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NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

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September 2010

Welcome to the September issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's

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MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings fellow New Mexicans,

We hope everyone is enjoying the change in seasons in our fine state as much as we are!

First, on behalf of the families in our Teen Outreach Program, we extend our sincerest gratitude, to Ms. Mary Carter, Executive Director of the Women's Intercultural Center in Anthony, New Mexico and Vice President of our Board of Directors. Ms. Carter and her staff graciously hosted our Teen Outreach Program this summer. With funding from our partners,

the New Mexico Department of Health Family Planning Program, Over 150 middle school students participate in this exciting evidenced based initiative!

In spite of the economic recession we are experiencing, which has resulted in funding reductions, to our programs and many others, we are optimistic, that the future for families in our state will continue to improve! We cannot despair when times become difficult. Too much is at stake!

September's Newsflash is full of examples of the exciting work that continues!

This month took us to Farmington, and Washington State!

Kudos to Ms. Ann Anthony , NMDOH, Health Promotion Specialist in San Juan County and her colleagues, for the courage and dedication they are demonstrating by taking on the issue of preventing adolescent births and providing support to parenting teens! We are committed to continued support so that this fine group of folks is successful. A guiding principle for our coalition is our belief that solutions to this issue need to be generated from the community! Stay tuned for progress reports from San Juan County this year!

I also had the privilege of being invited by the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association to attend the annual Peer to Peer, Medicaid Health Care Reform Meeting. State Departments from across the country were in attendance. Specifically state department staff shared their plans for their State Plan Amendments. We look forward to hearing from our Human Services Department on their plans to maintain current levels of services and support to families.

On the funding note, we wait with baited breath, on news of New Mexico receiving federal adolescent pregnancy prevention dollars.

Last but certainly not least, I need to acknowledge our dedicated Board of Directors and staff for all they do to positively impact generations to come! Muchicimas Gracias!

Hasta Luego,

Sylvia

[From the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy](#)

The Latino Initiative: Consensus Statement

What is the Consensus Statement?

In collaboration with the [National Council of La Raza](#) (NCLR) and other organizations, The National Campaign is pleased to announce the release of the [National Consensus Statement on Latino Teen Pregnancy Prevention](#). The Statement identifies four strategies and solutions to address the high rates of teen pregnancy in the Latino community and will serve as a tool to unite national and local Latino-serving institutions to actively promote research, programs, and

policies that are necessary to reducing teen pregnancy in the Latino community.

The four strategies and solutions are:

1. Promoting policies and structural changes that remove barriers, increase access to, and ultimately change the health, educational, and social systems into equitable and fair systems for Latino youth, their families, and their communities;
2. Supporting Latino families and communities in creating an encouraging and safe environment that promotes and facilitates communication among Latino families and community members about teen pregnancy and overall sexual and reproductive health;
3. Providing young men and women the tools and education, in culturally competent and linguistically appropriate ways, to help them make informed and healthy decisions to avoid risky sexual behaviors that lead to teen pregnancy, STIs and HIV/AIDS;
4. Enhancing sexual health education to include healthy relationships, the pursuit of education, the role of young men and women in preventing teen pregnancy, and a more complete understanding of the implications that teen pregnancy and childbearing has for young men and women, their families, and their communities.

[Download a PDF of the Consensus Statement](#)

[From the University of California, San Francisco](#)

Following is a report on a new study about reproductive healthcare for adolescents.

[Access to Reproductive Healthcare for Adolescents: Establishing Healthy Behaviors at a Critical Juncture in the Lifecourse by Lauren J. Ralph and Claire D. Brindis,](#)

Purpose of review

This review summarizes recent research on the topic of adolescents' access to reproductive healthcare, including an overview of recommended reproductive health services, access to the healthcare system and reproductive health specifically, and barriers and emerging service delivery and policy issues in the field.

Recent findings

Recent research confirms the need for diverse healthcare points of access to the reproductive healthcare system for adolescents. It also highlights key policy and service delivery strategies that can improve access to and use of reproductive healthcare among adolescents.

Summary

Access to high quality, confidential, and comprehensive reproductive healthcare is critical to ensuring the overall health of adolescents. Most adolescents are sexually active, and as a result require a wide range of counseling, clinical, and preventive care. The current healthcare system is not adequately structured to meet the diverse needs of adolescents, in particular for reproductive health needs. Continued attention to removing common barriers to care, such as concerns about confidentiality and cost, as well as promoting new screening and delivery strategies, are critical to reducing the incidence of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections among youth.

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[From the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)

Presenters Sought for National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law

On March 27-17, 2011, the National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law will be held in Reno, NV. Sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the conference will provide presenters with a forum to address a multidisciplinary audience of professionals working in America's juvenile and family courts.

Resources:

To submit a presentation proposal, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q2GSNL9.

Proposals should be transmitted by September 15, 2010, and questions may be addressed to Diane Barnette, Director, Conference Planning and Marketing, at dbarnette@ncfcj.org.

Further information about the conference, including registration, will be posted on JUVJUST as it becomes available. If you are not a subscriber, enroll at https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/listservs/subscribe_JUVJUST.asp.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is a component of the Office of Justice Programs in the U.S. Department of Justice.

[From the Guttmacher Institute](#)

[Women of Reproductive Age Hit Hard by Recession,](#)

[New Census Data Show](#)

The number of American women aged 15–44 who were covered by private insurance fell sharply between 2008 and 2009, as widespread job losses caused many Americans to lose employer-based insurance, according to a Guttmacher Institute analysis of new data released by the U.S. Census Bureau. The drop in the number of women of reproductive age who had private insurance was accompanied by significant increases in the number of women who were either uninsured or on Medicaid. The Census Bureau also reported a spike in the overall number of Americans living in poverty.

Guttmacher's calculations show that the number of women aged 15–44 covered by private insurance fell by 2.3 million, from almost 39 million in 2008 to only 36.7 million in 2009. That translated into a decline of almost four percentage points in the share of women who had private insurance coverage (from 63.3% to 59.5%). Meanwhile, the number of women who were uninsured rose by more than 1.3 million, and the number of women on Medicaid increased by more than one million. In 2009, 22.3% of all women of reproductive age were uninsured and 14.8% were on Medicaid, compared with 20.1% and 13.2%, respectively, in 2008. Notably, the rate of reproductive age women who are uninsured rose faster—and was significantly higher—than for the U.S. population overall.

The bleak new data confirm previous Guttmacher research on the severe impact of the recession. In 2009, we documented that because of economic hardship, [nearly half of low- and middle-income women wanted to delay pregnancy or limit the number of children they have](#), but that many had to skimp on their contraceptive use—or forgo it entirely—to save money. We also found that [publicly funded family planning providers were struggling to meet a growing need](#) for subsidized contraceptive care, even as they had to make do with fewer resources.

Taken together, the evidence paints a grim picture of fast-growing numbers of women struggling to afford contraceptives at a time when many say they can least afford to have a child (or an additional child). The findings underscore the critical importance of [publicly funded family planning centers as safety-net providers](#) for women who cannot otherwise afford the services and supplies they need to prevent an unintended pregnancy.

State-level data

For state-level data on the proportion of women who are uninsured, are on Medicaid or have private insurance coverage, please see the [Guttmacher Data Center](#) (Insurance Status, under Services and Financing)

Click here for more information on:

[The recession's impact on women](#)

[The recession's impact on publicly funded family planning providers](#)

[Facts on publicly funded contraceptive services in the United States](#)

The Guttmacher Institute works to advance sexual and reproductive health in the United States and worldwide through an interrelated program of social science research, policy analysis and public education designed to generate new ideas, encourage enlightened public debate, promote sound policy and program development, and, ultimately, inform individual

decision making. Learn more at Guttmacher.org.

If you need to change your e-mail address or no longer wish to receive these announcements, click on the “manage your subscription” link below.

Each month the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition provides a review of the research and policy reports distributed by National and Local Resources for your information only. The information, and comments expressed in the News Flash as well as any of the information distributed do not necessarily reflect the position of the NMTPC or its funders. Therefore, NMTPC assumes no responsibility for the concepts expressed in this [NEWS FLASH](#).

Local Events & Notices

[From the New Mexico Department of Health](#)

New Survey Reports Middle, High School Students Sexual Behavior

(Santa Fe) – In 2009, 48 percent of New Mexico high school students and nearly 11 percent of middle schools students had sexual intercourse, according to a new survey of almost 46,000 students from across the state.

The New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, conducted every other year by the New Mexico Department of Health and the Public Education Department, collects data self-reported by students from most of the 89 school districts in New Mexico. The survey was completed by 22,249 high school students and 23,628 middle school students.

“We know from the survey that some children are making the decision to become sexually active as early as the sixth grade,” said Health Secretary Alfredo Vigil, MD. “This is important information for local communities, school districts and especially parents so they can talk with children early about making healthy choices. In addition, we must educate students at an early age about how to stay safe from sexually transmitted diseases and how to prevent pregnancies.”

Data on high school students’ sexual behavior has not changed much over the years, except for two measures. The percent of high school students reporting having sex before age 13 has decreased each year since 2003 (9.6 percent in 2003; 7.4 percent in 2009). Among the sexually active, the percent of students who used alcohol or drugs before having sexual intercourse has decreased (31.7 percent in 2003; 23.1 percent in 2009).

The survey found that of the students who had sexual intercourse, about 62 percent of high school students and 68 percent of middle school students reported using a condom. Condom use increased with each grade in middle school and dropped by high school. The survey showed that 52 percent of sixth graders, almost 71 percent of seventh graders and about 73 percent of eighth graders reported using a condom.

The Department of Health supports programs that give scientific, balanced and complete information to young people so they accept the information and know what to do with it. Department programs emphasize the importance of abstinence while also providing critical information about how young people can protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and

diseases.

The Department spends about \$800,000 on community education teen pregnancy prevention programs including Plain Talk, the South Valley Male Involvement Project and the Teen Outreach Program, which combines community-based volunteer service and curriculum-based learning so that youth feel more connected to their community and their school. The Department also spends \$2 million a year to provide confidential family planning services to teens statewide.

The Public Education Department is responsible for the statewide Graduation, Reality and Dual-Role Skills (GRADS) Program. This program, currently in more than 35 New Mexico High Schools, includes elective classes and technical assistance for teen parents to ensure high school graduation of teen parents, to promote healthy multi-generational families and to reduce risk taking behaviors.

Other key findings of the report related to sexual activity include:

- About 7 percent of high school students had sex before age 13.
- About 33 percent of high school students were sexually active in the last three months.
- About 23 percent of sexually active high school students drank alcohol or used drugs before having sex.
- About 8 percent of girls and 14 percent of boys in middle school reported having sex.
- About 4 percent of girls and 8 percent of boys in middle school reported having more than one sex partner.

The 2009 New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey also collected data about mental health; tobacco, drug and alcohol use; physical activity, nutrition and body weight; personal injury and violence, including bullying; academic performance; and resiliency factors, which include relationships with family, school, adults and peers, community involvement, life skills and constructive use of time. The initial report is available online at <http://nmhealth.org/epi/yrrs.html>.

Tobacco, Alcohol Use Drops Among High School Students

(Santa Fe) – High school students are less likely to use alcohol and tobacco than previous years while drug use has fluctuated over the years, according to a 2009 survey of New Mexico high school students. The percentage of high school students using methamphetamine or cocaine has decreased since 2003. There have been no statistically significant changes in recent years in the rates of marijuana use, heroin use, or use of pain killers to get high.

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behaviors, including protective factors in their lives.

Tobacco use among high school students has been on a downward trend since 2003, including current cigarette smoking, smoking cigarettes before age 13 and ever trying cigarette smoking. In 2003, a third of high school students reported being a current smoker compared to 24 percent in 2009.

Among the middle school students surveyed, 24.8 percent reported ever smoking, 5.7 percent smoked before age 11 and 6.8 percent were current smokers.

All major measures of alcohol use among high school students have been improving since 2003. Current drinking (at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days) decreased from 50.7 percent of high school students in 2003 to 40.5 percent in 2009; binge drinking (five or more drinks on a single occasion decreased from 35.4 percent to 25 percent; and drinking and driving decreased from 19.1 percent to 9.7 percent.

Of the current high school drinkers, most were binge drinkers. By grade level, the percentage of students who were binge drinkers more than tripled during middle school (3.6 percent in 6th grade; 13.9 percent in 8th grade), but increased more gradually in high school (20.1 percent in 9th grade; 25.4 percent in 10th; 26.6 percent in 11th; 29.2 percent in 12th grade).

Among middle school students, 33.8 percent ever drank alcohol and 16.2 percent were current drinkers. The percent of middle school students reporting ever drinking alcohol dramatically increased between sixth and eighth grade (21.7 percent in 6th, 31.2 percent in 7th and 47.9 percent in 8th).

“This survey is evidence that adolescents are choosing to use substances at early ages, so we must intervene early if we want to have an impact on their behavior,” said Health Secretary Alfredo Vigil, MD.

About 15 percent of middle school students reported ever using marijuana, 5.7 percent reported cocaine use and 14.2 percent reported ever using inhalants. Drug use among middle school students increased with grade level. Boys had a higher rate of inhalant use than girls. There was no statistically significant difference by gender for cocaine and marijuana use.

Of the almost 40 percent of high school students who reported either smoking cigarettes, marijuana use or binge drinking, more than one-quarter (26.1 percent) did all three. Of the 13 percent of middle school students who reported one of those behaviors, almost 21 percent did all three.

In an effort to encourage more of New Mexico’s youth to seek treatment for alcohol and drug use, the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative has unveiled its youth targeted anti-stigma campaign this month, “Talk About it New Mexico.”

“This campaign encourages youth to talk with another student, friend or team mate about issues they are dealing with, such as drugs, alcohol, depression and even suicidal thoughts,” said Linda Homer, Collaborative CEO. “The campaign directs people to the Talk About it New Mexico website that offers several options for chats, support groups, and hotlines to talk about the issues they are dealing with.” The website can be found at

www.talkaboutitnewmexico.org.

A great new website with interactive data access and analysis Worth checking out.

<https://www.analyzethe.us/>

AnalyzeThe.US allows anyone to use Palantir to explore vast amounts of data only recently released into the public domain, including key datasets from www.data.gov. Information about key individuals, organizations, and activities exists in many places, and conducting meaningful analysis first requires the ability to integrate data seamlessly and completely. AnalyzeThe.US brings critical knowledge together on a single stage, while providing rich analytical applications that enable anyone to develop an intuitive picture of the complex flow of resources, money, and influence that affect how our government functions. Ultimately, by allowing citizens to analyze our democracy, AnalyzeThe.US democratizes analysis.

See a video demonstrating the application and the data behind it:

<http://health2challenge.org/blog/palantir/>

[From the Bernalillo County Community Health Council](#)

Bernalillo County Community Health Council - www.berncohealthcouncil.org

FREE DENTAL CARE EVENT COMING UP IN OCTOBER.

<http://www.nmdentalfoundation.org/patient.php>

New Mexico Mission of Mercy will be at the fairgrounds on Friday, October 15th and Saturday October 16th from 5AM-5PM each day.

NM MOM is a large-scale dental clinic where more than 100 portable dental stations are set up in a public arena, and dental screenings and services are provided at no charge to those who attend. Patients are treated on a first-come, first-served basis. They wait their turn to see a nurse and a dentist for an initial evaluation, and to have their dental needs prioritized.

As dentists and dental hygienists become available, patients are guided to areas of the dental clinic where they undergo preventive (teeth cleaning), restorative (fillings), endodontic (root canal treatments), periodontic (gum treatments), prosthodontic (partial dentures), and/or surgical procedures. During the dental clinic, patients are provided with instruction on how to care for their teeth. Bilingual volunteers are available throughout the clinic experience to assist non-English speaking patients.

Who Should Come

- Children and adults
- If you do not have enough money to pay for dental care

- If you do not have a regular dentist

Dates

- Friday, October 15, 2010
- Saturday, October 16, 2010

Time

- Come early! Clinic doors open at 5:00 am
- No Appointments
- Patients are seen on first come-first serve basis
- The number of patients seen will be limited to clinic capacity

Directions/Parking

Drive in through Expo Gate 8 Louisiana NE (south of Lomas) - or if walking or taking public transportation enter Expo through Gate 7 - Central and San Pedro. The physical address of Expo New Mexico is 300 San Pedro Blvd, NE , Albuquerque, NM 87108 . NM MOM will be held in the **Manual Lujan Building**.

What to Expect

- You will wait your turn to see a dental hygienist, dental assistant or dentist for an initial evaluation, and to have your needed dental services prioritized.
- As dentists and dental hygienists become available, you will be taken to areas of the dental clinic where you will undergo dental procedures.
- The dental work performed at NM MOM includes cleanings, fillings, root canal treatments, prefabricated crowns, temporary partial dentures/repair, and extractions.
- During the dental clinic, you will be provided with instruction on how to care for their teeth.
- Bilingual volunteers will be available throughout the clinic experience to assist non-English speaking patients.

What to Bring

- You will be **waiting** your turn to enter the NM MOM dental clinic, and then **waiting** to see the dentists and dental hygienists.
- It will be important to bring reading, knitting, crossword puzzles, etc. to fill your time.
- It will also be important to bring food/snacks and drinks with you.

For your information, in other cities people have camped out for two days to be seen. On the video it says they will provide babysitting but find your own if possible.

If you go please remember to say thank you to every person, they are ALL volunteers and put in VERY long days.

[From the Center for Nonprofit Excellence](#)

- Managing, tracking and reporting your organization's financials is a key responsibility. Whether you are an experienced finance director; executive director; board member; or nonprofit staff new to bookkeeping--there is a training to meet your needs. This fall's line up of financial management trainings will assist your organization to function better with increased accountability and more accurate reporting. And don't forget to check out the other financial management resources on our website including [toolkits](#), [frequently asked questions](#) and links to useful websites.

Internal Controls

October 13, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Nonprofit Excellence, United Way of Central New Mexico

\$15

Increase financial transparency, minimize fraud risk and increase donor confidence at this brown bag session. Presented by Nick Loftis, CPA.

Reading and Understanding Financial Statements

November 4, 7:30 am - 9:30 am

Center for Nonprofit Excellence, United Way of Central New Mexico

\$15

For board members and executive directors to gain a clear understanding of the numbers and be able to assess the financial health of your organization. Presented by Carol Cochran, CPA/PFS, CEBS, CMA, CMS and Laurel Shelton, CPA, REDW, the Rogoff Firm.

- **With support from the Daniels Fund**, we have been able to convert some of the grant writing materials into toolkits for your use. The toolkits are designed to offer information in an easy-to-access, printable, abridged version of live trainings. The following are available to view or print:

Grant Writing Toolkits:

Researching Grantmakers - an overview of grant research tools and how best to use them, how to learn more about particular grantmakers and evaluate whether to pursue a funding opportunity.

Needs Statement - define the underlying problem or issue the grant proposal is addressing. The needs statement is used to educate the funders and proposal reviewers about community needs the nonprofit organization seeks to address.

Program Plan - information about your organization's plans to address the community need, including who or what will benefit from the program, who will carry out the program plan and how.

We also have nine **financial management toolkits** that include: Accounting Glossary, Accounting for Grants, Audit, Budget Process, How to Avoid Conflicts of Interest, Internal Controls, IRS Form 990 (updated!), Lobbying and Selecting Accounting Software.

Please let your colleagues know about these resources. And keep providing us with feedback so we can best meet your professional development needs.

And we thank the Daniels Fund for your generous support in expanding the Center for

Nonprofit Excellence online resources.

- The Center for Nonprofit Excellence has recently launched the online New Mexico Nonprofit Directory at www.nmnonprofits.org.

The **New Mexico Nonprofit Directory** is free, online and searchable and includes detailed information about nonprofit missions, programs, geographical service regions and contact information. The Directory is being used by grantmakers and donors and is also designed to be of value to volunteers and nonprofit organizations looking to partner, collaborate or learn from each other.

Please inform your nonprofit partners in your community about the New Mexico Nonprofit Directory. They can register online by visiting our website at www.centerforprofitexcellence.org and opening the NM Nonprofit Directory form link on the homepage or go directly to the New Mexico Nonprofit Directory at www.nmnonprofits.org.

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From the YWCA

The YWCA Institute for Leadership and Diversity offers practical, applicable skills that are designed to empower women for success in today's workplace. Companies that take a proactive approach to training their employees in the essentials of leadership have the competitive edge that defines the difference between surviving and thriving. As the oldest and largest multicultural woman's organization in the world, the YWCA has the proven expertise to effectively train women for leadership.

Thursdays October 14 to November 18, 2010 5:30 – 8:30PM Light Dinner Provided

COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Six workshop sessions led by some of the most innovative women leaders in New Mexico
- Moderated work groups
- Role playing, coaching and collaboration
- Graduation ceremony for participants and employers
- Follow up mentoring opportunities

SESSIONS:

WEEK ONE: OCTOBER 14 - *Aligning Beliefs and Behaviors*

Develop an inventory of values and skills – a road map for how to walk the walk – not just talk the talk.

WEEK TWO: OCTOBER 21- *The Basics of Bias*

Learn how to discuss racial and cultural issues openly and honestly so that all can benefit.

WEEK THREE: OCTOBER 28 - *Negotiating the "Win-Win"*

Gain insight and tools to recognize your existing skills and seize the opportunities to create 'win-win' outcomes.

WEEK FOUR: NOVEMBER 4 - *Building Your Brand*

Learn the methods to build a word-of-mouth network through marketing, personally and corporately, and how you can let customers see your brand in person.

WEEK FIVE: NOVEMBER 11 - *Team Building: Do You Play and Work Well with Others?*

Find out how effective team building involves a shared vision, promotes mutual respect and instills trust.

WEEK SIX: NOVEMBER 18 - *Change or Die*

Learn how to adapt to client needs, streamline staff, hone time management skills and use strategic planning and goal setting to move your company forward.

REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Space is limited, so register early! Cost for the six-week institute is \$500. Complete session descriptions can be found online.

To register, visit www.ywca-nm.org. Sessions to be held at the offices of Dekker Perich Sabatini at 7601 Jefferson NE # 100. For those seeking CEU credits or for any other inquiries, please call 505-254-9922.

Message from the Young Fathers Program

The New Mexico Young Father Program (NMYFP) continues to do well and stays busy serving young fathers and their families. On average, NMYFP serves over fifty families per month. NMTPC continues to focus on the importance of male involvement for prevention efforts that target boys and young men. NMTPC/NMYFP is excited to announce that we will soon have a new and updated NMYFP website. The website will feature new and updated information on male involvement/young fathers. It is our hope that young fathers and service providers will have access to valuable information on services provided by NMYFP staff. Currently, NMYFP staff provides intense case management, job development, assistance with paternity establishment, anger management, and Parenting. In addition, NMYFP provides a parenting group for young fathers at the Trumbull Center, Youth Diagnostic Detention Center, Bernalillo County Juvenile Detention Center, and Sequoyah Adolescent Treatment Center. Services are provided to meet the needs of each individual. For further information you may contact our office at 254-8737.

Referral form for the New Mexico Young Fathers Project

If you know a struggling young father under the age of 26 – We can help! [Download the form](#) and send your referral to Jessica Tafoya, Fax (505) 254-8741 or email: comm-lia@nmtpc.org in the **Albuquerque Area**. If you are in the **Las Cruces area**, send the referral form to Gary Madrid, DA-YFP@nmtpc.org or call (575) 532-1536

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