

**NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION**  
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## **MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

This year's NMTPC is approaching rapidly. We have wonderful and informative workshops, and learned speakers with information to help all of us take a new look at the services and training we offer New Mexicans and see if we can make the services better. The conference is an excellent opportunity to share experiences, expertise and innovative ideas with our colleagues statewide. I hope to see you there.

## **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE NM TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION CONFERENCE ON MAY 1, 2009.**

You can register online at [www.regonline.com/nmtpc2009](http://www.regonline.com/nmtpc2009)! You may also download a conference agenda and registration form from the website and mail it or fax it in with payment.

**Conference Location and Lodging:**  
**Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center**  
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## 1. New from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancies

### TELL US WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING FOR THE 2009 NATIONAL DAY

#### Respond Soon to Win Free National Day Promotional Materials

The National Day (May 6, 2009) is right around the corner and we want to know what great activities you have planned to support this year's event. As you begin to organize activities for the National Day, please plans so we can share them let everybody know about all the exciting things going on across the country. We will collect and post your stories in the [2009 National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Activities section](#) of our website for others to read about, learn from, and perhaps implement in their own communities!

### FOLLOW THE NATIONAL DAY ON FACEBOOK

The National Day has a brand new [Facebook Causes](#) page where you can receive updates, share your National Day stories and ideas with other supporters, post photos and videos from your National Day activities, and help get others involved by inviting them to join our cause. [Check out our Facebook Causes page here](#) and tell all of your friends and colleagues to support this important event.

### RELATIONSHIP REALITY POP QUIZ WIDGET AVAILABLE MAY 1, 2009

Based on the success of last year's National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy widget, we are excited to announce that a new widget will appear on [StayTeen.org](#) for the 2009 National Day.

On May 1st, the National Campaign will make available a **short quiz relationship-themed widget quiz that teens will be able to "grab" and put on their MySpace or Facebook profiles, blogs, and personal websites.** With a few simple clicks, teens will be able to add the quiz to their pages, share it with their friends, and be entered in a contest to **win three free airline tickets courtesy of Southwest Airlines or an iPod Touch.**

We hope that all of our National Day friends and partners will check out this cool application and add it to their websites once it becomes available. Want more information about adding the National Day widget to your website? Email [mrosst@thenc.org](mailto:mrosst@thenc.org) for additional details and stay tuned for more information.

### Save the Date Tuesday, May 19, 2009

SAVE THE DATE for the Latino Leaders Network Issue Hour on Tuesday, May 19th at 10:00am on Capitol Hill. Join us for a panel discussion with issue experts on "Teen Pregnancy in the Latino Community." The Issue Hour will highlight a new poll commissioned by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) that examines differences and similarities among key subgroups within the Latino community about teen pregnancy. Speakers include Sarah S. Brown, CEO, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy; Alma Morales Riojas, President, MANA; Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez (MD), and Dr. Maria Rosa, NCLR.

## 2. New from Advocates for Youth

1. Advocates for Youth has released a Sex Education Media Messaging document (Powerpoint page) which was distributed to the participants at the State Summit. They have requested that it be made available to all members of TPP Coalitions across the country.

These are the core messages for comprehensive sex education that Advocates, SIECUS, PPFA, ACLU and others all agreed on.

[Sex Ed Message \(comp and ab\) Box.ppt \(68KB\)](#)

2. Advocates has also released Talking Points on President Obama's rescinding the Bush Administration HHS 'conscience clause' around contraception

**Obama To Rescind HHS Anti-Contraception Ruling**  
**TALKING POINTS**  
February, 2009

**Background:**

As you know, during the last days of the Bush Administration regulations were put in place that expanded federal protections for medical workers who objected to providing certain health care services, including most forms of contraception, based on religious or moral objections. These regulations redefined abortion to include some of the most common and effective methods of birth control. As a result, women's ability to manage their own health care is at risk of being compromised by politics and ideology.

Opposition also came from prominent health care associations including American Nurses Association, the American Medical Association, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Social Health Association, the National Association of Community Health Centers, and the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals.

**Talking Points**

On February 26, 2009, the Obama Administration announced its intention to revoke the rule.

- By taking the first step in rescinding the harmful midnight regulation, the Obama Administration is standing up for patients having the right to receive complete and accurate health information and services.
- This action demonstrates that this President is not going to stand by and let women's health be placed in jeopardy.
- By allowing health insurance companies, hospitals, doctors, physicians, and health care workers of all kinds to deny patients vital health care information and services, without the patient even knowing, the current rule undermines health care access and creates chaos in an already stressed health care system, particularly for low-income women and families whose options are already limited.
- When a patient walks into a hospital, pharmacy, or any health care center she should be confident she will receive complete and accurate health care information and services.
- The Obama Administration rule title is: "Rescission of the Regulation Issued by the Department of Health and Human Services on December 19, 2008, Implementing the Church Amendments (42 U.S.C. 300a-7), Section 245 of the Public Health Service" (posted on OMB's website).

- Once the rule is published, there will be an open comment period. It is imperative that those who support women's health and access to quality affordable care write and submit their comments to show this administration they support rescinding the rule.

### **3. New from the Healthy Teen Network**

#### **A Policy Platform to Promote Health and Success among Young Families**

Healthy Teen Network sent President Obama and Congressional leaders A Policy Platform to Promote Health and Success among Young Families, a comprehensive set of federal policy recommendations aimed at establishing or reforming public programs and systems that influence whether or not young families may achieve health and success after a teen birth.

The report cites multiple barriers to health and well-being encountered by young families (parenting youth under age 25 and their children) not only because the parents are still youth themselves but also because many are at a lower socioeconomic status than their non-parenting peers.

"As a nation, we must provide equal opportunities to young people who become pregnant and who choose to become parents as well as to their children," said Pat Paluzzi, President and CEO of Healthy Teen Network. "The special needs of young families are often overlooked in both family and youth policies and practices. This under-attention must be reversed. Healthy Teen Network's Young Families Policy Platform guides policymakers in the right direction," said Paluzzi.

Healthy Teen Network's Young Families Policy Platform is the first of its kind in scope, and offers recommendations in the areas of health and human services, housing, education, workforce and life skills development, child welfare and development, income security, and knowledge development and transfer.

The [full report](#) and [an executive summary](#) of A Policy Platform to Promote Health and Success Among Young Families are available for viewing and download on the Healthy Teen Network [web site](#).

Also available for viewing and download are recommendations sorted by the following individual topics: [Health and Human Services](#), [Housing](#), [Education](#), [Workforce and Life Skills Development](#), [Child Welfare and Development](#), [Income Security](#), and [Knowledge Development and Transfer](#).

Take Action!

Healthy Teen Network is now appealing to federal elected and appointed leaders to adopt the Young Families Policy Platform. We welcome the support of service providers, child, youth, and family advocacy organizations, concerned individuals, and young people themselves - in making this call to action.

[Action Alert](#)

## [Suggested Steps to Implement the Policy Platform](#)

### [Suggested Announcement](#)

#### **Healthy Teen Network Conference**

The theme of this year's conference is Celebrating Healthy Teens and Young Families: 30 Years of Making a Difference. The conference will be held in Tampa, FL, October 21-24, 2009.

For more information and to sign up for conference updates, visit the [Healthy Teen Network conference site](#) and enter your email address in the box that says "Join Our Email List."

#### **Join Healthy Teen Network**

Healthy Teen Network serves as the leading national membership organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of teens and young families.

Healthy Teen Network supports professionals in the adolescent health field through: research and evaluation, information dissemination, training and technical support, policy and advocacy, and organizational capacity building

Healthy Teen Network members receive weekly e-grams, exclusive access to the Members Only section of Healthy Teen Network's web site, reduced conference registration rates, and much more! Not a member? [Join today!](#)

Healthy Teen Network's weekly E-gram is just one of the many membership benefits we offer. **Not a member?** [Join Today!](#)

#### **4. New from the US Department of Justice – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

##### Report Reviews Relationships Between Youth Activities and Substance Abuse

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has released "The NSDUH Report: Youth Activities, Substance Use, and Family Income."

The 3-page report draws on data from the National Survey on Drug Use & Health (NSDUH) to review relationships between youth participation in various activities and alcohol, cigarette, and illicit drug use.

The report indicates that youth aged 12 to 17 who did not participate in any school-, community, faith-based, or other activities had higher rates of past month cigarette and illicit drug use than those who took part in four or more activities.

Resources:

To access the report and related resources, visit <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k7/youthActs/youthActs.cfm>.

## **5. From the Every Child Matters Educational Fund**

This past weekend, Every Child Matters launched a national television ad campaign aimed at garnering support for the child-friendly investments in President Obama's budget.

The ad, which debuted on Sunday, expresses strong support for the "Child Safety Net" in President Obama's budget. The Child Safety Net is a series of programs that help children lead healthy lives and gives them a chance to grow up to be productive citizens. Research shows that when the basic needs of children are not being met-- when they are abused, neglected, hungry, homeless or otherwise not fully supported, they all too often turn to an adulthood lived on public assistance or in crime.

By investing in children early, we can avoid the great social cost associated with supporting those who cannot support themselves. The ad makes this point by contrasting the lives of two children, one who gets support and one who does not, and closes with a message: "America's children need the President's budget - because Every Child Matters."

The ad is currently running in Maine, Nebraska, and Louisiana, and will begin running nationally this coming Sunday. [Click here](#) to view the ad.

Thank you for your help to make children a political priority.

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## **Local Events & Notices**

### **From The New Mexico Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NMAFCS)**

#### **Resources from NMFACS:**

\* Report Offers Information About Providing Women with Access to Contraceptive Services; available at [http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/2009/02/17/next\\_steps\\_complete.pdf](http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/2009/02/17/next_steps_complete.pdf).

\* Article Analyzes Factors Associated with Adolescent Bedtime and Wake Time; Knutson KL, Lauderdale DS. 2009. Sociodemographic and behavioral patterns of bed time and wake time among US adolescents aged 15 to 17 years. Journal of Pediatrics 154(3):426-430. Abstract available at [http://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476\(08\)00720-8/abstract](http://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476(08)00720-8/abstract).

\* Film Relays Study Findings on Childbearing Among Latina Adolescents in California; available at <http://bixbycenter.ucsf.edu/videos/video-lo-1.html>.

\* MCH Leadership Training Module Focuses on Organizational Change; available at <http://www.jhsph.edu/wchpc/MCHLDS>

\* Authors Examine Associations Between Socioeconomic Status, Gender, Sports Participation, and Future Physical Activity in Adolescents; Walters S, Barr-Anderson DJ, Wall M, et al. 2009. Does participation in organized sports predict future physical activity for adolescents from diverse economic backgrounds? Journal of Adolescent Health 44(3):268-274. Abstract available at [http://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X\(08\)00353-4/abstract](http://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X(08)00353-4/abstract).

\* Journal Focuses on Benefits and Challenges of Using Information Technology in Health Care; available at <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/vol28/issue2>

\* TECHNOLOGY TREND: TEENS AND ONLINE HEALTH RESEARCH  
<http://cyfernet.org/techtrend/02-09.html>

\* PHYSICAL ABUSE OF TEENAGERS MAY ALTER A LIFE COURSE  
<http://www.lij.edu/template.cfm?xyzpdqabc=0&id=204&action=detail&ref=941>

## **GRANTS**

### **\* GRANTS PROMOTE LOCAL HEALTH COLLABORATIONS**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Local Funding Partnerships <http://www.lifp.org/>

Local Funding Partnerships (LFP), a collaborative program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers, supports innovative, community-based projects throughout the United States. Through LFP, a local grantmaker proposes a funding partnership with RWJF to provide seed money for a new project that addresses the health or health care problems of people who are not reached by traditional health and social services or for whom existing services are insufficient. Projects are expected to create meaningful change by addressing health in the context of complex social factors that impede good health for society's most vulnerable people. Programs that address access to medical care – such as the start-up of community health centers, mobile vans, dental services, or school-based health centers – also are not likely to be competitive. LFP provides grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 per project, which must be matched dollar for dollar by local grantmakers such as community foundations, family foundations, corporate funders, etc. Brief proposals are due July 7, 2009. Visit the website listed above for program details and online application information.

### **\* SMALL GRANTS ASSIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS**

Allstate Foundation Education and Job Training Fund  
<http://www.nnedvfund.org/projects/allstatefoundation/ejtf.html>

The Allstate Foundation Education and Job Training Fund, established by the Foundation in partnership with National Network to End Domestic Violence, provides small grants to survivors

of domestic violence to help them achieve their educational and job related goals. Eligible expenses include books and tuition for school, job skills training, temporary child care, public transportation, etc. Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply; however, the application must be completed by a local domestic violence program or coalition to be accepted. Applications may be submitted at any time. Details about the program are available on the National Network to End Domestic Violence website.

**\* GRANTS ADDRESS NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES**

Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development

<http://www.7genfund.org/>

The Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development is dedicated to promoting and maintaining the uniqueness of Native peoples throughout the Americas. The Fund's primary grantmaking program areas include: Arts and Cultural Expression, Environmental Health and Justice, Human Rights, Sacred Earth, Sustainable Communities, Intergenerational Leadership, and Women's Leadership. Grants from \$500 to \$5,000 are provided three times per year to Native communities that address one or more of the Fund's program areas. The next application deadline is June 1, 2009. (Mini-grants of up to \$500 are reviewed throughout the year.) Application guidelines and a cover sheet form are available on the Fund's website.

**From Harvard University**

If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free or no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

SEND TO SOMEONE WHETHER THEY CAN USE OR NOT. THEY JUST MIGHT KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN.

**From the New Mexico Federal Executive Board**

**Subject:** 3rd Annual Federal Career Expo

The New Mexico Federal Executive Board Diversity Committee is finalizing the 3rd annual Federal Career Expo to be held May 20, 2009, at the University of New Mexico Technology Center. The objective of the Expo is to outreach to the public and educate them on employment opportunities in the federal government.

Recent economic and employment conditions have significantly increased the public's interest in pursuing careers in the government. In addition, interest in federal internships has also increased over the last few months. As of March 17, 2009, USAJOBS is advertising 898 jobs in

New Mexico that are open to the public. The need for agencies to find qualified applicants to fill these positions comes at an opportune time to reach out to those seeking a new career. Federal stimulus money has also created a need for agencies to fill positions to complete projects authorized through this bill.

We have heard in numerous meetings how complicated the public finds the federal hiring process. Examples range from highly qualified candidates not making certificates to college students who have a great interest in working in the federal government but don't know how to find a job or where to start looking. The Expo will offer workshops in resume writing (federal requirements) and how to navigate USAJOBS. In addition, agencies and their representatives will staff booths with information about careers in their agencies. There will be no cost to agencies to have a booth at the Career Expo.

Although many agencies are facing budget declines and find it hard to actively recruit without having positions to offer, the Expo will provide a good marketing opportunity for your agency. We encourage your participation. and your agency support to make this event successful in promoting outreach and employment opportunities in the federal government.

Finally, this Expo is a great way to strengthen our commitment to being partners in our communities and being proactive in educating the public about careers with your agency. Your participation is key to having a successful event, and we encourage you to dedicate the time attend this event.

Please RSVP to John Kwait at 505-248-6415 or [John.Kwait@fws.gov](mailto:John.Kwait@fws.gov) on your agency interest in participating in this event by April 20th, 2009.

### **[Center for Non Profit Excellence](#)**

#### **Upcoming Training**

- [Board Roles and Responsibilities, Online](#)

#### **Leadership Development:**

April 27: [Preparing for Effective Collaboration](#), Albuquerque

April 29: [Collaboration Strategies for Nonprofits - Part I](#), Santa Fe

April 30: [Move Brown Bag - Volunteer Retention](#), Albuquerque

#### **Information Technology:**

April 24: [Computer Basics](#), Ruidoso

For more information and to register: <http://www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org/home/cnpe-calendar>

Visit the [New Mexico Grantmakers Directory](#)-a searchable database of funders that support New Mexico nonprofits, a partnership project of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and the New Mexico Association of Grantmakers.

## TOOLKITS

Can't be at a workshop but want to learn more? We have created toolkits to provide information in an easy to access, printable, abridged version of the live trainings. Available on the Center for Nonprofit Excellence [website](#) are:

- Accounting Glossary
- Accounting for Grants
- Audit
- How to Avoid Conflicts of Interest
- Internal Controls
- IRS Form 990
- Lobbying
- Selecting Accounting Software

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY

2009 Financial Management Training Series:

April 23: [Payroll Taxes and Preparing W2s](#)-Albuquerque  
May 7: [Grant Accounting & In-Kind Contributions](#)-Albuquerque  
June 18: [Cash Management](#)-Albuquerque  
September 17: [In-Depth Financial Training](#)-Albuquerque  
October 15: [Accounting Software Roundtable](#)-Albuquerque  
November 19: [Year End Planning](#)-Albuquerque

[Message from the Young Fathers' Project](#)

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 Cathy Ahiyite, Fax (505) 254-8741 or email to [outreach@nmtpc.org](mailto:outreach@nmtpc.org), in the Albuquerque Area. If you are in the Las Cruces area, send the referral form to Gary Madrid, [gm.nmtpc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gm.nmtpc@sbcglobal.net) or call (575) 532-1536. If you are in the Santa Fe area, send to Mr. Barry McIntosh, [kamac@cybermesa.com](mailto:kamac@cybermesa.com) or call (505) 428-1412.

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