

NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

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1. New from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

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August Discount - 25% Off in Online Store

Throughout August, the National Campaign is offering a 25% discount on all materials ordered through our online store. Simply enter coupon code 107 at checkout to get your discount. This special offer ends Thursday, August 31st. [Click here to visit the National Campaign's Online Store.](#)

Teen Contraceptive Use

A new report detailing trends in teen contraceptive use was released today by Child Trends. Some of the findings include:

- among sexually active teens aged 15-19, 78% of boys and 65% of girls report using some form of contraception both the first and most recent time they had sex;
- contraceptive use at first sex differs by race/ethnicity; and younger teens are less likely to use contraception.

The new analysis, developed by Child Trends, uses data from the 2002 National Survey of Family Growth conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. [Click here](#) to read a USA Today article on the report.

Supporting Teens in the 21st Century

“Coming of Age—Supporting Teens and Young Families in the 21st Century” is the theme of an upcoming conference sponsored by the Healthy Teen Network and the California Alliance Concerned with School Age Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention (CACCSAP). The conference is scheduled for November 15-18, 2006 and will take place in Anaheim, CA. Registrations are now being accepted.

Organizers note that the conference will “showcase research, programs, and media that engage teens and young families and provide support, education, and resources that recognize the complexity of our culture.” The gathering will also feature the latest information on teen pregnancy and offer concrete strategies for serving youth.

Please visit <http://htnconfreg.org> to register for the conference and for more detailed information.

Youth Leadership Team Visits Capitol Hill

The National Campaign’s Youth Leadership Team (YLT) --- a group of teens from around the country committed to preventing teen pregnancy --- recently gathered in Washington, DC to meet with their policymakers on Capitol Hill. Members of the YLT discussed the effects of teen pregnancy in their communities in 25 meetings with Senators, Representatives, and congressional staff

The National Campaign wishes to recognize the extraordinary dedication and leadership of the YLT members and also extends deep appreciation to the members of Congress for their commitment to preventing teen pregnancy.

[Click here to see some pictures from the YLT visit to Capitol Hill.](#)

2. New from Advocates for Youth

Politics Still at Play at the FDA on Emergency Contraception

The United States has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the Western industrialized world - - nearly twice that of Canada and Great Britain. Each year, approximately 800,000 teenage women in the U.S. experience pregnancy. In 2003 alone, there were more than 200,000 pregnancies among 16 and 17 year olds. Under the current proposal, these young women would not have over-the-counter access to emergency contraception - - technology that could

avert up to half of these pregnancies.

To read the full press release, please visit:
www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/press/073106.htm

For more information about emergency contraception, please visit:
www.advocatesforyouth.org/emergencycontraception/index.htm

New Scientific Study Provides Additional Evidence of Condoms' Effectiveness

A new scientific study published in June 22's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine states that proper condom use can reduce the risk of contracting HPV, a virus that can cause cervical cancer. "This is very encouraging news," said James Wagoner, President of Advocates for Youth.

"This report provides further evidence that, while not absolutely foolproof, condoms are far and away the most effective prevention tool for sexually active people, including youth."

To read the full press release, please visit:
www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/press/062106.htm

Send a Letter to Congress Today Support the PATHWAY Act!

Introducing a Bipartisan Bill To Remove Abstinence-Only From Overseas U.S. AIDS Prevention Programs

The Protection Against Transmission of HIV for Women and Youth Act of 2006 (PATHWAY) is a bill that calls for the development of a comprehensive HIV prevention strategy that addresses the major factors contributing to gender disparities in HIV infection. Women and girls are at much higher risk for infection; PEPFAR does little to address this group that is quickly becoming the face of the pandemic.

The bill would remove the abstinence-only-until-marriage funding earmark from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

Send a letter to your representative, today!
Please visit: <http://capwiz.com/advofy/issues/alert/?alertid=8899106&type=CO>

Support the ALPha Act!

Pharmacists have a responsibility to provide medications without judgment or fear. The Access to Legal Pharmaceuticals Act (H.R. 1652/S. 809) is designed to preserve the right to safe, legal, pharmaceuticals prescribed by a medical professional. Decisions about whether to use safe and legal birth control should be made by a woman and her doctor, without restrictions by pharmacists.

Send a letter to your Senator by visiting:
<http://capwiz.com/advofy/issues/alert/?alertid=8946226&type=CO>

Send a letter to your Representative by visiting:
<http://capwiz.com/advofy/issues/alert/?alertid=8946171&type=CO>

Job Opening at Advocates!

Program Coordinator, GLBT Initiatives

The Program Coordinator for GLBT Initiatives will expand Advocates' work on GLBT youth issues and sexual health. Activities include conducting trainings, workshops, and presentations to national, state, and local audiences; providing technical assistance; collecting information and preparing materials; developing resources on ongoing and "model" projects, particularly those focusing on African American/black and Latino/Hispanic youth; maintaining an internet intervention for GLBT youth and youth service providers; and recruiting, training, and supervising an online peer education program.

To read the full job description, please visit:

www.advocatesforyouth.org/about/employment.htm#glbt

Advocates Gears Up for Two Exciting Events!

- ***Rights. Respect. Responsibility® A Bold New Vision for Sexual Health in America***

Advocates for Youth and Planned Parenthood Health Services of Southwestern Oregon are co-sponsoring a national conference on the 3Rs: Rights. Respect. Responsibility.® in Eugene, Oregon from August 10-11, 2006. Participants will learn about a compelling model that is gaining national attention. This positive approach is grounded in the 3Rs and effectively reframes the conversation about adolescent sexual health, ultimately contributing to lower teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates.

(Please note: registration for the conference is officially closed.)

For more information about the conference and the 3Rs, please visit:

www.advocatesforyouth.org/rrrconference.htm

- ***XVI International AIDS Conference, Toronto, Canada***

Advocates for Youth will be attending its 3rd International AIDS Conference, this year, in Toronto, Canada. Advocates staff has been heavily involved in planning activities for the both the Toronto YouthForce pre-conference (August 9-12), and youth activities for the main conference (August 13-18). Staff will facilitate four workshops at the Pre-Conference: 'Understanding Policy' Advocating for Toronto YouthForce Goals', Strengthening Alliances and Advocacy Goals through Networking, and Why Gender Matters. Additionally, staff and activists will be writing about their experiences in blogs on MTV, RH Reality Check and the Youth Newsletter at the conference.

The Conference, themed "Time to Deliver" will focus on the promises and progress made to scale-up treatment, care and prevention.

For more information, please visit:

<http://youth.aids2006.org/en/home.html>

A Focus on Successful Programs: Plain Talk

Plain Talk is a neighborhood-based initiative aimed at helping adults, parents, and community leaders develop the skills they need to communicate effectively with young people about reducing adolescent sexual risk-taking. Plain Talk was developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and launched in five urban communities in 1993. Today Plain Talk has been replicated in multiple communities across 10 states.

To read the publication, please visit:

www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/frtp/plaintalk.htm

Let's Talk Month - Just Around the Corner!

Are you participating in Let's Talk Month? If not, we hope you'll consider it. Let's Talk Month is October and it is focused on encouraging youth and the adults they trust to have conversations about sex. It takes the perspective that working together, parents and other adults in communities can provide information and skills to prepare young people to become healthy adults...and the parents of tomorrow's children. The Advocates for Youth website has a planning guide for Let's Talk Month, recently updated, that you can download for free at: www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/lm.pdf

Speaking of Communicating about Sex...

We've recently come across an article that you may find helpful in the Journal of Adolescent Health [39 (2006) 128-131]. Titled "Racial/ethnic Differences in Mother-daughter Communication About Sex", it compares aspects of communication about sex between and among White, Black, Latina, and Asian mothers and daughters. If you have access to the Journal of Adolescent Health, please check it out. If you don't, drop me a line and we'll see that you get a copy.

RESOURCES

New Resource to Help Connect with Faith Communities

The Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing has published "Reaching Out to Faith Communities: A Guide for Sexual and Reproductive Health Organizations". It is a 26 page booklet that provides an overview of religion and sexuality issues, an analysis of denomination support for sexual justice, practical strategies for involving clergy and planning events, a list of "do's and don'ts" to consider, and organization and print resources for more information. The booklet can be downloaded as a PDF at www.religioustitutet.org/pubs/reachingout.pdf. You can also request a single complimentary copy of the printed booklet. Additional copies are \$2.00 including postage and handling with bulk rates available for more than 20 copies by calling LifeQuest Publications at 419-872-7448. In addition, the Religious Institute is willing to offer permission for organizations to reprint the booklet for their own members. If you are interested in reprinting, contact Debra Haffner at haffner@religioustitutet.org

So, You Do A Lot of Public Speaking?

Then you might benefit from the insights, advice, and tools that you can find at www.speakernetnews.com. Check it out!

OPPORTUNITIES

FutureNet Annual Conference - September 12 & 13

FutureNet, the Iowa Network for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Parenting, and Sexual Health, has announced that Shelby Knox, student advocate from the PBS documentary, "The Education of Shelby Knox", will be the featured speaker at its Annual Conference this Fall. Tuesday, September 12 will feature the annual state TPP grantee meeting and, in the afternoon, the training "Enhancing the Lives of Young Families through Innovative Approaches." Wednesday, February 13 will be a joint conference day with the Family Planning Council of Iowa at which Shelby Knox will be a keynote speaker. For additional information on the conference contact FutureNet Executive Director Rhonda Chittenden at rchittenden@iowafuturenet.org.

11th Annual G-CAPP Conference - September 24-27

The Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention will be holding its annual conference in Atlanta on September 24-27. This year's theme is "Instant Messaging: Communicating Effective Prevention Strategies to Today's Youth" and will feature David Walsh, Jean Kilbourne, Michael Carrera, Jane Fonda, and a plethora of outstanding workshops. You can get full details of the conference and register online at: www.gcapp.org/G-CAPP/conference.htm.

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3. New from the Center for Law and Social Policy

Starting Off Right: Promoting Child Development from Birth in State Early Care and Education Initiatives

prepared by Rachel Schumacher, Katie Hamm, Anne Goldstein, and Joan Lombardi describes a menu of strategies some states are using to improve early care and education for infants and toddlers, and supports to their families. Early care and education is a key way states can promote positive development for very young children, including those in low-income families. This paper provides illustrative state examples of specific policies to promote child development birth to 3, as well as ideas for state funding and governance structures that provide attention and resources for all children birth to age 5.

More Child Support Dollars to Kids: Using New State Flexibility in Child Support Pass-Through and Distribution Rules to Benefit Government and Families

by Paul Legler (PSI) and Vicki Turetsky. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 provides new state flexibility to pass through more child support dollars to current and former TANF families. This policy brief describes the new DRA changes in assignment and distribution rules, and explains why they can improve child support compliance, assist families making the transition from welfare to work, help states meet work participation and child support performance rates, and reduce state costs. The policy brief is also available at www.policy-studies.com. (8 pages)

Child Support Assignment and Distribution Provisions in the Deficit Reduction Act

by Vicki Turetsky. These slides summarize the new changes in child support assignment and distribution rules included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. (23 pages)

Child Support Provisions in the Deficit Reduction Act: LDAA

by Vicki Turetsky. These slides provide an overview of the child support provisions in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 presented to the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association. The slides summarize a number of changes to the child support program, including reductions in

federal funding, a new service fee charged to families, assignment and distribution changes, medical support provisions, and review and adjustment procedures. (16 pages)

Flex in the City: The Story of a Mayor and His Vision

by Webb Lyons. In Houston, Mayor Bill White has taken a personal role in fostering a workplace flexibility initiative. The Houston effort is designed not only to give workers more control over their lives, but also to reduce traffic congestion. The Mayor and his staff are gearing up for "Flex in the City," a two-week period designed to get more employers to adopt a workplace flex option. This issue brief, the fourth in CLASP's work-life balance series, links to a live 10-minute interview with the Mayor and also points to other programs and legislation around the U.S. that make the connection between workplace flexibility and reduced traffic congestion. (4 pages)

Getting Punched: The Job and Family Clock...It's Time for Flexible Work for Workers of All Wages

by Jodie Levin-Epstein. Get the facts on the dramatic labor market changes that result in more and more workers facing dual and dueling responsibilities - those at work and those at home. Businesses that recognize this tension address it through responsive scheduling and paid time off; and, these businesses benefit from cost savings when they do. Getting Punched suggests 10 ways that government should get more involved in promoting responsive workplaces for workers of all wages. It's about time.

Analysis of New Interim Final TANF Rules

prepared jointly by CLASP and the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities provides an overview of the major regulatory provisions and the implications for state policies of rules issued by the Department of Health and Human Services on June 29, 2006. The interim final regulations implement the changes to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program made by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The analysis explains the new federal definitions of the countable work activities and their implications for education and training and services for individuals with barriers to employment. The analysis also examines the treatment of child-only cases, how hours of participation must be counted tracked and verified, implications for child care, and changes in the maintenance of effort requirement. (34 pages)

RSS feeds now available for CLASP publications and audio conferences

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Job Announcement

CLASP has announced 2 job openings.

Child Care and Early Education Research Assistant
Family and Youth Research Assistant

The Research Assistant will support members of the team by working on a range of research projects that will require: gathering and analyzing academic research, statistical data, and

state policy information; participating in and summarizing interviews with state policy makers; conducting extensive web-based research; developing written and graphic presentations of research; and assisting in production of CLASP reports.

For the full description of both positions go to www.clasp.org/jobs.php

4. New From the Channing Bete Healthy Communities E-Newsletter

Trends in Child Well-Being Not Improving as Well as in Past

While child and teen death rates, teenage birth rates, and dropout rates have improved in recent years, declines in a number of areas indicate that child well-being trends are not currently improving as steadily as they did in the late 1990s. The seventeenth annual KIDS COUNT Data Book from the Annie E. Casey Foundation reports increases in the number of children living below the poverty line, the percentage of babies born with a low birth weight, and the number of children without one or more parents working full time. This year's Data Book focuses on early childhood development for children in low-income neighborhoods. Says Douglas W. Nelson, Annie E. Casey Foundation president, "Strengthening early childhood development can help to assure that all children begin life on a level playing field."

Read the full article at:

www.aecf.org/newsroom/june27_news_release.pdf

(requires Adobe® Reader®)

* Help young children build the social skills they'll need throughout their lives

PATHS® (Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies)

This research-based and proven-effective violence-prevention curriculum for children in grades K-6 promotes social and emotional learning, character development, and bullying prevention, and builds the problem-solving abilities and other life skills required for positive relationships today -- and throughout students' lives.

To learn more, register for a free teleconference, or place an online order, go to:

www.channing-bete.com/prevention-programs/paths/?src=em

"Social Capital" May Help Explain Disparities in Teen Pregnancy Rates

Why do some states differ so widely in teen pregnancy rates? A new study suggests it may have to do with social capital -- trust and cooperation toward aiming common goals within a community.

"Generally, the more social capital an area has, the better the public health outcome," said David R. Holtgrave, Ph.D., study co-author and chair of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Department of Health, Behavior and Society. "As it relates to adolescent teen pregnancy, social capital measurement tends to capture the environment in which teens live, such as how many nonprofit organizations there are in a state and whether adults report heavy involvement in such organizations." In addition to teen pregnancy, social capital has also been shown to have an impact on issues like AIDS, violent behavior, and even the common cold.

Read the full article at:

www.jhsph.edu/publichealthnews/articles/2006/holtgrave_socialcapital.html

Give young people the facts about sex -- and waiting -- with the resources at:

www.channing-bete.com/public-health/sexual-respons-abstinence.html?src=em

Smokers of Light Cigarettes May Be Less Likely to Quit

While some people smoke light cigarettes with the intention of reducing their health risks, a new study has found that these smokers are about 50 percent less likely to quit smoking than people who smoked regular cigarettes. Thus, the 30 million U.S. adult smokers of light cigarettes may actually be at greater risk for smoking-related diseases over the course of their lifetime. The study uses data from the 2000 National Health Interview Survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau for the National Center for Health Statistics, and appears in the online version of the American Journal of Public Health.

Read the full article at:

<http://newsbureau.upmc.com/Schools/LightCigarettes.htm>

Give all smokers the tools they need to kick the habit

"Quitting For Life; A Self-Care Handbook" (EM93646)K

Easy-to-read information and interactive exercises help smokers understand the benefits of and barriers to quitting, and develop a customized quit-smoking plan.

To learn more or to place an online order, go to:

<http://go.channing-bete.com/wa/promotion?p=1&code=H402E>

New Research Finds Potential Solution to Racial Differences in Safety Belt Use

Past research has determined that African Americans wear safety belts far less often than white Americans, but researchers from Meharry Medical College may have found a way to close the gap. According to the researchers, differences exist between states with primary safety belt laws, where drivers can be stopped for not buckling up, and states with secondary laws, where drivers can only be cited if stopped for another offense. The disparity was found to be prevalent in states with secondary laws but nonexistent in states with primary laws. Out of the 49 states with safety belt laws, only 25 have primary laws. The study appears in the August issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

Read the full article at:

www.meharry.org/ms/In_The_News/June_2006/Promoting_seat_belt_use_among_black_motorists.html

Help everyone in your community stay safe on the road with the resources at:

www.channing-bete.com/community-safety/traffic-safety.html?src=em

Despite Focus on Illegal Drugs, Underage Drinking Is Greater Threat

Underage drinking in the U.S. comes with a price tag of almost \$62 billion per year, says a new study in the July issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol. But even though alcohol is more widely used among young people than illegal drugs and kills 4 times as many young users, the government spends about 25 times more money on preventing illegal drug use than it does on preventing underage drinking. "Alcohol-related traffic crashes, violence, teen pregnancies, STDs, burns, drownings, alcohol poisoning, property damage and other risks take a human and economic toll that's much greater than illegal drugs," said Ted Miller, Ph.D., lead author of the study. "Yet we spend so much more on youth drug abuse." Almost 3,200 deaths and 2.6 million other harmful events result from underage drinking each year.

Read the full article at:

www.pire.org/detail2.asp?core=38213&cms=114

Help teens stay out from under the influence of alcohol

"Alcohol-Free Living For Teens; A Presentation Kit" (EM99715)R

This compelling presentation helps you teach teens how alcohol can affect their bodies and health, how alcohol companies use the media to promote their products by linking drinking with sex and popularity, and ways to resist the pressure to drink that might come from friends and family.

To learn more or to place an online order, go to:

www.channing-bete.com/presentationkits/products/99715-alc-free-liv-tns.html?src=em

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5. New from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Report Provides Insights into Effects of Mentoring High-Risk Youth

Public/Private Ventures has released "Positive Support: Mentoring and Depression Among High-Risk Youth."

Funded through a cooperative agreement between Public/Private Ventures and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the report addresses the question: "Can mentoring deter high-risk youth from risky behaviors?" and examines the benefits of matching high-risk youth with faith-based mentors. It describes findings from the National Faith-Based Initiative, in which mentored youth were less likely to show signs of depression than youth who were not mentored.

The author concludes, "Although mentoring is not the sole answer to working with high-risk youth, it seems that it may provide an essential component – dependable human involvement and caring – that has proven difficult to harness in the institutions and environments that characterize these youth's lives."

Resources:

"Positive Support: Mentoring and Depression Among High-Risk Youth" is available at www.ppv.org/ppv/publications/assets/202_publication.pdf.

Printed copies may be ordered online or by fax or e-mail at www.ppv.org/ppv/community_faith/community_faith_publications.asp?section_id=3.

KIDS COUNT Data Book Sheds Light on Child Welfare Trends

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has released 2006 KIDS COUNT Data Book. The broad array of data it provides is intended to shed light on the status of America's children and to aid in assessing trends in their well-being. The Data Book ranks states on 10 key indicators and provides information on child health, education, and family economic conditions.

Related information is also available through an online state-level database that covers more than 75 measures of child welfare, including those used in the Data Book.

Resources:

To access the 2006 KIDS COUNT Data Book, visit:

www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp

A free hardcopy may be ordered at www.aecf.org/publications/browse.php?filter=15

The state-level database may be accessed at www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/index.jsp

6. New from the National Center on Children in Poverty

A Rapidly Changing Portrait Of Fatherhood In America And How The States Are Responding To It

A new report by the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) at Columbia University shows a rapidly changing demographic portrait of American fathers and a surprising level of activity in the states to promote agendas for responsible fatherhood. Much of the new activity reported in Map and Track: State Initiatives to Encourage Responsible Fatherhood, is in response to welfare reform and the new demographic realities facing today's fathers and families. Yet there are many issues--such as the rapid increase in the number of single-parent families headed by fathers--which have not yet been adequately understood by the public or addressed by state policymakers.

The report includes national demographic data for the last two decades as well as detailed demographic and program and policy information on all 50 states drawn from surveys conducted by NCCP and the Council of Governors' Policy Advisors (CGPA). NCCP produced the report in collaboration with the CGPA and the National Center on Fathers and Families at the University of Pennsylvania. The report was funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

There are two compelling reasons for states to focus on fatherhood issues. The first is that children who are regularly and positively connected to their fathers tend to do better in school, avoid involvement with the juvenile justice system, and have more positive relationships with their peers. The second reason is that it is in the states' fiscal interest. Children whose fathers do not contribute to their economic security burden the states and other taxpayers. Therefore, it is in the states' interest to ensure that fathers who can pay do, and that other fathers have the economic supports to be able to contribute to the well-being of their children. To that end, this report focuses on identifying and profiling state strategies to encourage fathers to be responsible.

To read the entire report go to:

<http://fatherfamilylink.gse.upenn.edu/org/nccp/portrait.htm>

7. New from the National Women's Law Center

Unintended Pregnancy Reduction Act of 2006 Introduced: Ask Your Senators and Representative to Join the Effort!

Recently, before adjourning for the August recess, Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY) and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced S. 2916, the "Unintended Pregnancy Reduction Act of 2006." Representative Nita Lowey introduced H.R. 5795, the House companion bill.

This critical legislation will help low-income women avoid unintended pregnancies by strengthening Medicaid coverage of family planning services. This is especially important as low-income women are four times as likely to experience unintended pregnancies.

Take Action:

Ask your Senators and Representative to co-sponsor the Unintended Pregnancy Reduction Act of 2006!

Email your Senators and Representative and ask them to co-sponsor the Unintended Pregnancy Reduction Act of 2006. If your Senators or Representative are already co-sponsors, you will be prompted to send a "thank-you" message.

BACKGROUND

The Unintended Pregnancy Reduction Act takes a two-fold approach to reducing unintended pregnancies. First, the bill will restore family planning services as a mandatory benefit under Medicaid. The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which was passed in the Senate in late December, eliminated a longstanding guarantee, in place since 1972, which required that all Medicaid enrollees were covered for family planning services and supplies. The Act will reinstate this requirement in all states so that no Medicaid-eligible woman falls through the cracks.

Second, the Unintended Pregnancy Reduction Act will increase the number of women eligible for family planning benefits under Medicaid. Currently, women with incomes up to at least 133% of the federal poverty level receive Medicaid coverage for prenatal, labor, delivery and postpartum care (although some states cover up to 185% of the federal poverty level). Some states have obtained a Medicaid waiver to allow all women in this income bracket to also receive family planning coverage.

The Act would require all states to cover family planning services for women with incomes up to their pregnancy eligibility level. Not only will this expanded coverage protect women's health and provide them with greater options, it will save states money by avoiding the high costs associated with pregnancy.

For more information, contact Ahaviah Glaser at 202-588-5180 or aqlaser@nwlc.org.

LOCAL RESOURCES

**◆ State Launches 24-hour Nurse Advice Line For All New Mexicans
Nurse Advice New Mexico: 877-725-2552**

(Albuquerque) – Lt. Governor Diane D. Denish joined Health Secretary Michelle Lujan Grisham to announce the beginning of a 24-hour nurse advice line available to all New Mexicans. Nurse Advice New Mexico is the first public-private, health advice line in the nation.

“This is one more way we are increasing access to health care in New Mexico,” Denish said. “This service will help uninsured patients and reduce health-care costs by providing relief to overcrowded emergency rooms.”

Twenty-one New Mexico nurses staff the line, answering health-care questions and directing callers to local community resources. Providing after-hours access to health triage services gives a sense of security to families and communities throughout New Mexico and helps the State retain and recruit physicians to rural areas.

“Through this advice line, New Mexicans will be able to get the most up-to-date information about how they should respond in the case of a health emergency,” Grisham said. “During flu season, the service will be an incredible resource for people when they need information on where to get a flu shot.”

The New Mexico Department of Health provided \$500,000 in start-up funding, which was supported by the New Mexico Legislature, including Sen. Dede Feldman and Gov. Bill Richardson. Supporting organizations are University of New Mexico, Presbyterian Health Plan, Coordinated Systems of Care - Community Access Program, Lovelace Health Plan, Primary Care Association, Bernalillo County and New Mexico Hospital and Health Systems Association.

“We appreciate the contributions our partners have made so the health advice line could become a reality,” Grisham said. “It’s essential that public and private health systems and health advocates across the state help us sustain this important service that enhances health-care access in New Mexico.”

The project will be expanded in the next three years with the goal of having 40 to 50 nurses staffing the line throughout New Mexico and the option of nurses working from home.

[Save The Date](#) for these [Local Events](#)

◆ ***Rock Out With Your Cause Out***

The South Valley Male Involvement Project, South West Organizing Project, and New Mexico Coalition against Domestic Violence, in collaboration are sponsoring an event called “*Rock Out With Your Cause Out*” which will be an opportunity to provide the youth and young adults living in Albuquerque with information, and resources to make healthy decisions and lead healthier and more informed lives. Local bands will provide entertainment and draw participants to the event. There will also be a community pride themed graffiti competition. Our goal is to use people’s love of music to reach a large group of young people and provide a wide range of information and resources that they may need. The event will take place at the Civic Plaza in downtown Albuquerque, on Saturday, August 26, 2006, from 12 to 6pm.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in sharing information about your area of expertise with the musical community. Information in English and Spanish is strongly encouraged.

We hope you decide to participate in our music and community event and look forward to having you there. Please return your booth registration form by August 9 by fax at 833-9950 or email the information to brian.serna@state.nm.us

◆Local Legislative Training

Date: August 25th, 2006

Location: Albuquerque

Description of Event:

Linda Siegle will be leading the training for Local Collaborative members and Cross Agency Team (State staff) on how to work with and talk with local legislatures, such as County Commissioners, City Counselors and State Legislatures, regarding Behavioral Health topics in their communities. Local Collaboratives would then work with community stakeholders regarding Behavioral Health topics.

Products/Deliverables:

1. Two - one day workshop (at least 4 hours)
2. Products/documents for guidance on how to provide technical assistance and develop a work plan for each Local Collaborative
3. Follow-up with both staff and Local Collaboratives on status of work plans

◆ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE – 2006 Workshops in NM

HEALTH POLICY AND ADVOCACY TRAINING

Announcing the upcoming Health Policy and Advocacy training conducted by the Alliance for Justice in September 2006. The training will be offered for nonprofits in both northern and southern New Mexico:

Santa Fe, Tuesday, September 26, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, location TBA

Las Cruces, Thursday, September 28, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, location TBA

The Alliance for Justice is a national association of environmental, civil rights, mental health, women's, children's and consumer advocacy organizations. Since its inception in 1979, the Alliance has worked to advance the cause of justice for all Americans, strengthen the public interest community's ability to influence public policy, and foster the next generation of advocates. The Nonprofit Advocacy Project assists nonprofit organizations in this area through technical assistance workshops, and a wealth of tools and information. For more information on the Alliance, visit www.allianceforjustice.org

Nonprofits are becoming increasingly aware of the need to engage directly in advocacy as part of their mission. For many organizations, this awareness is accompanied by anxiety about how to embark on an advocacy campaign. This workshop will help organizations focus their activities effectively and efficiently. In addition, the training will provide participants with information on advocacy rules for nonprofits (types of lobbying that 501(c)3 organizations can do, the 501(h) election, and exceptions to lobbying).

This event is being brought to you by Con Alma Health Foundation in partnership with:

- Health Action New Mexico
- Health Care for All Campaign
- Health Security for New Mexico
- New Mexico Community Foundation
- NM Forum for Youth in Community
- NM Public Health Association
- NM Voices for Children
- NGO New Mexico
- SoAHEC/BHETC

Please save the date and stay tuned for more information. Thank you.

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

Saludos,

My name is Miguel Angel Avitia. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new staff person with the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition Young Fathers Project. I will be working full time dividing my work hours between Albuquerque and Santa Fe as Community Coordinator/ Case Manager. My work background is a mixture of various political grassroots campaigns at both national and local levels, to non-profit work locally in Albuquerque, NM. I hope to bring the program my community organizing experience and expand to a hard to reach Spanish speaking immigrant community. Exciting work has been done in Santa Fe and with the help of the staff up there and we have three new Spanish speaking groups taking shape! So far a great start!

I took this position knowing it is essential that I have an established passion about the job and tasks at hand. This has helped me before in the past, and will serve me in this present position to maintain focus and a positive attitude in an area where long hours, hard work, and few resources are a standard. But as a result it is our passion for our work and our community that drives us forward in midst of these barriers. With that said, I would like to extend myself and my experience as another resource for anyone in the community and the members of this

coalition to use in our collaborative efforts.

I am very eager to be working with such a great collaboration and look forward to meeting and working with as many of you as possible.

Sincerely,

Miguel Avitia

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[Message from Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director](#)

The New Mexico Coalition to Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education (NMCSSE) has changed its name to New Mexicans for Responsible Sexuality Education (NMRSE). The Coalition brings together advocates, professionals, religious leaders, policy makers, parents and students to advocate for age appropriate, medically accurate, and inclusive sexuality health education.

Thanks to a grant funded by the Ms. Foundation, New Mexicans for Responsible Sexuality Education has hired a Coordinator for the project and has developed a strategic plan to insure that New Mexico students receive responsible sexuality education. NMRSE will be working diligently over the next year to deliver the message to all New Mexicans; "Responsible Sex Ed, Prepared for Life!"

The new Coordinator for NMRSE is Monica Trujillo, a native New Mexican Chicana and lifelong resident of Bernalillo, NM. She received her BA in Psychology and Spanish from UNM and has been involved in social justice work for over 10 years. She serves on the Board of Directors for Young Women United and is a current Advisory Committee member for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health. Monica will working directly out of the new

Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition office and serves as the point of contact for New Mexicans for Responsible Sexuality Education. For more information about the Coalition and how you can get involved, please contact:

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Thanks as always for your continued support of all that NMTPC does statewide.

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