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Shelly Kaller has been a Senior Research Associate at the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health since 2005, conducting research and evaluation for adolescent and women's health programs. She currently directs the Health and Reproductive Choices (HeR Choices) Study at ANSIRH, which explores the psychosocial motivations and structural factors that influence women's contraceptive choices. She is also managing a clinical trial to investigate the feasibility, acceptability, and effectiveness of the provision of medication abortion via pharmacy dispensing. Ms.

Kaller's experience also includes conducting program evaluation of school-based health center services, HIV/STD prevention education in California public schools, teen pregnancy prevention programs, and school wellness initiatives. Ms. Kaller received her Master of Public Health degree from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, with an emphasis on population and family health.

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Research projects and studies

Contraceptive Care in Community Health Settings. Community health centers are a critical source of primary and reproductive health care for low income women. Yet a strained workforce and competing demands often make it difficult for them to prioritize contraceptive care.

Health and Reproductive Choices (HeR Choices). A relatively large number of women not seeking pregnancy engage in unprotected sex or use less effective contraceptive methods even when more effective methods are made available at no cost in a confidential setting. This study seeks to explore the reasons why young women choose not to adopt the more effective contraceptive methods that providers, policymakers and funders hope (and often assume) they desire.

College Student Right to Access. California SB 24, also known as the College Student Right to Access Act, would expand medication abortion access on California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) campuses. ANSIRH conducted two studies to estimate the demand for medication abortion among students, and understand the barriers students currently face seeking abortion off-campus, and to evaluate whether student health centers have the capacity to provide medication abortion services on campus.

Recent publications

- November 2019. [Characteristics of patients having telemedicine versus in-person informed consent visits before abortion in Utah](#) (*Contraception*, November 2019)
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- September 2019. [Women's Experiences Using Telemedicine to Attend Abortion Information Visits in Utah: A Qualitative Study](#) (*Women's Health Issues*, September 2019)
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- March 2019. [Young Women's Perspectives about the Contraceptive Counseling Received During their Emergency Contraception Visit](#) (*Women's Health Issues*, March 2019)

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- June 2018. Evaluating the capacity of California's publicly funded universities to provide medication abortion (*Contraception*, June 2018)

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- February 2018. "Birth Control can Easily Take a Back Seat": Challenges Providing IUDs in Community Health Care Settings (*Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, February 2018)

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- December 2017. Evaluating University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) capacity to provide medication abortion (December 2017)

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