

# NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

## NEWS FLASH

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Welcome to the August issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's  
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#### **MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Within the last weeks we have been involved in SEICUS (State Information and Education Council of the United States) Advocacy Training workshops in Mesilla Valley and Deming. We'd like to thank Bill, Kate and Morgan from SEICUS, and Tammy Fleming and Lorelei Walters of Public Private Ventures for their support and involvement in these trainings.

Now that a new school year has begun, we want to remind school personnel that NMTPC is always ready to be a resource to you in your work with NM youth in promoting sexual health and

preventing teen pregnancies. Please contact us if we can be of assistance as you work with your local youth. Thank you for all you do in helping our young people achieve success.

Hasta Luego,

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**Wanted:** The NM Teen Pregnancy Coalition is seeking a full-time Walker/Talker for the South Valley Plain Talk Program. Walker/Talkers are the primary messengers for overall recruitment, engagement, and training of residents in the South Valley community.

Position requirements include: HS diploma preferred, history in or resident of Plain Talk Community, good interpersonal skills, ability to operate in both the community and professional setting, computer skills, bilingual English/Spanish required. Include a writing sample with resume. Send to NMTPC, PO Box 35997, Abq., NM 87176, or fax to 505-254-8741, or email: [nmtpc@nmtpc.org](mailto:nmtpc@nmtpc.org) by August 29, 2008.

## **1. New from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unintended Pregnancy**

### **Learning Tour 2007**

In 2007, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy embarked on a Learning Tour--a series of meetings with national, state, and community leaders across the country-- to ask these experts how they saw the problem of unplanned pregnancy among single, young adults. This diverse cross-section of leaders, professionals, providers, policy-makers, and advocates were generous with their time and offered many thoughtful insights about how best to address the challenge of unplanned pregnancy in the United States. The findings from this Learning Tour are helping to inform the work of The National Campaign. We also believe that these insights will be helpful to colleagues who are working on this critical social problem across the country.

Summaries of the six individual learning tour stops (Atlanta, GA, Charleston, WV, Detroit, MI, Indianapolis, IN, Montgomery Country, MD, and San Antonio, TX), as well as an overall summary, are now available on the States & Communities section of the web.

<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=YM4BwUI93YDvW7ghowGSKg>

### **Babyland Explores Consequences of Teen Pregnancy**

Teen pregnancy and infant mortality are closely linked. Compared to children of older mothers, the children of teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely and at low birth weight which raises the probability of infant death.

Infant mortality is explored in depth in "Babyland" a one-hour report anchored by Elizabeth Vargas that airs on "20/20," Friday, August 22, from 10:00-11:00 pm, ET on the ABC Television Network.

Vargas travels to Memphis, TN---the city with the nation's highest rate of infant mortality---and follows a teenage mother-to-be who is mentored by a volunteer in order to ensure that both mother and baby stay healthy.

Dr. Kenneth Robinson, a former Tennessee health commissioner, pastor of a Memphis congregation, and a member of the National Campaign's Personal Responsibility, Religion, and Values Advisory Group, tells Vargas: "Infant deaths in this nation account for more deaths than all of the other causes of death combined for children up to the age of 18. We should be marching. We should be absolutely indignant about those numbers."

Get more information on the ABC 20/20 website.

<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=7DPF1Bwmkg5wnMlIx02P0Q>

### **National Campaign and Tom Joyner Join Forces**

Did you know that in the United States, about half of all pregnancies to women in their 20's were unplanned? That's around 3 million unplanned pregnancies every year. [Blackamericaweb.com](http://blackamericaweb.com) - the main web presence for the popular and influential Tom Joyner Morning Show - is working with The National Campaign to get the word out to young adults. Right now, check out **Take Your Relationship Back to School: 10 Ways to be as Smart About Your Love Life as You are About the Rest of Your Life.** <http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=HCvDw4G42-yqC8aycM4nhg> and then watch for articles about relationships, sex, contraception, and dating to be posted in the coming weeks.

Need more tips for 20-somethings? Visit The National Campaign's 20-somethings webpage.

<http://store.thenationalcampaign.org/site/R?i=NFA9axHwCelMrLupEQAhwg>

### **Congratulations Kevin and Kelly!**

Kevin, 19, of Sardis, TN, and Kelly, 17, of Midlothian, IL, are the grand prize winners in the Stay Teen "What's Your Relationship Reality?" Video Mash-Up Contest sponsored by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and The Dibble Institute for Marriage Education. The first-ever contest challenged young people to create a video that described their vision of a healthy relationship. Contest submissions were shot on webcams, cell phones, and video cameras by teens and then uploaded to [StayTeen.org](http://StayTeen.org) for consideration by National Campaign judges. Kevin's video includes a montage of images focusing on different types of healthy relationships intermingled with words like respect, responsibility, rely, recognize - all of which touch on key relationship components. Kelly's video shows her and her boyfriend encouraging each other while they both shave their heads in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity dedicated to raising awareness and funds for children's cancer research. All contest videos - including our two winners - are available to watch on [StayTeen.org](http://StayTeen.org)...check them out and then forward them to your friends!

### **Sex and the Media**

In the August 9 issue of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, National Campaign CEO Sarah Brown tackles the issue of the media and its effects on your kids. Does Hollywood glamorize teen pregnancy? And if so, what can you do about it? [Read her Op-Ed here](#) and then [send us an email](#) with your feedback.

### **MTV Needs Your Help**

This fall MTV will debut a documentary series about pregnant teens. They are looking for pregnant girls ages 15-17 who are willing to share their stories and their lives. The National Campaign will work with the producers on facts, figures, context, and content but the focus is on the individual girls and their experiences, what it's like to be young and pregnant, how life changes, what sort of challenges are faced, etc. This is not an attempt to glorify (nor vilify) teen moms rather it is an honest look at their lives during a life-changing time.

They are looking for a diverse set of girls of various race and socioeconomic status, background, living situation, goals, boyfriend situation, family support, etc. They are also looking for girls who are planning to make an adoption plan as well as girls who are planning to keep their babies. The only constant is that all the girls must be currently pregnant and carrying to term, willing to share their stories, must have parental/guardian permission to participate in the show, must be native English speakers, and must be amenable to having cameras follow them around for the duration of their pregnancies. Each girl will receive an honorarium for their participation.

If you know of a girl age 15-18 who you think would be a good fit for this project, please contact MTV casting producer Sandra Phillippeaux at 212-654-7699 or [Sandra.Phillippeaux@mtvmix.com](mailto:Sandra.Phillippeaux@mtvmix.com). At this preliminary stage MTV prefers to be contacted by teachers, program leaders, health care providers or some adult other than the girls themselves. The states in which they are able to shoot are Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Nevada, Arkansas, Vermont, Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, and California; girls must live in one of these locations

### **Getting Bloggy With It Since 2008**

Launched in March of 2008, The National Campaign blog Pregnant Pause covers a wide variety of social issues that relate to teen and unplanned pregnancy. With over 50 entries and counting, you can read about Lindsay Lohan and the media's impact on teen sex, Olympic hopefuls who have dealt with unplanned pregnancy, whether virginity pledges really work, and lots more.

[Check out Pregnant Pause](#) - which is updated by National Campaign staff several times each week – and then give us your feedback in the comments section

## **2. New from Advocates for Youth**

**Recent Evaluations of the Peer-Led Approach in Adolescent Sexual Health Education: A Systematic Review** - A recent article in *International Family Planning Perspectives* has investigated peer-led interventions to adolescent sexual health education. Peer-led interventions have become a popular method of providing sexual health education to adolescents, but the efficacy of this approach and the methodological quality of recent trials had not been systematically reviewed. [Click here](#) to read the article from the Guttmacher Institute.

**Sexual Risk Taking Among Young Internet-Using Men Who Have Sex With Men -**

Researchers examined online survey results of men who had sex with men in the last three months, including white, African American, Latino, and Asian men, and including men who met partners online only, men who met partners online as well as offline, and men who met partners offline only. Overall men had had unprotected sex with a third of their partners. Researchers concluded that while the Internet facilitates meeting partners without increasing the likelihood of unprotected sex, it cannot be said to be a protective factor for unprotected sex. Click to read the abstract from the [American Journal of Public Health](#).

**Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance, 2007** Nationwide, almost half (47.8%) of high school teens report that they have had sex. This is an increase of 2% from 2005 to 2007, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance released in June of 2008. The report covers every risk behavior youth may engage in: sexual activity, seat belt wearing, substance use, violence, and more. To read the full YRBS, visit the CDC website or simply [click here!](#)

#### **Perception that teens substitute oral sex for intercourse a myth**

New research finds that teens initiate a range of sexual activities around the same time, rather than substitute one for another... Slightly more than half (55%) of 15–19-year-olds have engaged in heterosexual oral sex, 50% have engaged in vaginal sex and 11% have had anal sex, according to a new Guttmacher Institute study. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

**NCHS Report on Teen Birth Rates** The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, released their preliminary report on birth data for 2006 (the most recent year that data is available). Rates have increased for younger and older teens among almost every racial and ethnic group. [Read the NCHS report here.](#)

## **Opportunities**

### **Job Opening - Executive Director**

The Teen Pregnancy Coalition of San Mateo County (TPCSMC) is looking for an Executive Director with a passion for helping youth make the healthy, informed choices that will result in lower rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, in the community. If you would like more information, please access [their website](#).

### **2008 Minnesota Reproductive Health Update: August 12**

The Minnesota Reproductive Health Update provides the latest information in reproductive health practice, research, and technology for family planning staff across the state of Minnesota. Specialists in the field address a range of topics, which include but are not limited to Contraceptive Technologies, Marketing to Male Clients, Cultural Competence, STIs in Minnesota, and Adolescent Health. For more information, see the [Health Care Education and Training website](#).

### **G-CAPP Annual Conference: September 24-27**

The Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention will be hosting its 12th annual conference in Atlanta, GA. This year's conference will focus on workshops and tools to engage and support young men. Please visit the [G-CAPP website](#) – [www.gcapp.org](http://www.gcapp.org) - for more information.

### **2008 CACSAP Conference: September 24-26**

Join the California Alliance Concerned with School Age Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention for their conference “Step Up to the Challenge: Turning Obstacles into Opportunities”. This year the conference will focus on best practices, science-based approaches and overcoming challenges in our work and with the youth we serve. For more information, including the list of keynote speakers see the [CACSAP events page](#).

### **Iowa FutureNet Conference: October 15-16**

Plan to join Mary Martha Wilson from Healthy Teen Network and Bill Smith, Vice President of Public Policy at SIECUS as they present breakout session workshops at this year's conference “Sex Ed Policy Matters”. Look for registration information in August or visit the [FutureNet website](#) for more details.

### **HTN's 2008 National Conference: October 29–November 1**

The 29th annual Health Teen Network annual conference will be taking place in Albuquerque, NM. This year's conference theme is “Speaking Many Languages: Respecting Diversity, Believing in Equality”. For more information and to register online, please visit the [Healthy Teen Network website](#).

### **SAVE THE DATE! CDC's TOTAP-E Event: December 2-4**

The CDC will be holding its Evaluator's Workshop and Training of Technical Assistance Providers Evaluation (TOTAP-E) December 2-4 in Atlanta, Ga. Project Coordinators, evaluators, and other key TA providers are encouraged to attend. Further details will be provided at a later date.

## **3. New from Child Trends**

### **Latest Data on Teen Birth Rates, Abstinence, and Contraception**

The 2008 edition of Child Trends' annual [Facts at a Glance](#) contains the latest national and state-level data on teen birth rates as well as data on the percentage of teens in grades 9-12 who abstain from sex or use contraception. Among the findings:

- Nationally, birth rates for white, black, and Hispanic teens all increased in 2006.
- Also on the national level, 52% of students in grades 9-12 in 2007 reported that they never had sex.
- Of those teens in grades 9-12 who were sexually active in 2007, 62% reported using a condom at last sex and 16% reported using birth control pills.
- The latest state data on teen birth rates are from 2005, which show:
  - Texas and New Mexico have the highest teen birth rate (62 births for every 1,000 female teens ages 15-19), followed closely by Mississippi.
  - New Hampshire has the lowest teen birth rate (18 births for every 1,000 female teens), followed closely by Vermont and Massachusetts.

The report, which is based primarily on Child Trends' analyses of data from the National Center for Health Statistics, also includes teen birth data for large cities.

## PRESS RELEASE

### STATE RANKING IN TEEN BIRTH RATES

#### **4. New from the State Information and Education Council of the United States - SIECUS**

##### **SIECUS State Profiles: A Portrait of Sexuality Education and Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in the States Released Today**

**Washington, DC** – The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) is pleased to announce the release of the fifth edition of SIECUS State Profiles: A Portrait of Sexuality Education and Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in the States. The publication is the most comprehensive document of its kind, detailing sexuality education and abstinence-only-until-marriage programs in states and communities across the country during Fiscal Year 2007. It contains information on each state's laws, recently proposed legislation, and noteworthy events related to sexuality education. The profiles also detail the amount of money states and state-based entities receive for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs and how the funds are used.

Since 1982, the U.S. government has spent over \$1.5 Billion on failed abstinence-only-until-marriage programs through three major funding streams. These funding streams are: Title V passed as part of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act; Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) Grants; and the Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA). In Fiscal Year 2007, \$176 Million in federal tax dollars were squandered on abstinence-only-until-marriage programs. Almost half of the funding was concentrated in southern states. This year, Texas received the highest amount of abstinence-only-until-marriage funding at \$18,213,472.

However, the past year witnessed some major victories for comprehensive sexuality education. At the first ever Congressional hearing on the effectiveness of federally funded abstinence-only-until-marriage programs the majority of the health professionals called for an end to federal funding for the programs and said that funds should instead be spent on comprehensive sexuality education that has been proven to be effective.

“There is a growing evidence and recognition across the country that abstinence-only-until-marriage programs don't work. Study after study has shown that these programs are based on fear and misinformation and do nothing to teach young people the information they need to be healthy and responsible adults. Pouring millions of dollars into ineffective abstinence-only-until-marriage programs each year is a failed experiment that we can no longer afford,” said William Smith, vice president for public policy at SIECUS.

Meanwhile, many of the states themselves are echoing that message. Half of the states have chosen not to participate in the Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage program, up from only nine states at the last publication of the State Profiles. As a result, states have turned back more than \$23 million in funds. Four states—Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming, and Vermont—received no abstinence-only-until-marriage funding, and three states passed laws requiring sex education to be medically accurate if taught in public schools. In addition, the State Boards of Education in California and the District of Columbia passed updated standards for sex education, requiring it to be comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate.

“A paradigm shift is underway as the evidence continues to mount against abstinence-only-until-marriage programs and in favor of a more comprehensive approach to sex education. More and more states are beginning to send a message that they are unwilling to continue to support programs that place ideology over the health and futures of our nation's young people,” concluded Smith. “The time has come for Congress to listen to what states need and end the decade-long and failed expansion of abstinence-only-until-marriage programming.”

The full State Profiles are available [here](#).

If you have questions, or would like to receive the report for a specific state, please contact Patrick Malone at [pmalone@siecus.org](mailto:pmalone@siecus.org) or (212)819-9770 ext. 316.

## 5. New from Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

### News from National.

Last week, the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition participated in a the National Fetal Infant Mortality Review (NFIMR) Program meeting, a collaborative effort of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Through this program, hundreds of communities have made significant advancements in addressing the many issues surrounding infant deaths and interventions that help to reduce disparities that continue to exist among certain populations. We encourage you to learn more about NFIMR by visiting [http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\\_web.cfm?recno=10](http://www.acog.org/departments/dept_web.cfm?recno=10).

Judy Meehan  
Executive Director

This Week:

- 1) Report Provides In-Depth Look at Postpartum Women
- 2) ECBT Launches "Vaccinate Your Baby" Campaign
- 3) NJ Conference to Focus on Perinatal Health Disparities
- 4) Study: No Reduction in Errors Despite Limits on Work Hours for Residents
- 5) Abstract Deadline for National Hispanic Medical Association Conference
- 6) Study: Reduced Exercise Capacity in Children Born Very Preterm
- 7) Resolution Focusing on Prevention Introduced in House of Representatives

### MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH NEWS

#### 1) REPORT PROVIDES IN-DEPTH LOOK AT POSTPARTUM WOMEN

Childbirth Connection recently released the newest report in its "Listening to Mothers" series, examining the experiences of women in the US with children under the age of 18 months. "New Mothers Speak Out" explores the physical and mental health challenges of new mothers; their breastfeeding experiences and the well-being of their babies; their relationships with husbands, partners and others; and their experience of transitioning to employment or staying home with their children. Highlights include the first national data about post-traumatic stress and women's childbirth experiences and information on the results of two validated postpartum depression screening tools. Access the report and other related resources at <http://childbirthconnection.org/article.asp?ck=10413>

## **2) ECBT LAUNCHES "VACCINATE YOUR BABY" CAMPAIGN**

Every Child By Two (ECBT) officially launched the "Vaccinate Your Baby" campaign in New York City on August 5th with the American Academy of Pediatrics and actor Amanda Peet. The purpose of the campaign is to urge parents to immunize their babies from vaccine-preventable disease and address misinformation about vaccines that causes confusion among parents and puts children at risk. This campaign includes Public Service Announcements featuring Ms. Peet and a new Web site, <http://www.vaccinateyourbaby.org>, a comprehensive resource for parents who want to get the facts about childhood immunization. The Web site also includes links to the latest scientific studies, research, expert commentary and news about vaccines and information that addresses the allegation that there is a link between vaccines and autism. Founded in 1991 by Rosalynn Carter and Betty Bumpers, ECBT works to raise awareness of the critical need for timely immunizations and to foster a systematic way to immunize all of America's children by age two.

## **3) NJ CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON PERINATAL HEALTH DISPARITIES**

The 9th Annual Perinatal Health Disparities Conference will be held on September 4, 2008 at the UMDNJ Oral Health Pavilion in Newark, NJ. The goal of this conference is to enhance the participants' knowledge of potential causes and contributors to racial/ethnic health disparities during the preconception, prenatal and postnatal periods among women of African descent, and identify practice interventions. Highlights include a presentation from Tonya Lewis Lee, national spokesperson on the African American Infant Mortality Campaign, "A Healthy Baby Begins with You." Ms. Lee will be distributing (to all attendees) a children's book that she and her husband (Spike Lee) recently co-authored. Other featured speakers include the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the federal Office of Minority Health, Garth Graham, MD, who will share his perspective on the national initiatives to eliminate health disparities. To register for the conference, go to <https://www.maternalchildhealth.org/onevent/details.php?id=35>

## **CHILD, ADOLESCENT, FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS**

### **4) STUDY: NO REDUCTION IN ERRORS DESPITE LIMITS ON WORK HOURS FOR RESIDENTS**

A recent study has found that the implementation of work hour limits for resident physicians has not been effective in reducing fatigue-related medical errors and injuries. In 2003, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) implemented limits of no more than 30 consecutive hours and 80 to 88 hours per week for resident physicians. The study, "Effects of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Duty Hour Limits on Sleep, Work Hours, and Safety," found the policy was ineffective in three pediatric centers. Despite finding that there was a slight decrease in both extended shifts and rates of burnout, the study authors concluded that the fact that implementation of the ACGME standards did not improve error rates is of considerable concern. To access the study online, go to <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/122/2/250>

### **5) ABSTRACT DEADLINE FOR NATIONAL HISPANIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

September 12th is the deadline to submit an abstract for the 13th Annual Conference of the National Hispanic Medical Association. The Conference will take place March 19-22, 2009 at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, and will focus on strategies to improve the health of Hispanic communities through policy, health professions' education, research and clinical program. For more information, including appropriate forms to submit an abstract or nominate a

potential speaker, go to <http://www.nhmamd.org/Conference2009.htm>.

#### **6) STUDY: REDUCED EXERCISE CAPACITY IN CHILDREN BORN VERY PRETERM**

A study in the August edition of Pediatrics examines the long-term respiratory and fitness outcomes of children who were born weighing less than 1,000 grams and before 32 weeks gestation. Researchers in Australia conducted lung function and fitness assessments in school-aged children who were born very preterm in the 1990's. They found that these children had significant impairment in their capacity for exercise, despite the fact that they had only mild small-airway obstruction and gas trapping. For more information, access this study online at <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/122/2/e287>

### **ADVOCATES IN ACTION**

#### **7) RESOLUTION FOCUSING ON PREVENTION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

In late July, Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA) introduced a resolution in the US Congress expressing the need for an increased Federal commitment to prevention and public health. House Resolution (HRes) 1381 also encourages the Congressional Budget Office to consider the health care savings associated with reduced chronic disease burden due to clinical and community preventive services and programs when formulating its health care cost estimates. The full text of the resolution is available at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/thomas>. Organizations interested in advocacy efforts surrounding HRes 1381 should visit The Campaign for Public Health Web site at:

<http://capwiz.com/fundcdc/issues/bills/?billnum=H.RES.1381&congress=110&size=full>

### **6. From the Fathers & Families Coalition of America**

Announcing an extension due date for Call for Workshop Proposals - to September 15, 2008  
Join us for our 10th Annual National Fatherhood & Families Conference March 1-4, 2008

If you are interested in presenting please click [here](#) for the proposal outline or go to our website [www.azffc.org](http://www.azffc.org) Fatherhood Conference Menu option for the workshop application. This is a great opportunity to share your expertise with hundreds of attendees as to date we have provided capacity building assistance and training to over 650 colleagues across the nation in 2008. We hope you help us make a difference in the abilities of practitioners nationally!

### **7. New from CLASP (Center for Law and Social Policy)**

#### **[Ensuring Quality Care for Low-Income Babies: Contracting Directly with Providers to Expand and Improve Infant and Toddler Care](#)**

by Hannah Matthews and Rachel Schumacher. The supply of high-quality infant and toddler child care is limited, particularly for low-income families. While most states provide child care assistance through vouchers or certificates, states have the option of contracting directly with providers to expand infant/toddler care for low-income families. Based on interviews with state policymakers, this paper explains how states are using contracts to create or stabilize care in particular communities or for specific populations; to create child care slots meeting quality standards important for infants and toddlers; to extend the day for infants and toddlers served in Early Head

Start; and to improve the quality of infant/toddler family child care. 20 pages. 7/30/2008

[Infants and Toddlers in the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program.](#)

by Hannah Matthews. This fact sheet provides a snapshot of participation of infants and toddlers in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program in 2006, as well as information about spending on the CCDBG infant/toddler earmark. Over a quarter of children served in CCDBG are under the age of 3, but the share of children receiving CCDBG who are infants and toddlers varies from state to state. This fact sheet includes state-by-state information on the ages of children served in CCDBG. See also [Child Care and Development Block Grant Participation in 2006](#) for an overview of CCDBG participation by children of all ages. 4 pages. 7/23/2008

[State Profiles: 2006 Head Start Program Information Report \(PIR\) Data](#)

These individual state profiles analyze 2006 Head Start PIR data, which all Head Start programs are required to report to the federal government on an annual basis. Data include information on programs, participants, families, and staff for all Head Start programs in each state, including preschool, Early Head Start, American Indian and Alaskan Native, and Migrant Head Start. 7/7/2008

Updated: [The Partnership to Protect Children and Strengthen Families](#)

The Partnership to Protect Children and Strengthen Families was formed by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; the American Public Human Services Association; Catholic Charities USA; CLASP; the Children's Defense Fund; the Child Welfare League of America; the National Child Abuse Coalition; and Voices for America's Children. In May 2007, the founding partners issued a set of recommendations to enhance federal child welfare law to better protect children and ensure them nurturing families and invited others to join the Partnership. Nearly 30 national organizations now comprise the Partnership.

To review the recommendations and see a list of partners, [click here](#). To sign on as a member of the Partnership and a supporter of this proposal, download [this form](#). 4 pages. (Updated 7/28/08)

[Comments/Recommendations in response to Department of Education Proposed NCLB Rules in Federal Register Document E8-8700](#)

by Rhonda Tsoi-A-Fatt and Jonathan Larsen (National Youth Employment Coalition). Adaptations to No Child Left Behind provide an opportunity to strengthen our nation's educational structure and system of services to better educate struggling students and to re-engage youth who have dropped out. Our comments relate specifically to giving increased attention to struggling students and disconnected youth. Local education agencies can be incentivized to pay closer attention to these populations through increasing the graduation rate requirements, and Supplemental Education Services and public school choice are potential vehicles for providing these students with the educational environments and supports to increase their academic success. 4 pages. 7/2/2008

[CLASP Seeks Project Director, Campaign for Youth](#)

The Center for Law and Social Policy co-chairs the Campaign for Youth (CFY) coalition and is seeking a senior level person to coordinate the coalition's 2008-09 campaign to increase federal investment in youth programming. Background information on the Campaign for Youth, the partnering organizations, and the coalition's national investment strategy are available [here](#). To view the job description and requirements, [click here](#).

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 this 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 Center for Non-Profit Excellence**

A Collaboration of United Way of Central New Mexico's Corporate Cornerstone companies and Albuquerque Community Foundation  
Working to build the capacity of non-profits

**Scroll down for more events by category!**

September 10: [Nonprofit Vote!](#) CNPE is proud to host a nonpartisan voter training in partnership with Con Alma Health Foundation, NM Association of Grantmakers and the NM Community Foundation!

October 13 & 14: [Fundraising from the Heart with Lynne Twist](#)-only 10 seats left, register today!

Visit the [New Mexico Grantmakers Directory](#)-a live, searchable database of funding profiles and opportunities in New Mexico, a partnership project of CNPE and the NM Association of Grantmakers!

Learn more about [enIn-Emerging Nonprofit Leaders Network!](#) A network of young people actively engaged in the nonprofit sector, offering leadership, professional development and social networking opportunities.

### **Board Development:**

September 17: [Roles & Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards](#): Lordsburg

September 23: [Board Member Nuts & Bolts](#): a full day workshop for board and staff: Albuquerque

October 8: [Roles and Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards](#): Deming

October 21: [Board Leadership Roles in Effective Nonprofits](#): Santa Fe

### **Financial Management:**

September 9: [Full Day Financial Training Session](#): a full day workshop for board and staff: Albuquerque

October 8: [Accounting for Grants](#): Albuquerque

October 15: [Nonprofit Financial Fundamentals](#): Silver City

November 13: [Avoiding Conflicts of Interest](#): Albuquerque

### **Fundraising & Grant Writing:**

September 3: [UNM Student Grant Writer Project](#): Albuquerque

September 4: [Diversity and Development in New Mexico: AFP Luncheon](#): Albuquerque  
September 12: [AFP-CNPE Mentorship Training Session](#): learn about our partnership program and hear how to stay positive and successful in difficult economic times: Albuquerque  
September 15: [Writing A Letter of Intent](#): with the Grant Plant: Albuquerque  
September 18: [Keep Your Donors-Part 2: AFP Audio Conference](#): Albuquerque  
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- **From the New Mexico Department of Health**

Division of Policy and Performance  
Office of Health Equity

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Video Contest  
Announcement

The Division of Policy and Performance (DPP) has a key role in reducing health disparities in minority populations. The objective of the DPP-Minority Health Project is to raise awareness of and increase the capacity of the state and community-based organizations to improve health outcomes in minority populations. A grant from the US Health and Human Services Department's Office of Minority Health (OMH) allows DPP to fund activities that further these objectives.

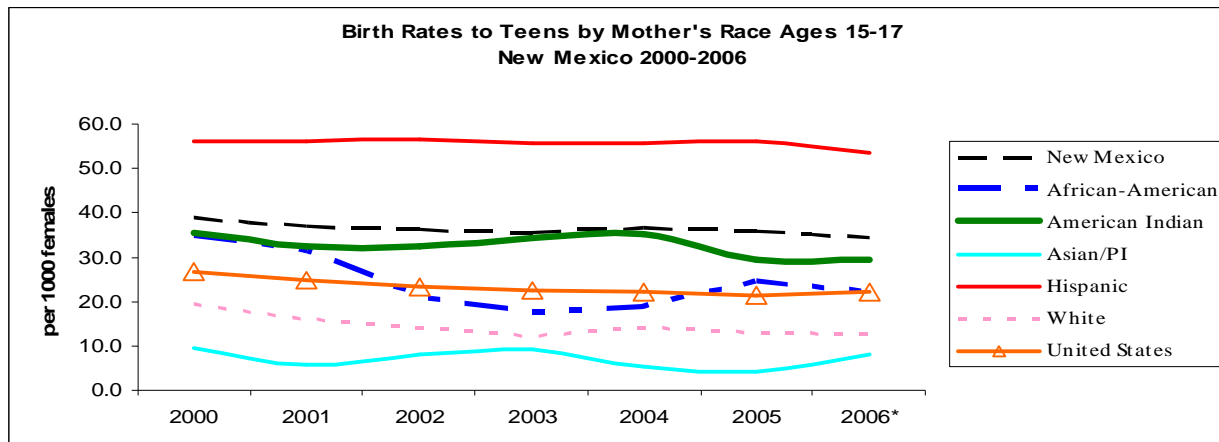
Towards this end, the DPP announces a request for applications to create a teen pregnancy prevention video. This strategy also aligns with one of the objectives of the New Mexico Department of Health's Strategic Plan 2009 - to reduce teen pregnancy through innovative approaches.

DPP will provide up to four mini-grant awards of up to \$5,000 to support youth to produce teen

pregnancy prevention videos.

Eligible applicants include youth from mid-schools and high schools, tribal or BIE schools, and youth-serving community-based organizations interested in reducing teen pregnancy.

According to the New Mexico Department of Health's Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Report Card 2007, New Mexico's teen pregnancy rate is more than 60% higher than the national rate. Hispanic teens continue to have the highest rates and show the least decrease over time both in New Mexico and the nation.



Up to Four Awards of no more than \$5,000 each will be made available to fund the development of four teen pregnancy prevention videos that will increase knowledge and awareness of the issues related to teen pregnancy and will affect a change in the attitudes of the teenage youth and reduce teen pregnancies.

#### Video Requirements

- Video must be developed by teams of youth with input from the community or student body.
- Project teams must include at least one adult coordinator.
- Project teams must include or collaborate with entities/individuals that can support the development of a successful video (i.e. video departments, health programs/staff, media arts, school-based health centers, counseling departments, teen parenting programs, community colleges, and/or youth-serving organizations).
- Video must target high school aged youth. (Preference will be given to projects that target Hispanic and Native American youth.)
- Video should not be any longer than 10 minutes in length.
- Video content must align to the New Mexico Health Education Content Standards with Benchmarks and Performance Standards (6.30.2.19 NMAC). The adolescent age-appropriate Standards are listed below but for more information on the Benchmarks and Standards go to: [www.ped.state.nm.us/standards/documents/HE%20Standards.pdf](http://www.ped.state.nm.us/standards/documents/HE%20Standards.pdf)

**Health Education Standards (with out Benchmarks and Performance Standards)  
Standard 1-7**

1. Students will comprehend concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to access valid health information and health-promoting products and services.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors and reduce health risks.
4. Students will analyze the influence of culture, media, technology, and other factors on health.
5. Students will demonstrate the ability to use interpersonal communication skills to enhance health.
6. Students will demonstrate the ability to use goal-setting and decision-making skills to enhance health.
7. Students will demonstrate the ability to advocate for personal, family, peer, and community health.

- Video content must be medically accurate and evidence-based.
- Video content should be comprehensive, drawing on the five recommended prevention strategies to address teen pregnancy:
  - **Comprehensive sex education** that teaches about abstinence as the best method for avoiding STDs and unintended pregnancy, but also teaches about contraceptive methods including condom use. It teaches interpersonal and communication skills and helps young people explore their own values, goals, and options, to make responsible decisions about their sexuality and reproductive health.
  - **Family Planning Services** offering access to confidential reproductive health services without barriers (transportation, access to insurance, lack of awareness of their rights).
  - **Service learning programs** that include community based volunteer service and curriculum-based discussions and activities, designed to promote healthy behavior for successful achievement in school and attainment of life-long goals. The volunteer service helps teens to take on adult roles, build personal responsibility and acquire valuable life skills.
  - **Male involvement programs** for prevention efforts that specifically target boys and young men. Effective programs for boys include programs with community service or other out-of-school activities with a cultural component.
  - **Adult-teen communication programs** to give adult information and skills to communicate effectively with young people about reducing risky behavior. Parents influence teen decisions about sex more than their friends, the media, or their siblings. Open, honest conversation makes it easier for teens to postpone sexual activity and avoid teen pregnancy.
- Project teams will provide a video script to the Department of Health's review team for approval before production can begin.
- Final videos and a two page report describing the video development process, the participants, and the key lessons identified through the process will be due to the DPP by April 3, 2009.

Eligible Applicants Include:

- Mid- and high schools
- School-based health centers
- Tribal or Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools
- Youth-serving and supporting community-based organizations
- Local health organizations, coalitions, or health councils

Amount of Funding Available: Up to \$5,000.00 each for up to four awardees.

Terms of Support: Projects are supported for the months of October 2008-April 2009.

Application deadline: Proposals are due on or before September 22, 2008 by at 4:30 p.m. Applicants can submit applications via email to [LouAnn.Sanchez@state.nm.us](mailto:LouAnn.Sanchez@state.nm.us) or via fax at (505) 827-2530 of the Division of Policy and Performance. Please make sure you receive a confirmation receipt for your proposal from the Department of Health.

Review Process and Awards: From the proposals received, up to four awardees will be selected to write and produce a teen pregnancy prevention video. Applicants can request up to \$5,000, the amount should be based on the cost of production, editing, materials, etc. of the video. Proposals will be reviewed and selected by a state review team.

All applicants will be notified via mail of the review team's final decisions by October 3, 2008. Successful applicants will be awarded direct purchase orders by October 8, 2008 that will outline specific deliverables, deadlines, and payment schedules in accordance with the proposal.

The video should be completed and provided to DOH by April 3, 2009. Videos which have received an award of funds under this Grant shall become the sole property of the New Mexico Department of Health and the producing entity, each shall have the rights to reproduce, disseminate or show their video.

After April 3, 2009, the DOH intends to show all of the completed videos to audiences of youth. At these events, the youth will judge the videos and a winning video will be chosen.

Application Instructions: Applicants must submit the application on the following page by the deadline in order to be considered for the funding.

Questions should be directed to Paul V. Romero, Director, Office of Health Equity  
Phone: 505-827-2056  
Email: [Paul.Romero1@state.nm.us](mailto:Paul.Romero1@state.nm.us).

**Application Page:**

**Name of Organization/School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Project Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide your state vendor ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or complete the attached vendor form and return with completed application.**

**Non-Profits need to provide a photocopy of an IRS letter that verifies your organization tax-exempt status 501 (c) 3 Certified**

**I. Organization Information/Background (10 points total)**

**200 words max**

- For schools: briefly describe your school composition (i.e. demographics of the student population, number of students by grade, socioeconomic status, drop out rates)
- For community-based organizations: briefly describe your organization, the community you serve and type of services provided.

**II. Project Narrative (65 Points total)**

**1000 words max**

- **Needs Assessment (12 points)**
  - Describe the extent of teen pregnancy in your school or community.
  - Describe the impact teen pregnancy has on your school or community and the ramification on lives of teen parents.
- **Program Goals and Objectives (35 points)**
  - Describe the idea for the video (content, message, target population, and how these will be conveyed),
  - Describe the make up of the project team and their roles and expertise,
  - Describe partnerships with others who will support the project,
  - Describe how the team has the expertise and tools to successfully complete the project, and
  - Describe the timeline and deliverables for project activities.
- **Evaluation (18 points)**
  - Describe the methodology that will be used to demonstrate your project was successful. (i.e. how will the team assure a quality film is produced, how will you demonstrate key lessons)
  - Describe how you will collect the information needed in your final report.

**II. Budget (5 points total)**

- Please provide the estimated budget for this project and a budget justification that includes indirect and matching funds (if any).

- **Save the Date – NM Men’s Conference on Boys & Young Men**

The NM Men’s Conference on Boys & Young Men  
Tuesday, November 18, 2008  
Hilton Albuquerque

The New Mexico Men’s Conference on Boys & Young Men is organized by men and OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS of the community with an interest in the welfare of young males in New Mexico. This is a one day conference to raise the level of awareness in the state about the status of boys and the unique needs boys have in education, health, family and community. The Conference is sponsored by Con Alma Health Foundation, the Walbridge Foundation and Santa Fe Boys Fund.

For more information on the conference or to receive a conference brochure, email [NMMC2008@mgr-events.com](mailto:NMMC2008@mgr-events.com).

- **From the Institute for Youth Development**

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- **From Family and Consumer Sciences**

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IMMEDIATE OPENING: ONATE HS

A full-time FACS teacher is needed immediately at Oñate High School in Las Cruces. Classes include a basic Creative Design (beginning sewing/design class), basic foods (Culinary I) and a basic Child Development on block schedule.

To apply or for more information, contact: Mr. Del Toro, Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, (575) 527-9430, e-mail: [ddeltoro@lcps.k12.nm.us](mailto:ddeltoro@lcps.k12.nm.us)

### **REPOST POSITION AVAILABLE: Cooperative Extension Service, Albuquerque, NM. Extension Associate II.**

12 month, non-tenure track position with a Master's degree (in hand by hire date) preferred in Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Health, Social Work, Education, Psychology or related field or may be under filled as an Extension Associate I, non tenure track, with a Bachelor's degree (in hand by hire date) and a minimum 2.5 GPA, preferred in Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Health, Social Work, Education, Psychology or related field. Responsibilities include teaching parenting education, relationship skills and life skills to adults and children. Should possess high degree of people problem solving and presentation skills. Entry level salary: Extension Associate II - \$40,000, Extension Associate I - \$32,000. Must have valid driver's license, insured personal auto required, reimbursed at 50.5 cents per mile. Position contingent upon continued funding. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred. Offer of employment contingent upon verification of individual's eligibility for employment in the U.S. For further information see NMSU website: <http://www.nmsu.edu/employment>. #2008004230. Reply to: Esther Devall, Director Strengthening Families Initiative, NMSU, Box 30003 MSC 3AE, Las Cruces, NM 88003 Telephone; (575) 646-1185 e-mail: [edevall@nmsu.edu](mailto:edevall@nmsu.edu). Review of letter of interest, resume, unofficial transcripts, and names, addresses and phone numbers of three references will begin: June 13, 2008 and continue until position is filled. NMSU is an EEO/AA employer.

### **FACULTY \*Socorro Consolidated Schools\* District District: Secondary Level Positions Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher**

This fulltime position at Sarracino Middle School will remain open until filled. Write Socorro Consolidated Schools. at PO Box 1157, Socorro, NM 87801. Contact Vannetta Perry Associate Superintendent @ [vperry@socorro.k12.nm.us](mailto:vperry@socorro.k12.nm.us) or call (575) 835-0300.

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12 month. Extension Home Economist with Master's degree (non tenure-track position) with at least one degree in Home Economics, Family and Consumer Science, Nutrition, Health Education, Family and Child Development, Social Work, Extension Education or related field, or may be under-filled as Extension Associate I (non-tenure-track) with Bachelor's degree in Home Economics with a minimum 2.5 GPA and completion of Master's degree within 6 years of employment. Entry level salary: Extension Home Economist- \$20,000, Extension Associate I - \$16,000. Position is contingent upon continued funding. Must have valid driver's license. Insured personal vehicle required; reimbursed at 58.5 cents per mile. Must live in county where employed and willing to work odd hours as needed. Offer of employment contingent upon verification of individual's eligibility for employment in the US and upon completion of

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- **From the New Mexico Voices for Children**

**Subject line: Good news, bad news ... and more good news**

First, the good news: Recently the state announced that an increasing number of childcare providers are stepping up to improve the quality of the childcare they provide. More and more childcare providers are taking advantage of the star system, which rewards them with higher payment rates as they improve. This is terrific news for the safety and care of our youngest New Mexicans.

Now, the bad news: The childcare program will soon be over budget and, without additional funding, the state will have to start a waiting list for parents needing childcare assistance.

Fortunately, Governor Richardson has called a special session of the Legislature, and is asking lawmakers to not only fund the shortfall but to also increase funding for childcare assistance to what it was before Governor Johnson slashed it. This is a unique opportunity that would really help parents who are struggling to pay for childcare so that they can work.

You can help turn bad news into really good news for these struggling families by contacting your own legislators and urging them to support the governor's request for childcare funding in the special session, which starts Aug. 15.

For the kids and their parents, thanks!

Bill Jordan

**Events & Notices**

- **A Brown Bag film series of "Unnatural Causes: Is inequality making us sick?"** is sponsored by the New Mexico Health Equity Working Group and the UNM Health Evaluation and Research Team (HEART). Screenings are Wednesdays, noon-1pm, and take place at the RIB Commons, 2703 Frontier NE. For more information, contact Eric Chrisp at [echrisp@salud.unm.edu](mailto:echrisp@salud.unm.edu) Dates: Aug. 27 "Place Matters"; Sept. 3 "Collateral Damage"; Sept. 10 "Not Just a Paycheck."
- **Step-Up-for-Kids Day** is Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2-4pm at the Children's Pavilion at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds in Albuquerque. Sponsored by [Every Child Matters](#), this non-partisan event will bring together child advocates, volunteers, and children, youth and families to urge all candidates for office to support new investments in children.

**[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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