

# Every Woman's Life

## A Virginia Department of Health Program

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Every Woman's Life program (EWL) began in 1997 with funding obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. EWL provides low-income, uninsured and underinsured women access to timely, high-quality screening and diagnostic services to detect breast and cervical cancer at the earliest stages.

EWL currently receives over \$2 million of federal and state funds each year. EWL has 32 enrollment sites across the state, with a network of approximately 250 healthcare providers who perform clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams, Pap tests and diagnostic tests for enrolled women. Legislation passed in 2001 by the Virginia General Assembly makes it possible for most EWL clients, diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, to receive treatment under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act.

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Based on U.S. census data, an estimated 72,552 women aged 18-64 in Virginia are eligible for the EWL program.<sup>1</sup> In SFY 2015, EWL will serve approximately 7,896. This means that only 1 in 10 eligible women will be served by EWL. To be eligible, women must be 18-64 years of age (women aged 18-39 must be symptomatic for breast or cervical cancer), reside in Virginia, have an income at or less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and have limited or no health insurance.

### Accomplishments from June 30, 1997 - July 11, 2014

Number of women served by EWL <b>45,351</b>	
Number of EWL funded mammograms performed <b>86,688</b>	Number of EWL funded Pap tests performed <b>46,524</b>
Percentage of abnormal mammograms <sup>2</sup> <b>16%</b>	Percentage of abnormal Pap tests <sup>2</sup> <b>6%</b>
Breast Cancers Diagnosed <b>1,681</b>	Cervical dysplasias diagnosed <b>898 (CIN II and CIN III)</b>  Invasive cervical cancer diagnosed <b>67</b>

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates

<sup>2</sup> These numbers do not include EWL clients who had abnormal mammogram or pap tests paid for through other funding sources, as a result the percentages included are an underestimate for the program as a whole.