

# NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

## NEWS FLASH

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

Seasons Greetings from the Board of Directors and Staff at the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition.

New Mexico has had an exciting year with regard to preventing too early parenting in our state! Many exciting initiatives are continuing and expanding in the New Year.

Special honors go out to Dona Ana Board of County Commissioners and Silvia Sierra, Director, Health and Human Services for their vision to fund adolescent pregnancy prevention programming.

In spite of our progress, much remains to be done! Please join us by becoming members of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition so that we can continue to make a positive impact on generations to come! We honor and thank community members who have already become members and look forward to further reductions in adolescent child bearing and improving health outcomes for all New Mexican families!

With leaders such as Governor Bill Richardson and Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish, we will realize improvements for all families.

Warm regards,

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### Update from the **South Valley Plain Talk Program**

#### ***What the teens in South Valley are saying about:***

##### **Teens and Sex**

- ❖ 19.2 % of the teens surveyed say they have had sex
- ❖ Average age of first sexual activity of teens in the community = 15.3 yrs
- ❖ Of the sexually active teens, only 57% of their parents know they have had sex
- ❖ 66% of teens say their parents would disapprove of them having sex

##### **Birth Control**

- ❖ 86% say birth control is very important BUT ONLY 61% say they have used some form of protection or birth control every time they have had sex
- ❖ 52% of teens say their parents would disapprove of them using birth control
- ❖ Male condoms are the most commonly used form of contraception by teens in the community.
- ❖ 84% say a sexual relationship at this point in their life could interfere with future goals and plans

##### **Communicating with Parents and Adults**

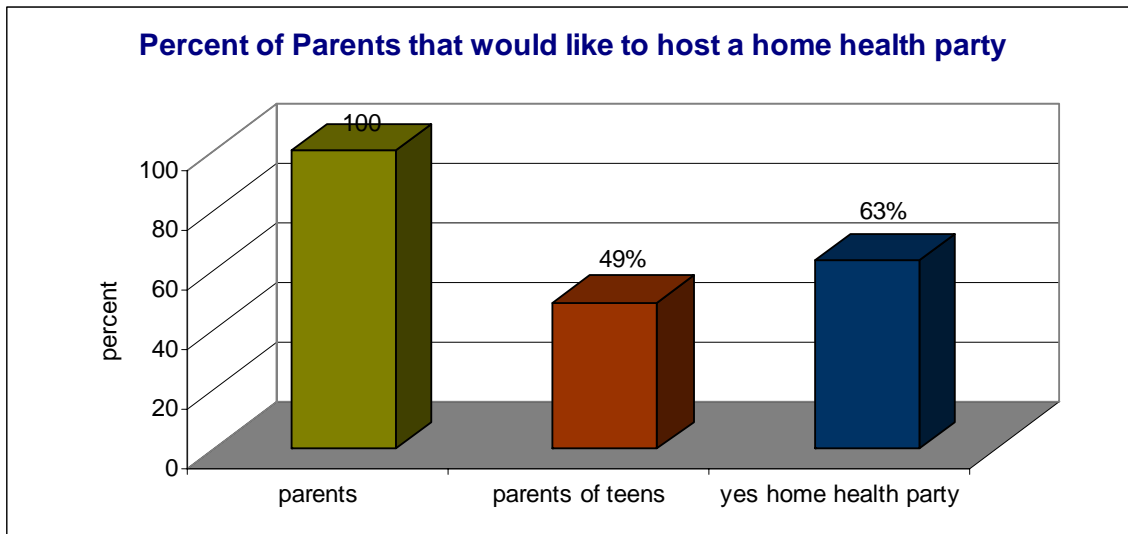
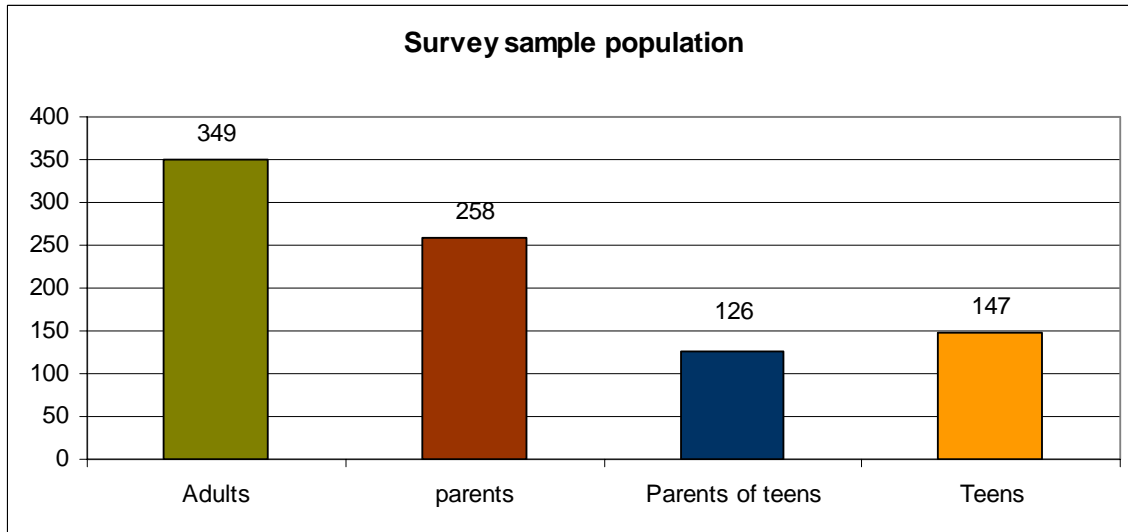
- ❖ 80% say they *can* talk to their parents about sexual matters
  - ❖ 82% of sexually active teens say this
  - ❖ 79% of non-sexually active teens say this
- ❖ 58.8% say they *have* talked to either one of their parents about sex
- ❖ 39.5% say they *have* talked to either one of their parents about using contraception

#### ***What the Adults in the South Valley are saying:***

- ❖ 49% are parents of teens
- ❖ 48% feel very comfortable talking with teens about sex
- ❖ 48% feel relieved or happy when their children come to them with questions about sex
- ❖ 63% would like to host a home health party

### **Access To Services**

- ❖ 61% of adolescents say they know where to get contraception
- ❖ 19% of adolescents knew exactly where the place is



## **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

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

#### **Teen Pregnancy Rate Continues to Decline**

The teen pregnancy rate (girls aged 15-19) declined 10% between 2000 and 2002 and has

dropped a total of 35% between 1990 and 2002, according to data just released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). In 2002, there were about 757,000 pregnancies among girls aged 15-19, down from over one million in 1990. The report notes that the pace of decline in the teen pregnancy rate has increased. For the 2000-2002 period, the rate dropped about five percent per year, compared with an average decline of about 3 percent per year between 1990 and 2000.

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

### **Generation Next Documentary**

Mark your 2007 calendars for the premiere of the new documentary, "*Generation Next: Speak Up. Be Heard.*" The show airs on PBS stations on **Friday, January 12** and is hosted by journalist and National Campaign Board member Judy Woodruff. The documentary consists of interviews with young people aged 16-25 from across the country. Woodruff and the Generation Next crew spent the summer touring the United States and gauging the views of young people, a group they describe as "massively diverse, exceedingly tolerant, and extraordinarily informed."

### **Campaign Releases Two New Science Says**

Continuing in our series, the National Campaign has released two new Science Says research briefs:

- *Science Says #29: Teen Contraceptive Use* covers the who, what, and why of teen contraceptive use, discussing differences in use between boys and girls as well as frequency of use, type of contraception used, and reasons for not using contraception.
- *Science Says #30: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing*, provides a brief summary of the Campaign's recent report *By the Numbers: the Public Costs of Teen Childbearing*, written by Saul Hoffman, Ph.D. and published by the Campaign.

Download these or any previous Science Says publication from the [What Works](#) section of the Campaign website.

### **National Campaign Seeks Qualified Individuals**

The National Campaign is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Administrative Assistant**
- **Media Program Manager**
- **Senior Manager of Administration**

Please visit our online [Job Bank](#) for more information on these positions!

### **Don't Forget: Year-End Online Sale!**

For the remainder of 2006, the National Campaign is offering a 25% discount on *all* merchandise purchased through our [Online Store](#).

Just enter **coupon code 109** at check out to take advantage of this great holiday deal!

### **Happy Holiday!**

The National Campaign wishes you a very joyous holiday season and every best wish for the new year.

## [2. New from Advocates for Youth](#)

### **Feature: Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Young Women**

Young women who have sex with women (YWSW) are at risk for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unintended pregnancy. Yet the sexual and reproductive health needs of YWSW are often unrecognized. In a nationwide study of 6,935 self-identified lesbians, 17.2 percent reported a history of STIs.[1] In another survey of lesbian and bisexual women, 26 percent reported a past STI.[2] Sexual intercourse with young men puts YWSW at risk of unintended pregnancy. According to one study, while bisexual and lesbian teenage females were about as likely as heterosexual peers to have had intercourse, they reported twice the rate of pregnancy (12 percent) as heterosexual and questioning young women (five to six percent).[3]

YWSW need comprehensive health care services and sexual health messages that address their specific needs. To adequately address the needs of YWSW, services and sexual health programs should provide a safe space; inclusive programming, including accurate and reliable resources and materials; culturally competent staff and volunteers; programs developed and led by youth; and opportunities to build skills.

For tips on creating inclusive programming, please visit

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/frtp/inclusiveprograms.htm>

For Creating Safe Space for GLBTQ Youth: A Toolkit, please visit

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/safespace/index.htm>

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### **Capacity Building & Professional Development**

The **2007 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS)** targets planning groups, health departments and community-based organizations providing HIV prevention services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention capacity building assistance providers, and other federal and national partner agencies involved in HIV prevention. The 2007 HPLS will be organized in five tracks: Effective Interventions (with three focus areas: Effective Behavioral Interventions, HIV Counseling and Testing and Related Services, and Beyond Individual Behavior Change: Different Strategies for HIV Prevention); Community Planning and HIV Prevention Leadership; Using Data for Decision Making; Integration, Collaboration and Coordination for Enhanced HIV Prevention; and Strengthening Organizational Infrastructure and Capacity.

HPLS will be held in New Orleans, LA, May 20-23, 2007. The deadline to submit an abstract proposal has been extended to January 5, 2007. For more information about HPLS, please visit <http://www.nmac.org/conferences%5F%5F%5Ftrainings/HPLS/>.

The **28th Annual Minority Health Conference** at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

School of Public Health will focus on HIV/AIDS research, education, and advocacy for minority communities. This conference will be held on February 23, 2007 at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center. The keynote lecture given by Dr. David Malebranche, Assistant Professor at Emory University School of Medicine, will be broadcast by satellite and internet. For more information, please visit <http://www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/2007/>.

The 2007 **National Conference on African Americans and AIDS** seeks to update the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of health providers who care for patients with HIV/AIDS. The target audience is healthcare media, federal and state legislators, AIDS service organization officers, social workers, pharmacists, nurses, peer counselors, church leadership and corrections healthcare personnel. The objectives of this conference are to familiarize participants with the epidemiology of HIV in the United States; current guidelines and cutting edge clinical modalities for the management of HIV; current research; social and psychiatric concerns of the HIV infected patient; and policy initiatives.

The National Conference on African Americans and AIDS will be held February 12-13 in Philadelphia, PA. For more information, please visit [http://www.minority-healthcare.com/ncaa\\_2007/index.html](http://www.minority-healthcare.com/ncaa_2007/index.html).

### **Funding Opportunities**

The **Pfizer Foundation** has announced a three-year HIV/AIDS initiative to complement existing HIV prevention efforts and to address the need for the HIV/AIDS community to engage in holistic approaches linking prevention, care and treatment programs.

The initiative is targeting AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs) providing innovative, comprehensive HIV/AIDS services in communities in the US that are most affected by HIV/AIDS. It will support approximately 20 community-based organizations with grants up to \$100,000 for three years for programs that include coordination across HIV/AIDS prevention and primary care and/or those that forge collaborative networks between community-based prevention providers and other prevention and care and treatment services. Funding will not support primary care (treatment) or medications, but will support access to care.

The Pfizer Foundation will fund programs in the following 10 states: New York, Florida, California, Texas, New Jersey, Illinois, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and North Carolina.

The deadline to apply for this initiative is December 12, 2006. For more information, please visit <http://hivaidsphilanthropy.pfizer.com/>.

**New Voices** is a national leadership development program that helps nonprofit organizations recruit or retain innovative, new talent. It awards salary-support grants to small nonprofits demonstrating a commitment to cultivating and strengthening the leadership potential of creative and diverse "new voices" in the field. During the next three grant cycles, New Voices will focus on addressing needs, solving problems, and defending human rights related to the impact on the Gulf Coast of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Organizations in the Gulf Coast Region with missions and activities focused on one or more of the following issue areas should consider applying: HIV/AIDS; Civil Rights; Disability Rights; Economic Justice; Education Equity and Reform; Environmental Justice; Poverty Reduction; Health Care Rights and Policy Reform; Housing Rights and Policy Reform; Human Rights; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Rights; Migrant and Refugee Rights; Racial Justice and Race Relations; Reproductive Rights; Sentencing and Prison Reform; Women's Rights; Worker's Rights; and

Youth Leadership Development.

Applications for the New Voices Fellowship are due February 5, 2007. For more information, please visit <http://newvoices.aed.org/home.html>.

### **Announcements**

**December 1st was World AIDS Day.** To share what programs you organized for World AIDS Day in the January Monthly Monitor, please contact Urooj.

### **Resources**

For Resources on Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Young Women, please check out the following:

- Advocates for Youth  
<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org>
- American Psychological Association, Healthy Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Students Project <http://www.apa.org/pi/lgbchlgbsp/>
- National Youth Advocacy Coalition  
<http://www.nyacyouth.org>

### **News You Can Use**

GAO Report Asks "Where's the Oversight?"

Slams Administration for Children and Families for Lapse in Supervision of Abstinence-Only Programs

The Government Accountability Office called the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to task for failing to provide adequate oversight of the information disseminated through federal abstinence-only programs. The GAO specifically stated that ACF, which supervises two multimillion dollar abstinence-only programs "does not review its grantees' education materials for scientific accuracy and does not require grantees of either program to review their own materials for scientific accuracy."

To read the full press release, please visit:

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/press/111606.htm>

### **News of the Absurd**

***Birth control "demearing to women?"***

The Bush administration has appointed Dr. Eric Keroack as the new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In this position, Dr. Keroack will be charged with overseeing Title X - family planning programs under the Public Health Service Act.

Dr. Keroack currently serves as medical director for A Woman's Concern, a crisis pregnancy center which prohibits staff from encouraging the use of contraceptive drugs or devices. He also serves on the Medical Advisory Council of the National Abstinence Clearinghouse, an organization that promotes abstinence-only-until-marriage programs and opposes

comprehensive sex education programs.

Advocates for Youth, along with other reproductive health organizations, has sent a letter to HHS encouraging the withdrawal of Dr. Keroack's appointment.

To read the letter, please click here:

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/keroack.htm>

To read more about Dr. Keroack, visit:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/11/16/AR2006111601929.html>

### ***It Could Take 4 to 5 Years to Cure Ted Haggard of Being Gay***

During an interview on *Larry King Live*, James Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family talked about his "close friend" evangelical leader Ted Haggard, having a sexual relationship with a male prostitute. When asked about helping Haggard, Dobson said, "...I just don't have the time to do that. And I called my board of directors, we talked about it at length and they were unanimous in asking me not to do that, because this could take four or five years and I just have too many other things going on."

To read more, please visit:

<http://thinkprogress.org/2006/11/23/dobson-haggard-cure-gay/>

### **New at Advocates**

#### ***Job Opening!***

#### ***Emergency Contraception Initiative Program Coordinator***

The Emergency Contraception (EC) Department has an opening for a Program Coordinator who will work with and provide support to Advocates' Emergency Contraception Initiative. Activities include, but are not limited to, conducting EC outreach and education, assisting with trainings and other events, conducting research, and providing administrative support.

The EC Department provides materials, technical assistance, and training to state teen pregnancy prevention coalitions, health care providers, program planners, educators, and advocates. The goal of the EC Department is to raise awareness about EC among young women and to increase access to EC through pharmacies and in family planning clinics, urgent care centers, hospital emergency rooms, and private physician's offices.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/about/employment.htm#ec>

### **Read All About It**

- [\*\*The Librarian's Guide To Sex Education Resources\*\*](#)  
Descriptions of audiovisual, print, and web-based materials for youth, parents, and youth-serving professionals
- [\*\*The Respect Yourself. Protect Yourself. Condom Calendar\*\*](#)  
Makes a great holiday gift. Order yours today!

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### **3. New From Marsh Media**

The MarshMedia White Paper:  
Human Sexuality Education for Students with Special Needs

Charged with the responsibility of preparing children for the eventuality of adulthood, parents and educators face many challenges. Providing comprehensive sexuality education to children, teens, and young adults with special needs is a particularly important but often formidable task.

When MarshMedia undertook the development of puberty education materials for students with special needs, the company already had a long and successful history publishing health and human growth materials for mainstream students. Our moderate editorial position, reliance on recognized expert sources, and judicious feedback from our patrons in the field (primarily school nurses and health administrators), provided a solid platform for this new publishing endeavor.

Our research revealed a number of new considerations for differentiating special education resource materials. When considering our target audience, we chose to focus on students with mild to moderate disabilities. We designed a framework of ordered, factual information using uncomplicated language and illustration models to help parents and educators initiate instruction and discussion, and maintain a positive attitude. We also learned that our materials are very well suited to children who are early developers.

The MarshMedia White Paper is a natural outgrowth of our experience. It sets out key principles in support of human sexuality education for students with special needs. The theoretical framework is intended to advocate for healthy sexuality for youngsters with special needs. By examining particular issues in the area of disseminating sex education, we seek to supply parents and educators and other advocates in the field with guidance and support.

Our White Paper can help you:

- Learn how youngsters with special needs are disadvantaged by a lack of appropriate sex education
- Understand barriers to healthy sexuality
- Incorporate developmental considerations in your own teaching
- Convince administrators to invest in materials and/or training!

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#### **[4. New from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)**

##### **OJP Announces New Tribal Justice and Safety Web Site**

On November 28, 2006, the [U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs](#) issued the following [press release](#):

Washington—The Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today announced the launch of a new Tribal Justice and Safety Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/tribaljusticeandsafety>. The Internet home page will be a resource for American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and communities, and will help the general public and other federal agencies to better understand the resources available for improving safety in Native American communities.

I am honored to deliver the promise that I made to provide a 'one stop shop' that will enhance the prevention of and response to crime and the administration of justice in Indian country," said Regina B. Schofield, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. "This will serve as a medium for talking about promising practices across the nation. Crime knows no boundaries, and the Tribal Justice and Safety Web site is another way we are using technology to prevent crime and violence from taking root in our communities.

The site serves as a single source of information about courts, corrections, law enforcement, crime statistics, crime prevention, legal and other public safety issues. It also provides a resource for tribal communities to solicit information about how the Department can meet their informational, training, and funding needs.

OJP has long provided critical support to tribes in such areas as victim and youth services, criminal justice enhancements and alcohol and substance abuse prevention. Through the Justice Programs Council on Native American Affairs, which Assistant Attorney General Schofield established last year, OJP is working to coordinate all of the Department's crime prevention efforts on behalf of Native American tribes. Now both the Council and the new Web site will work to determine how the Department can best serve tribal communities.

Assistant Attorney General Schofield noted that "Only by committing ourselves to a sustained and strategic response to crime and violence in Indian country can tribes realize the dream of safe and peaceful communities."

##### **DOJ Initiative Combats Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**

On December 8, 2006, the [U.S. Department of Justice's](#) (DOJ's) [Office of Justice Programs](#) issued the following press release:

Chicago—The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today announced a \$1 million award to the [Salvation Army](#) and its partners for a new initiative to

reduce and eliminate the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the United States. The funding will be used to develop a national, multi-site training and technical assistance program to assist five selected cities in coordinating investigative, prosecutorial and victim service resources.

Today's announcement was made at the first meeting of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Community Capacity Building Initiative in Chicago, where representatives from federal, state and local organizations gathered to build alliances to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children.

"We are coming together to protect our children through a unique partnership," said OJP Assistant Attorney General Regina B. Schofield. "This program draws upon the commitment and expertise of law enforcement, prosecutors, community advocates, and most importantly, the victims themselves."

The two-year cooperative agreement was awarded to the Salvation Army and its primary partners, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS), Polaris Project, Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition. The five selected cities are Atlantic City, Chicago, Denver, San Diego and Washington, D.C.

Combating the sexual exploitation of children is a major priority of the Department of Justice. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales announced the Project Safe Childhood initiative. [Project Safe Childhood](#) brings together U.S. Attorneys, federal, state and local law enforcement, and non-government organizations to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against our nation's children.

Resources:

To obtain further information about Project Safe Childhood, visit <http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov>.

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) is a component of the [Office of Justice Programs](#) in the [U.S. Department of Justice](#).

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## **[5. New From The Maternal and Child Health Library](#)**

### ARTICLE REVIEWS LITERATURE ON ACCULTURATION AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AMONG LATINO YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES

"In the future, priority should be given to empirical studies [on the relationship between acculturation and sexual and reproductive health among Latino youth] that explicitly investigate links between time measures of acculturation, changing beliefs and norms, and sexual and reproductive behaviors, particularly contraceptive use and fertility desires," state the authors of an article published in the December 2006 issue of Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health. While the national teenage birthrate has declined 67% in the last decade, the birthrate

among Latina teenagers has declined only 21% and remains the highest among all ethnicities. This article presents a systematic review of the existing research on how acculturation influences the sexual and reproductive health of Latina teenagers, and it seeks to answer the following questions: (1) what is the relationship between acculturation and the sexual and reproductive health of Latino youth in the United States?, (2) what acculturation theories have been employed to explain the relationship?, and (3) what measures of acculturation have been used, and which best explain variations in sexual and reproductive health outcomes?

The authors searched PUBMED, POPLINE, and ERIC for relevant articles published between 1985 and 2006. They then reviewed each abstract to determine each article's eligibility. Acceptance criteria included use of a cross-sectional or longitudinal design and explicit investigation of the relationship between acculturation and sexual or reproductive health, or use of acculturation as a covariate in the analysis.

The authors found that

- Seventeen studies met acceptance criteria.

- \* All studies except one commented on theories that might explain how acculturation influences sexual and reproductive health.

- \* A total of 23 measures of acculturation were used in the studies, classified into four primary dimensions of acculturation: (1) time, (2) language, (3) culture, and (4) residence. A fifth classification included measures that capture multiple dimensions.

- \* The broad categories of outcomes studied were sexual activity, norms and beliefs, contraceptive use, and fertility.

- \* Almost all the studies found a positive association between acculturation and sexual activity. The evidence for a positive association between acculturation and sexual activity was strongest for sexual initiation.

- \* Two of the three studies that investigated norms and beliefs found an association with acculturation.

- \* Evidence on whether acculturation was associated with fertility and whether acculturation had a protective association with sexual and reproductive health was inconclusive.

The authors conclude that "[future] research can build on existing theories that elucidate the role of beliefs and norms pertaining to gender expectations, family formation, contraceptive use, and sexual behavior that are unique to Latino culture."

Afable-Munsuz A, Brindis CD. 2006. Acculturation and the sexual and reproductive health of Latino youth in the United States: A literature review. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 38(4):208-219.

Abstract available at <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/journals/3820806.html>.

Readers: More information about racial and ethnic disparities in health is available from the MCH Library's knowledge path at [http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp\\_race.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_race.html) and from the bibliography at [www.mchlibrary.info/action.lasso?-database=Biblio&-layout=Web&-](http://www.mchlibrary.info/action.lasso?-database=Biblio&-layout=Web&-)

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## **LOCAL RESOURCES**

### **From New Mexico Voices for Children**

#### The Most Important Meal

A new report put out only by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) shows that participation in the School Breakfast Program has continued to steadily increase across the nation. The organization's School Breakfast Scorecard 2006 shows a record 7.7 million low-income children receiving free and reduced-price breakfasts on an average day during the 2005-2006 school year.

Because of dedicated state funding New Mexico moved from eighth place to second in the number of children served the day's most important meal. The state achieved this by targeting and funding schools that were not making their Annual Yearly Progress under the No Child Left Behind Act. After all kids don't learn well on an empty stomach.

Check out the report here at <http://action.voiceshub.org/ct/Dp2mJLp1NQac> and pay special attention to the blue box on page 11.

#### Public School Critic Speaks Out

Tickets sold for Jonathan Kozol, who appears this Wednesday with Sarah Knopp as part of the Lannon Foundation's Readings & Conservations series. But not to worry. You can hear what Mr. Kozol has to say when the event is broadcast this weekend.

A longtime civil rights activist, Mr. Kozol is perhaps best known as a vocal critic of the country's public school system and the racial and socioeconomic inequities it perpetuates. What Mr. Kozol has to say on the subject should be of interest to anyone who cares about the nation's children, and particularly those who are involved in our current Race Matters work.

Save the date:

"Readings and Conservations" with Jonathan Kozol and Sarah Knopp will broadcast in the Albuquerque area on KUNM (89.9 FM) Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and in the Santa Fe

area on KSFR (90.7FM) Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:pm

Speaking of speakers - It's early, we know, but we think this event will generate so much excitement that you'll want to get a jump on buying your tickets. Barbara Ehrenreich, author of the popular *Nickel and Dimed*—about living on minimum wage—and *Bait and Switch* – about white collar unemployment—will speak at the Lensic Theatre in Santa Fe in March.

Save the Date

-Barbara Ehrenreich's talk, "Will Work for Change," benefits the Santa Fe Living Wage Network.

-Tickets for the March 11, 2007 event are \$10 (\$5 for students) and are available through the Lensic here: <http://action.voicehub.org/ct/Dd2mJLp1NQaZ/> or by calling 505-988-1234

-The Living Wage Network is also looking for sponsors for the event. Contact Morty or Carol at [505-983-9789](tel:505-983-9789) or [simon@santafelivingwage.org](mailto:simon@santafelivingwage.org) if you are interested in volunteering at the event.

Covering Kay

If you're an Alibi reader, you already know that Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino writes a regular column for Albuquerque's alternative weekly. While we always enjoy the good senator's column, we wanted to bring this week's piece to your attention because it focuses on Kay Monaco's recent testimony before an interim legislative committee.

Kay who is New Mexico Voices' executive director, told the committee under no uncertain terms that they need to do better by the kids of New Mexico when they meet in session next year. You can read the column here: <http://action.voiceshub.org/ct/D72mJLp1NQaV/>

### **School Based Health Centers Receive \$225,000 from New Mexico Community Foundation**

(Albuquerque, NM) The New Mexico Department of Health announced today that school-based health centers along the Mexico border will receive grants totaling \$225,000 from the New Mexico Community Foundation.

Grants will go to Cobre, Deming, Gadsden, Santa Teresa, Las Cruces, Lordsburg, and Oñate High Schools. Additional grants will be made to Gadsden Middle School, Doña Ana County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Workgroup, and Funders Allied with Youth and NM Assembly on SBHC. This round of grants is the second of four that will be awarded annually to communities that lack adequate health services for children.

"A school-based health center is an accessible, friendly place where students can receive a wide variety of health care services," Secretary of Health Michelle Lujan Grisham said. "They provide students with access to medical and behavioral health services that are appropriate to the communities they serve."

After Governor Bill Richardson gained funding from the 2005 Legislature to double the number of SBHCs from 34 to 68, the United Health Foundation donated \$1 million to support the SBHC movement in New Mexico. The funding is being distributed over a four-year period. The New Mexico Community Foundation (NMCF) manages the United Health Foundation donation by

reviewing grant applications, awarding grants and leveraging additional funding.

“We need to have safe places for our students,” said Stephen Patrick, NMCF Director, Youth and Emerging Initiatives. “Health centers that are based at schools encourage students to take advantage of the facilities and address issues of poverty, teen pregnancy and poor nutrition.”

School-based health centers provide medical care, behavioral health screenings and services, and prevention programs. These services are offered to children regardless of their ability to pay, making SBHCs an important safety net for the many children in New Mexico who do not have health insurance. Research consistently shows that schools that have SBHCs have increased school attendance, decreased dropout rates, and higher graduation rates.

Last year, \$225,000 was awarded to 13 schools and agencies that serve Native American students. In years three and four, grants will go to New Mexico’s small rural communities and metro communities respectively.

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

Season’s Greetings from the New Mexico Young Fathers Project!

Our Program is experiencing changes. Carl Dillinger, after 6 ½ years of services he is no longer the Project Director. We offer our gratitude and best wishes to Mr. Dellinger for his contributions.

Our services will continue uninterrupted and referrals can continue to be sent to

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or visit Young Fathers Project website [www.youngfathers.org](http://www.youngfathers.org) to download and print a referral form. Our services continue to be in high demand in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe.

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- In addition it’s appropriate at this time of year to thank our Partners for their contributions and support to The Young Fathers Project so we can positively impact generations to come.
  - Albuquerque Community Foundation
  - Albuquerque Public Schools Health/Mental Health Division
  - Balance Bar
  - Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation
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