

“Reproductive freedom for women is theoretical without providers. It is imperative that we create sustainable programs to train the next generations of providers of family planning.”

DeShawn Taylor, MD, MSc is a Board-Certified Gynecologist and Clinical Professor who founded the Desert Star Institute for Family Planning, Inc. to answer the call to preserve and increase access to family planning services for women.

Dr. Taylor is the Owner and Medical Director of Desert Star Family Planning, LLC., where abortion care is fully integrated with the delivery of women’s preventive health and wellness care. Since it’s opening in the Fall of 2013, the practice has provided services to women from various regions of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and has also served as a training location for Family Medicine residents and students of medicine, nurse practitioner, medical assisting, and pre-health from various regions of the U.S. and Canada.

Prior work as the Vice President of Medical Affairs and Medical Director for a statewide non-profit health care organization in Arizona deepened Dr. Taylor’s commitment not only to the provision of family planning services, but to understanding the model in which this care should be delivered. Her role as a Clinical Professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine helps her to keep her fingers on the pulse of what students are learning and where the training gaps are. Dr. Taylor also has an annual teaching engagement as guest lecturer at Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and is an Adjunct Clinical Professor at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed the Fellowship in Family Planning and obtained a Master’s degree in Clinical and Biomedical Investigations at the University of Southern California, holds a Medical degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science Medical Education Program, and a Bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Southern California.

