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A. National and State Cost Estimates for Teen Childbearing

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is pleased to announce that we are working with Dr. Saul Hoffman and Dr. Rebecca Maynard to update the national cost estimates for childbearing, and to generate state-level cost estimates.

To date, the most well documented evidence of the personal and social costs of adolescent childbearing in the United States appears in *Kids Having Kids* (Maynard, 1997), a landmark study funded by the Robin Hood Foundation and published by the Urban Institute Press. In that volume, Rebecca Maynard, PhD, estimated that the

annual cost to taxpayers of childbearing among teens aged 17 and younger was nearly \$7 billion in the mid-1990s, and the cost to society as a whole was nearly twice that amount.

Policymakers, researchers, funders, private-sector leaders, and others concerned about adolescent childbearing have made excellent use of Dr. Maynard's estimates and have frequently cited them in their own work. However, as time has passed, Dr. Maynard's estimates have become outdated and their utility has diminished. The National Campaign is thrilled to work with Dr. Maynard and Dr. Hoffmann to update this important data. The updated analysis will include 18 and 19 year old teens as well.

The analysis will include the aggregate costs of teen childbearing to adolescents and their families, the public sector, and to society at large. Key public sector cost components will include: health care, foster care, public assistance, criminal justice, and lost tax revenues. We will also develop state specific numbers of the costs of teen childbearing, and will highlight both the federal and state costs associated with these various cost components. To ensure our methodology meets states' needs, the National Campaign will work with two states to review and refine it.

The final state-specific products will include state-specific fact sheets, and possibly charts and press releases detailing the cost data and other pertinent data. We expect these will be generally similar to the state-specific products we produced for our "What If" analysis see www.teenpregnancy.org/whycare/whatif.asp

We expect to release this information in late spring/early summer 2006. In a few months, we will provide you with a more exact date of when the data will be released so you can appropriately plan press responses or activities to promote this data such as legislative briefings, press conferences, and outreach.

B. Funding Opportunities

This release contains three potential funding sources for teen pregnancy prevention programs:

- 1) *Healthy Marriage Initiative***
- 2) *Learn and Serve America - Grants for Service-Learning Projects***
- 3) *Using "No Child Left Behind" funds for After-school Programs***

1) *Healthy Marriage Initiative*

This week, President George W. Bush signed the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which reauthorizes the Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) program administered by HHS' Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The basic TANF block grant which was extended for five years under this law can be used for teen pregnancy prevention and a number of states have done so over the years. The new law eliminates the "existing out-of-wedlock birth bonus" that some states have used to fund teen pregnancy prevention efforts.

The reauthorization also includes \$150 million per year over five years to support programs designed to help couples form and sustain healthy marriages. Up to \$50 million of this amount may be used for programs designed to encourage responsible fatherhood. The marriage funds are intended for research and demonstration projects by public or private entities, and providing technical assistance to States, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and other organizations specified by HHS. One of the allowable uses of the marriage funds is "Education in high schools on the value of healthy marriages, healthy relationship skills, and budgeting."

Funding for responsible fatherhood is available for States, territories, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and public and nonprofit community entities, including religious organizations to help men be more committed, involved and responsible fathers, as well as for the development of a national media campaign to promote responsible fatherhood. ACF is expected to release a grant announcement for these funds in the next month or so.

For more information on the Healthy Marriage Initiative, including funding opportunities, please go to www.acf.hhs.gov/healthymarriage/. Please be on the lookout for additional information about these grants. Note that applicants will be able to find a synopsis of all ACF grant opportunities and apply electronically for opportunities via: www.Grants.gov.

2) Learn and Serve America - Grants for Service-Learning Projects

Learn and Serve America, part of the Corporation for National and Community Service, will fund school-based, community-based, higher education, and tribal and U.S. territory service-learning projects. This competition is devoted to expanding high-quality service-learning with the purpose of helping the Corporation reach its goal of fostering service-learning in at least 50% of all public schools by the year 2010. The deadline is March 7, 2006.

Service learning programs have been proven to be effective in delaying first sex and reducing teen pregnancy. For more information on these programs, please see the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's publications "Not Yet: Programs to Delay First Sex Among Teens"; "No Time To Waste: Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy Among Middle School-Aged Youth"; and "A Good Time: After-school Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy" at www.teenpregnancy.org/works/.

For more information on the Learn and Serve American grants, please visit www.learnandserve.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp.

3) Using No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Funds to Support Extended Learning Time

A new publication from the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) called "Using NCLB Funds to Support Extended Learning Time" details six existing federal funding streams that can be used to pay for out-of-school learning programs. The

monograph explains and provides examples from the field on how to use Title I, School Improvement Funds, Supplemental Educational Services, Comprehensive School Reform, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities, and Innovative Programs funding to support after-school youth programs. After-school programs have been shown through to have a positive impact on adolescent sexual behaviors.

For more information on "Using NCLB Funds to Support Extended Learning Time," please go to CCSSO's website at www.ccsso.org/publications/details.cfm?PublicationID=272

For more information on the programs that reduce teen pregnancy in after-school settings, please see the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's publication at "A Good Time: After-school Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy" at www.teenpregnancy.org/works/pdf/goodtime.pdf

C. Information on the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

150 NATIONAL DAY PARTNERS AND COUNTING

Plans for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's fifth annual "National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy" are well underway and we expect this year's event to be the best one yet! As a reminder, this year's National Day will be held on May 3rd, 2006. For more information on the National Day, please visit www.teenpregnancy.org/national/default.asp

We are excited about the amount of support and interest we have already received regarding the 2006 National Day. With four months left, over 150 national organizations have already signed on as official partners! Our partner list is quite diverse and represents all of the sectors (i.e. youth, parents, health, government, corporate, education, and nonprofit groups, etc.) that we strive to reach regarding the issue of teen pregnancy prevention. To view a complete list of our 2006 National Day partners, visit www.teenpregnancy.org/national/partners2006.asp.

NATIONAL DAY PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE

This year, the National Campaign is offering National Day wristbands, temporary tattoos, and pens through our online store. In the coming weeks, we will also make postcards and posters available for purchase. Visit the 2006 National Day Online Store at www.teenpregnancy.org/store/default.asp

Additionally, we will offer the following materials for free download from our website. We will let you know when new materials become available.

- . Sample newsletter and listserv notices
- . National Day web banners
- . Sample press releases
- . Quiz discussion guides

- . Generic and customizable print public service announcements (PSAs)
- . Sample PSA radio scripts
- . Ideas to help teens promote the National Day

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE NATIONAL DAY

The success of the National Day is largely due to the efforts of our state and community partners and we greatly appreciate your participation in this event. Please help us spread the word about the National Day. If you have any friends or colleagues that you think would be interested in the National Day, please forward them this email and encourage them to sign up for our National Day Notification Network emails as well. If each one of you passes this message on to just five people, our network of friends organizing around the National Day would grow tremendously! Your colleagues can Join our National Day Notification Network by visiting www.teenpregnancy.org/informed/notificationnet.asp

TELL US WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING

As you begin to organize events and activities for the National Day, please let us about your plans so that we can share them with others and let them know about all the good things going on across the country. We will collect and post this information on our website for others to read about, learn from, and perhaps emulate! Send a summary of your planned activities to nationalday@teenpregnancy.org

We'll be in touch with you again in the near future. Thanks again for your support and enthusiasm!

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

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A. Advocates for Youth's Youth of Color Initiative **Feature: Young Women of Color ***

Rates of HIV infection are disproportionately high among young women of color*, especially those who are members of the working poor and, therefore, lack health insurance and easy access to health care. These young women need gender-specific and culturally appropriate HIV prevention programs.

Young Women of Color Suffer High Rates of HIV Infection.

Black women and Latinas account for 79 percent of all reported HIV infections among 13- to 19-year-old women and 75 percent of HIV infections among 20- to 24-year-old women in the United States although, together, they represent only about 26 percent of U.S. women these ages.

Black women account for 60 percent of cumulative AIDS cases among women ages 13 to 24, although they are only about 14 percent of women this age. Latinas represent 19 percent of cumulative AIDS cases among young women, although Latinas comprise only about 12 percent of the female population this age.

Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) and American Indians and Alaska natives account for about one percent of reported HIV infections among women ages 13 to 24.

Young Women of Color Face Barriers to HIV Prevention.

Latina women face cultural barriers to consistent condom use, such as machismo and Catholicism's opposition to birth control. For example, Puerto Rican women's greatest obstacle to negotiating safer sex, including condom use, is the cultural expectation to respect males and to be submissive.

In a study of African American women ages 13 to 19, 26 percent felt little control over whether or not a condom was used during intercourse; 75 percent agreed that, if a male knew a female was taking oral contraceptives, he would not want to use a condom. Sixty-six percent felt that a male sex partner would be hurt, insulted, angry, or suspicious if questioned about his HIV risk factors.

For many women, negotiating condom use also seems to question trust and fidelity. In one study, African American teenage women felt that not using a condom with a steady partner was a symbol of trust in their partner and relationship. Moreover, considering asking a partner to wear a condom sometimes brought up fear of rejection or violence.

According to one study, Native American women who did not consistently use condoms also felt little vulnerability to HIV and were unprepared to change their risky sexual behaviors as compared to their peers who used condoms regularly.

Persistent inequality and painful memories of medical abuses and the consequent anger and mistrust of the U.S. government contribute to conspiracy theories, such as HIV as an agent of genocide, that hamper HIV education efforts in some ethnic communities.

One study found that many African Americans and Latinos held misperceptions about HIV transmission, trusted the accuracy of partners' reported histories, and, particularly among women, misunderstood the meaning of safer sex.

Urban minority female adolescents reported high levels of worry about AIDS, but they reported equal or greater concerns about having enough money to live on, general

health, doing well in school, getting pregnant, and getting hurt in a street fight. For these women, HIV risk reduction could be secondary to basic needs, such as housing, food, transportation, and child care.

Women of color experience higher rates of medical indigence than do white women, and they often confront a series of financial, cultural, and institutional barriers in obtaining health care. For many young women of color, publicly funded health insurance provides limited access to comprehensive, adolescent-appropriate health services.

Young Women of Color Need Effective, Culturally Specific Programs.

Young women of color need HIV/AIDS information framed within their specific cultural context;

- gender-specific information and services that address their situation and pay attention to their less than equal power status in many relationships; and,
- interventions that enhance self-esteem, address depression and substance use, and give youth hope for the future.

Young women of color need confidential access to contraceptive services, including condoms and HIV testing and treatment.

Young women need programs that build their skills in communication, negotiation, and assertiveness.

Experts have found that HIV prevention is also contingent on women's sexual history, their understanding of the effects of physical and sexual trauma, and their willingness to learn communication skills.

Effective HIV/AIDS prevention programs include youth and other community members in program planning, design, and implementation and draw staff—including youth—from the local community.

*This fact sheet focuses on heterosexual young women of color—African American, Latina, Asian Pacific Islander, and Native American women between the ages of 13 and 24. Here, black and African American are not used interchangeably. Black may include African American as well as other ethnicities.

For information on young women of color and on sexual health programs and service especially designed for young women, please check out the resources at the end of this Monthly Monitor.

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B. Capacity Building & Professional Development

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH), through the CDC/ASPH Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership, will begin accepting registrations, starting January 8, 2006, for the third course in the unique capacity-building program series Steps to Success in Community-based HIV/AIDS Prevention. This course is entitled How to Monitor and Measure Evidence-Based Intervention Effectiveness, Module 3-Building Evaluation Capacity.

There is no fee to register and participate. For more information, go to www.ihpl.org and download the information brochure on Module 3. If you have questions regarding this program, contact María González-Gelabert at mgg@healthconsultinggroup.com or call (770) 451-5800.

Participants who will benefit most from this course include:

- Individuals working in community-based organizations (CBOs), health departments, and clinics and are responsible for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating HIV and AIDS interventions;

- Co-Chairs of Community Planning and Prevention Planning Groups; and
- Public health students and faculty.

Benefits of participation include:

- Reviewing how to use results from your community assessments to select a culturally appropriate, evidence-based intervention that matches the needs of your priority population;
- Reviewing how to develop a detailed plan and strategies for adapting and implementing an evidence-based intervention;
- Learning how to develop a plan for monitoring and evaluating an evidence-based intervention using a comprehensive six-step process;
- Receiving a print-based, self-study module with monitoring and evaluation tools to use when training existing or new employees in your agency;
- Viewing a satellite conference or webcast featuring nationally recognized experts and CBO personnel on February 24, 2006; and
- Receiving a certificate indicating your participation in and completion of this course.

Registration for this course ends February 13, 2006! Register today to make sure you receive the self-study module in time to complete it and view the satellite conference or webcast on February 24, 2006.

In order to receive a certificate, you must complete all course evaluation requirements and submit them by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, February 25, 2006. See the information brochure about Module 3-Building Evaluation Capacity at www.ihpl.org for more details.

C. Funding Opportunities

The United States Conference of Mayors, HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants Program

The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, is issuing this request for proposals (RFP) for the HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants Program, to strengthen local capacities to carry out effective HIV/AIDS prevention activities.

Proposals will be accepted for two tracks.

- Track One must address the following funding priority: Implementation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services Targeting Native Americans.
- Track Two must address the following funding priority: Implementation of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services Targeting African American or Hispanic Women at High Risk of HIV Infection.

Eligibility Requirements include:

Federally recognized Indian tribes
Local health departments (LHDs)

Community-based organizations (CBOs)

Existing agencies/consortia that have formed collaborative efforts between multiple groups or agencies.

Grant Awards:

USCM plans to award grants totaling approximately \$740,000 to local health departments, nonprofit CBOs, and Native American tribes/nations for implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention projects for these target populations.

Approximately \$180,000 will be allocated to three grants of \$60,000 each for Native Americans. Approximately \$560,000 will be allocated to eight grants of \$70,000 each for high-risk women. All proposals will be judged solely on merit by an external panel of experts; membership in USCM is not required.

How to Apply: The RFP can be downloaded at www.nmac.org. Direct any questions about the RFP or requests for hard copies of the RFP to Lillie Brown at (202) 861-6752 or e-mail: lbrown@usmayors.org.

Deadline for Receipt of Proposals:

An original and three copies of the proposal must be received by the U.S. Conference of Mayors by Monday, February 27, 2006, 5:00 p.m. EST. No extensions will be granted. No faxes or e-mails will be accepted as grant applications.

About USCM:

The United States Conference of Mayors is an official, nonpartisan organization representing cities with a population of 30,000 or more. Its principal role is to provide for the development of effective national urban policy, to serve as a legislative action force in federal-city relationships, to ensure that federal policy meets urban needs, and to provide mayors with leadership and management tools of value to their cities.

The goal of the USCM HIV/AIDS Prevention Grants Program is to strengthen local capacity for HIV/AIDS prevention activities through the funding of projects involving community-based organizations, local health departments, and others. Since 1985 the USCM HIV/AIDS program has, in cooperation with CDC, issued funding for the development of 275 locally-based HIV/AIDS prevention projects totaling over \$14.2 million.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Fresh Ideas: Community-Based Approaches to Improve Care for Vulnerable Populations.

The Vulnerable Populations Portfolio of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is seeking new community-based approaches to health and health care problems that intersect with social factors – such as inadequate housing, poor education and poverty. The Foundation is interested in projects that serve hard-to-reach individuals and families, especially new immigrants and refugees, frail older adults, and at-risk adolescents.

Grant awards are up to \$300,000 for a period of three years. Grassroots organizations and faith-based and advocacy organizations are encouraged to apply. Eligible applicants include public entities or 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: Open

For complete program information and application guidelines, please visit www.rwjf.org/applications/program/cfp.jsp?ID=19480

D. Announcements

GlobalHealthFacts.org is a new Web site offering free access to the latest country- and region-specific data on HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other key health indicators. It was recently launched by the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit, private foundation focused on health care issues.

GlobalHealthFacts.org is designed for ease of use and flexibility. The data are displayed in tables, charts, and color-coded maps and can be downloaded for custom analyses.

The website helps sort and present data to answer such questions as:

Which nations have the greatest number of people living with HIV/AIDS?
How many children orphaned by AIDS live in Uganda compared to Nigeria?
Which countries receive grants from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria?

The site provides access to detailed information on HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria as well as data on demographic and economic indicators, other emerging health problems, and program funding and financing. New data will be added regularly, and users can sign up for free e-mail update alerts at www.GlobalHealthReporting.org/email

E. Resources

For resources on sexual health services for young women of color, please check out the following:

Advocates for Youth at www.advocatesforyouth.org/yoc.htm

3. New from the Center for Law and Social Policy

Proposed Changes to Social Programs in the 2007 Budget Plan

On Wednesday, February 1, the budget bill that cuts more than \$38 billion from social

programs passed in the U.S. House of Representatives—by a margin of just two votes. While the margin was slim, the effect on the lives of families and the impact on state program operations will be great. Higher Medicaid co-pays, higher work requirements, inadequate child care funding, dramatic cuts to child support and critical child welfare changes: these and other budget changes will all be playing out in your state soon. What choices will your state make? And how will the President's 2007 budget plan, released on February 6, further impact social programs?

NMTPC sent an alert to all people in the Network about the CLASP Audio Conferences on the Federal Budget and Social Program Cuts. Calls were being held the week of February 13 and 20, 2006. The calls included an interview with Bob Greenstein, the Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities on February 14, and successive calls on proposed changes in TANF, Child Care, Medicaid, Child Support and Child Welfare.

We will publish information from the calls as it becomes available, or you can contact Soleste Lupu, Audio Conference Coordinator, Phone: (202) 906-8031
E-mail: slupu@clasp.org

Available from CLASP

- **Toward a Decade of Indifference: Administration Budget Ignores Child Care Needs of Working Families**

by Danielle Ewen and Hannah Matthews. Child care assistance is critical to helping low-income working families succeed and find quality child care that fosters their children's well-being and healthy development. Yet the President's 2007 budget proposal, released on February 6, 2006, freezes discretionary child care funding for the fifth consecutive year. The result will be a 25 percent drop in the number of children from low-income working families who get help paying for child care by 2011, as compared with 2000 numbers.

www.clasp.org/publications/childcare_2007budget.pdf

- **Changes to the Child Support Program: An Overview of the Provisions of the 2006 Federal Budget and the 2007 Budget Proposal**

by Paula Roberts. This brief describes the changes in the child support program that result from passage of the 2006 federal budget bill (called the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005) as well as the effective date for those changes. It also describes possible additional changes contemplated by the Bush Administration's fiscal year 2007 budget proposal.

www.clasp.org/publications/child_support_budgets06_07.pdf

- **Update on the Marriage and Fatherhood Provisions of the 2006 Federal Budget**

and the 2007 Budget Proposal

by Paula Roberts. This brief describes the new Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood program authorized by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. It also describes a proposed new matching-grant Family Formation and Healthy Marriage State Grants program contained in the President's FY 2007 budget.

www.clasp.org/publications/marriage_fatherhood_budget2006.pdf

- **Understanding Early Care and Education Participation Among Immigrant Families: A Brief**

by Hannah Matthews and Danielle Ewen. Children born to immigrant parents often face multiple risk factors that make their participation in quality early education programs particularly beneficial—yet these children appear less likely to participate in such programs. This two-page brief summarizes the 26-page paper, *Reaching All Children? Understanding Early Care and Education Participation Among Immigrant Families*, part of CLASP's Breaking Down Barriers project intended to better understand and remedy the barriers immigrant families face to accessing high-quality early education programs.

www.clasp.org/publications/childcare_immigrantfamilies_brief.pdf

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national, nonprofit organization founded in 1968, conducts research, policy analysis, technical assistance, and advocacy on issues related to economic security for low-income families with children. For more information about CLASP, visit www.clasp.org

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Each month the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition provides a review of the research and policy reports distributed by National Resources for your information only. The information, and comments expressed in this newsflash 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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Believe in New Mexico Girls

The NM Commission on the Status of Women Offers an Opportunity to Sponsor Girls to Attend Statewide Conference

Albuquerque, NM (January 24, 2006) -- The Commission is calling on businesses, organizations, and individuals to help make the *Believe in NM Girls 2006 Conference* available to all New Mexico girls by contributing to the Amiga Scholarship Fund. The conference, hosted by the NM Commission on the Status of Women and designed with the young women of our state in mind, is open to all girls, ages 13-18, in New Mexico.

“By sponsoring a girl with an Amiga Scholarship we are telling the girls of New Mexico we care about them and their futures,” says Kathi Brown, Girl’s Program Coordinator for the Commission. “There are countless ways in which girls will benefit from this conference. It is meant to inspire, educate and celebrate the girls of New Mexico. The

scholarship fund guarantees all girls can participate, regardless of their family's economic ability."

The Amiga Scholarship of \$100 not only covers the cost of the participant's admission and meals but also exposure to opportunities for higher education, encouragement to look at non-traditional and high tech careers, information on prevention of relationship violence, and ways to increase their self-esteem and self-worth. All contributions are tax-deductible and assure no girl who wants to participate will be left out.

Last year's conference, *Year of the NM Girl: Believe in Me* was a huge success as girls from around the state enjoyed a weekend at the University of New Mexico. Each girl was sponsored by someone who cared about their future.

For more information about the conference and participating agencies, contact the Commission office in Albuquerque at 222-6600 or toll-free at 1-800-432-9168.

TTY/TDD users please call NM Relay at 1-800-659-8331. Additional information is available on the Commission's *Year of the NM Girl* web site at www.yearofthegirl.com

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

Following is an article written by Nancy David for the Capshaw Mentoring Young Men Project

The Mentoring Young Men Project began at Capshaw Middle School in Santa Fe in the Spring of 2002, based on my observations as the Wellness Counselor that the middle school boys' emotional needs have been underserved. The purpose of the weekly support group, for about 15 8th grade males, is to explore what it means to be a healthy male in our community and the larger culture through mentoring with healthy adult males. In collaboration with the Young Fathers Project, the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition, Planned Parenthood and an independent facilitator who is familiar with working with teen males, the program focuses on violence and teen pregnancy prevention and academic achievement (helping the participants pass 8th grade), and has served over 70 young men and their families over the past five years.

The program has been grant-funded, and is currently receiving the generosity of the Doris Goodwin Walbridge Foundation. In addition to getting together once weekly during the school day to explore relevant issues such as drugs, violence, academics, family and teen pregnancy prevention, there is also a "hands-on" creative expressive aspect of the group. In the past, different groups have created a rock garden, murals, and CDs from start to finish, sharing who they are at this pivotal moment in their lives as young men, culminating in a celebratory closing ceremony to honor their work. Last year, we incorporated a rite of passage ceremony, which we are planning again for this year. Another recent expansion is that the young men who were part of the group last year have been meeting at both Santa Fe High and Capital High once weekly for a check-in and support as 9th graders.

This project has been a positive collaborative program, helping at-risk young men gain necessary skills to be academically successful and have respectful relationships. It is our hope that they will value these qualities as they transition to manhood, continuing to explore the important question: what does it mean to be a healthy male?

Recently two peer mentor/educators with the New Mexico Young Fathers' Project presented to a group of Harrison Middle School students about the challenges and realities of being young fathers. This was done in collaboration with staff from the South Valley Male Involvement Project. The students were so engaged and moved by the experience that they organized donations to the young fathers' project, which provided items for the children of the young fathers including baby food and diapers and a cash donation as well.

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Message from Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director

As this edition of the News Flash is distributed, there are no answers on the general funding for NMTPC for implementation of a statewide pregnancy prevention program. We appreciate the support from all of you in contacting legislators to support passage of Senator Linda Lopez' appropriation bill and all of the efforts of Senator Lopez in support of the mission of NMTPC.

Please continue to stay tuned as we will be sending information on the outcomes from the Legislative Session and the Budget as they apply to teen pregnancy prevention in the state. Thank you for your continued support.

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