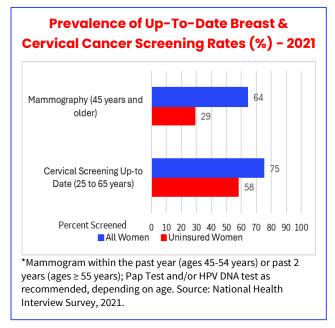


## Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

## **Breast and Cervical Cancer in Florida**

- In 2025, an estimated 23,920 women in Florida will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 3,210 will die from the disease. Additionally, an estimated 1,160 women in Florida will be diagnosed with cervical cancer.
- Cancers that are found at an early stage are easier to treat and lead to greater survival.
- Early detection of breast cancer by mammography may lead to a greater range of treatment options, including less aggressive surgery and adjuvant therapy.
- Uninsured and underinsured women have lower screening rates, resulting in a greater risk of being diagnosed at a later, more advanced stage of disease.



## The Mary Brogan Breast & Cervical Early Detection Program

The Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP) provides lifesaving cancer screenings for medically underserved women between the ages of 50 and 64 who have incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level. This program provides low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women access to breast and cervical cancer screenings and diagnostic services, including mammograms, Pap tests, HPV tests and diagnostic testing if abnormal results are found.

In 1994, the Florida Department of Health received a federal grant to establish the Florida BCCEDP, and in 2001, the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Act was signed into law, providing a treatment option to uninsured women diagnosed with breast and cervical cancer. In recent years, the state has funded BCCEDP at \$1.83 million; however, in 2024, the Legislature added an additional \$1.17 million in non-recurring dollars to bring the total funding to \$3 million. ACS CAN is advocating now to make the full \$3 million permanent.

## **CALL TO ACTION**

For FY 2025-26, ACS CAN is seeking to increase recurring state funding for the program to \$3 million. Additional funds will allow the program to reach more eligible individuals and help build the longterm viability of the program.