“At the Policy Forefront: Evaluating California’s Efforts in Assuring Access to Quality Reproductive Health”

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Dr. Brindis’ research on family planning is a platform for ameliorating health disparities. She advances this agenda by conducting multi-method evaluations of community and health services interventions, evaluations of adolescent pregnancy, and reproductive health services for women and men, adolescent and young adults. With her UCSF colleague, Dr. Brindis has successfully designed, implemented, and conducted quantitative and qualitative evaluations. Stanford University Press recently published her co-authored book, *Advocacy and Policy Change Evaluation: Theory and Practice* (2017).

Dr. Brindis is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UCSF. She is Director of the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, Executive Director of NAHIC, Associate Director of the Public Policy Analysis & Education Center for Middle Childhood & Adolescent Health, and Director of the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, UCSF. In the area of reproductive health, Dr. Brindis has led a multidisciplinary evaluation team evaluating California's Office of Family Planning's Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) program. Evaluation of findings indicate that this program has successfully served over a million women and men, and that for every dollar spent on the program an estimated savings of $4.48 in medical and social costs is realized through the prevention of unintended pregnancies. Dr. Brindis served as a member of the Institute of Medicine on Preventive Services for Women, which made the recommendations to the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services to cover preventive services for women under the Affordable Care Act, including FDA approved contraceptive methods without co-payment. Dr. Brindis was honored by the California Department of Health Services in 2000 with the Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health, and was recognized by a California State Senate Resolution for her achievements.

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