

New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition

NEWS FLASH

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

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1. NMTPC's Art & Video Contest

The NMTPC Board of Directors announces the first annual **Youth Art & Video Contest**. We are looking for drawings, paintings, photographs and videos to help us carry the message that **it's better for everyone when having a child is postponed until after the teen years**.

Video entries will be accepted from New Mexico youth serving organizations and school clubs/organizations. A \$300 prize will be awarded to the winning club or organization.

Twelve \$100 prizes will be awarded to individual youth artists for their winning drawings, paintings, or photographs. Entry deadline is February 10, 2003. Winning entries will be on exhibit at the NMTPC annual conference in March. Contact NMTPC for full details, (505) 254-8737.

2. Meet SHARE – A New Collaborative

Are you working to reduce risky sexual behavior among school age youth? If so, we're looking for you and you'll want to know about **SHARE**. (**S**exual **H**ealth and **R**isk **E**ducation).

SHARE is a New Mexico collaborative providing support for organizations and individuals working to reduce risky sexual behavior among school-age youth. Activities are designed to improve member's ability to successfully impact the youth in their programs. Opportunities for networking, collaboration, and continuing education will be provided through a statewide meeting, newsletter, listserv and website access to support the collaborative.

Interested in **SHARE**? Call or email NMTPC with your name, address and phone number and we'll send you more information. The **SHARE** collaborative is a

project of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition and is funded by the New Mexico Department of Health/Office of School Health.

3. Focus on Hispanic Teen Pregnancy

In the November issue of NEWS FLASH we introduced you to Maria Otero, NMTPC's Hispanic Community Liaison. Although it's a new position, Maria is already hard at work establishing herself as the expert on Hispanic Teen Pregnancy issues. She has begun gathering educational resources for the Spanish-speaking populations and the professionals who serve them. Maria is also collecting data and research to increase the awareness of Hispanic community leaders and organizations. Do you have ideas, questions, or information related to teen pregnancy in the Hispanic community? Maria looks forward to hearing from you. Contact her at (505) 254-8737 or maria@nmtpc.org

4. NMTPC Annual Conference

NMTPC's annual conference, **Stepping Up To The Challenge**, will be held at the Hyatt in Albuquerque on March 27-28, 2003. Get out that new 2003 calendar and hold those dates! Look for more information about the conference in January's NEWS FLASH.

5. Message from NMTPC Executive Director

**On behalf of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Board of Directors and staff,
please accept our sincerest wishes for a peaceful Holiday!**

**Con Carino,
Sylvia Ruiz
Executive Director**

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