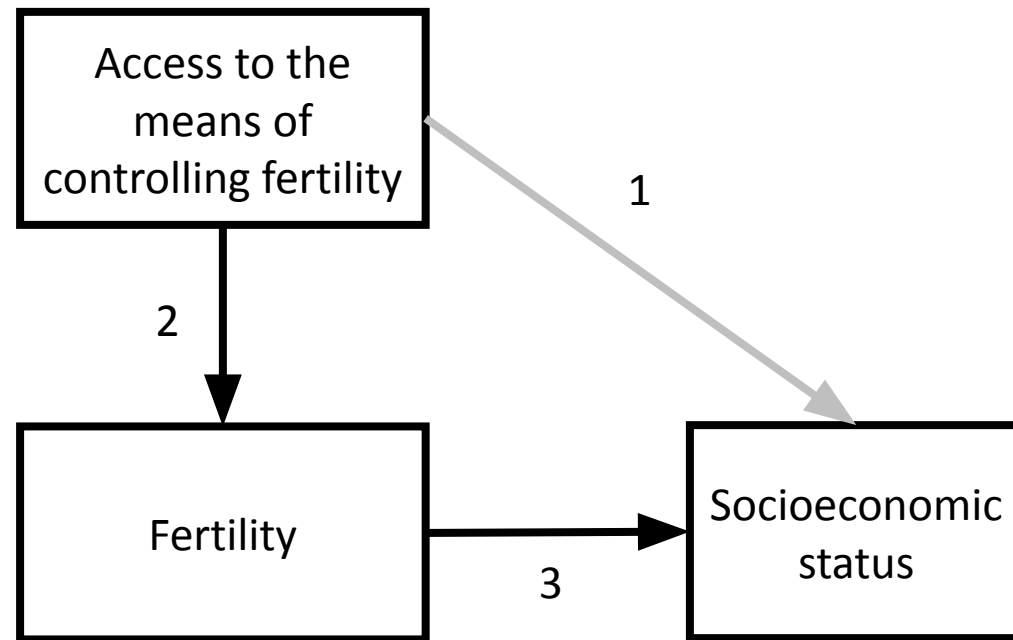
ADJUSTED TRENDS IN FERTILITY RATES, AGES 15-24, 2005-2014



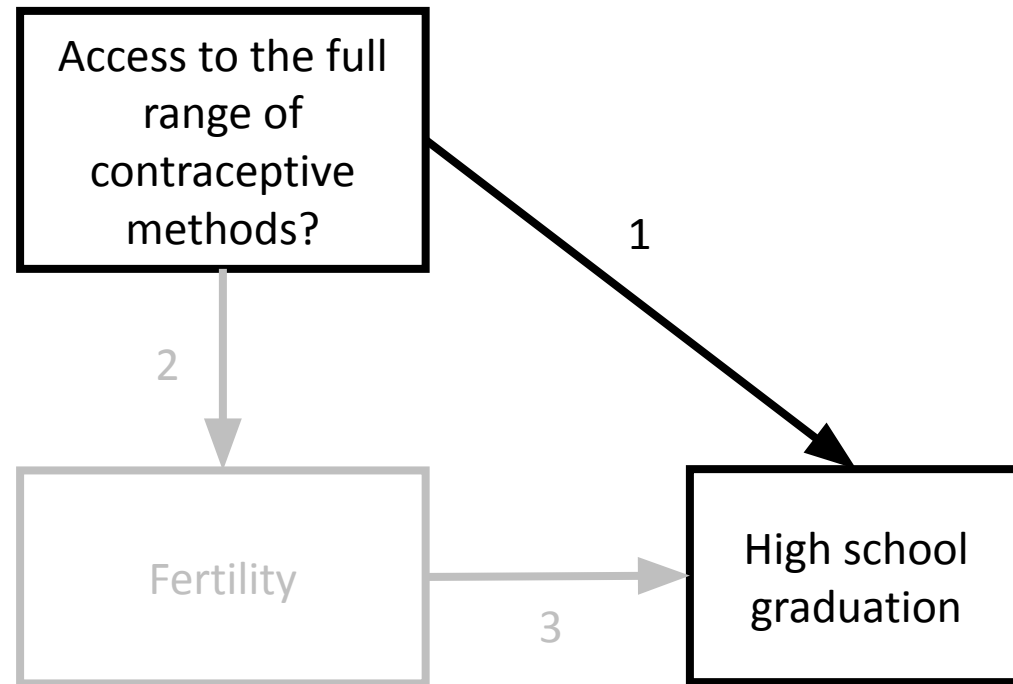
Source: CDPHE 2017

(Kelly, Lindo, & Packham, 2019; Lindo & Packham, 2017; CDPHE 2017; Ricketts et al., 2014)

What is the impact of family planning programs on people's lives?



Does access to the full range of contraceptive methods increase young women's high school graduation?



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Effect on high school graduation

- Population-level increase of 1.7 percentage points in high school graduation due to improved access to the full range of contraceptive methods in Title X clinics
- CFPI resulted in an additional 1,600 Colorado women born between 1994-1996 graduating high school
- First modern study that shows this effect, first to be able to disaggregate these effects by race/ethnicity



Current Research

- Generating individual-level fertility histories using administrative records
- Generating fertility rates with fertility histories and administrative registers
- Constructing households from tax filings
- Measuring poverty using tax filings
- Demonstrating positive impact of CFPI on college completion
- Assessing the impact of CFPI on fertility by parity and demographic subgroup
- Assessing the impact of CFPI on poverty
- Assessing the impact of CFPI on income and employment

Thank you!

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