THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

LA has 2nd highest breast cancer death rate in the US

Breast cancer is also the third leading cause of cancer death in the state. An estimated 3,320 Louisiana women will be diagnosed each year, 28,720 have the disease, and an average of 620 will die from it this year.

LBCHP served almost 5,000 women in FY 2017

LBHCP provides mammograms, Pap tests and navigation to Louisiana women who qualify.

LBCHP is only able to serve a fraction of LA eligible women

No access to mammograms or early detection programs mean more late-stage diagnoses and death.

Late-stage breast cancer treatment costs twice as much as early stage.

Prevention and early treatment means less burden to the state’s hospital system and budget.

LBCHP SAVES LIVES, MONEY

The Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program (LBCHP) provides no-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings to Louisiana women who qualify. Here’s what else you should know about LBCHP:

* It is considered one of the most well-run and cost-effective such programs in the country by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
* It is housed at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center’s School of Public Health and works through providers all over the state.
* LBCHP educates providers, partners and the public about screening recommendations and clinical protocols through its extensive partner network.
* LBCHP maintains systems to ensure women are rescreened at appropriate intervals and those with abnormal screenings are expedited into diagnosis and treatment.
* Its navigators help women overcome barriers in getting screening and treatment (i.e. transportation, fear, stigma, language and more.)
* Appropriate, timely services are ensured by quality assurance reviews and data collection via its providers.