

NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

NEWS FLASH

February 2004

Welcome to the February issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's
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1. New Mexico SHARE Summit: March 3 & 4

New Mexico SHARE (Sexual Health And Responsibility Education) Coalition
is presenting

KIDS IN THE MIDDLE: Some Facts of Life Caring Adults Cannot Ignore

Featuring nationally renowned keynote speaker and facilitator,
Jacqueline Sowers, M.Ed.

This event is designed for any agency or organization working to reduce risky sexual behavior in school-age youth. There is no registration fee.

Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 24. No onsite registrations will be accepted. Some registrations may be accepted after 2/24 if space allows.

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2. NMTPC Albuquerque Spring Conference

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, May 5, 2004

New Pathways in Teen Pregnancy Prevention
St. John's United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico

NMTPC would like to address issues of [Native American teen pregnancy](#) during this conference. If you are interested in making a presentation on this topic or participating in a roundtable discussion, please contact us immediately.

Watch our web site for updated conference information. www.nmtpc.org

3. 2nd Annual Youth Art & Video Contest: Deadline March 1

NMTPC announces the 2nd Annual Youth Art & Video Contest.

The youth of New Mexico are invited to create art that helps us promote the message that [it's better for everyone when having a child is postponed until after the teen years](#). Here's how it works.

We're looking for drawings, paintings, or photographs (no larger than 8 1/2 x 11). Entries will be accepted from individual youth, schools, or organizations. Prize: \$100 each to the 12 winners.

We're also soliciting videos (from 1-10 minutes in length). The format can be a documentary, drama, interview or a commercial. Entries must come from a school or youth-serving organization. Prize: \$500 each to the 3 winners.

All entries must be received no later than [March 1, 2004](#). For more details, call NMTPC at 254-8737 or get complete contest rules at our web site, www.nmtpc.org

4. RFP for Abstinence-Only Education

The New Mexico Department of Health has issued an RFP for Community-based Abstinence-Only Education and Evaluation of Community-based Abstinence-Only Education. For more information contact Carmella Salazar at (505) 476-8881 or carmella.salazar@doh.state.nm.us. A proposal packet can be downloaded from www.health.state.nm.us. Proposals must be received by March 2, 2004.

5. Silent Auction Items Needed

[You can help support the NMTPC Youth Projects Fund!](#) We are looking for desirable items for our annual Silent Auction that will be held on April 13 at the Head to Toe school health conference. Items that sell well include: jewelry, pottery, artwork, and gift certificates (restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and spa treatments). For more information, call [Cathy](#) at NMTPC, 254-8737.

6. Teen Parent Resources

Here's a web site with links to resources designed to benefit teen parents, their teachers and parents.

<http://singleparents.about.com/cs/teensingleparent/index.htm>

7. Message from Carl Dellinger, Young Fathers Project Director

The New Mexico Young Fathers Project (NMYFP) is pleased to announce services in Silver City. Our new site coordinator is Daniel Galindo. He has many years of involvement with youth at risk. For more information, contact Carl Dellinger at 505-266-6334.

8. Message from Maria Otero, Hispanic Community Liaison

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has updated their fact sheet [Teen Sexual Activity, Pregnancy and Childbearing Among Latinos in the United States](#). Highlights include:

- 51% of Latina girls in the U.S. become pregnant at least once by age 20.
- Latinas have the highest teen *birth rate* among the major racial/ethnic groups in the U.S. The birth rate is decreasing but not as much as the rate for all teens.
- Although the percentage of nonmarital births to Latina teens is less than the national average, the majority gave birth out-of-wedlock (74% of Latina's compared to 80% of all teens that gave birth).
- Latino youth report higher rates of sexual activity and lower rates of contraceptive use, compared to the general teen population.

You can download the complete fact sheet at www.teenpregnancy.org

Please contact me with questions or concerns about Hispanic teen pregnancy prevention.

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9. Message From Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director

How can NMTPC assist your efforts to reduce teen pregnancy? We are available to provide technical assistance to your school, organization or community. Perhaps you're looking for some ideas about where and how to start. Or maybe you're looking for "best practice" curricula and age-appropriate teaching tools. Let us know what your needs are and we'll do our best to support you. Just give us a call or send us an email.

2004 Scholarship Information

NMTPC is offering two types of scholarships to high school seniors who will be pursuing a post secondary education. **Category I** is for seniors who are pregnant or parenting. **Category II** is for seniors who are actively involved in strategies for the prevention of teen pregnancy. Both males and females are encouraged to apply for the scholarships in either category. The deadline for scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2004. More information and applications can be found at the NMTPC website: www.nmtpc.org or you can call the office at 505-254-8737.

Mil Gracias!
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