

# NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

## NEWS FLASH

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Welcome to the January issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's  
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### 1. 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

### 2. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day and Month

New Mexico will join the nation in observance of  
National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day and Month.

- **May** is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
- **Wednesday, May 5** is the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Every year on the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, NMTPC holds an event at the Roundhouse to acknowledge all counties that are "on target" for reaching the **Challenge 2005: To Reduce Birth to Teens by 20% by 2005**. Also during this event, the cabinet secretaries are acknowledged by the Governor for their work during the previous year to prevent teen pregnancy.

This year we will combine our conference with the New Mexico Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Please join us for a day of information, skill

building and celebration! Watch the NMTPC web site for conference updates.  
[www.nmtpc.org](http://www.nmtpc.org)

### **3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Art & Video Contest**

NMTPC announces the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [5 pm on March 1, 2004](#) – so get the word out to teens NOW! For more details, call NMTPC at 254-8737 or get complete contest rules at our web site, [www.nmtpc.org](http://www.nmtpc.org)

### **4. Emergency Contraceptive Pills and Adolescents: A Web Conference**

The American College of Preventive Medicine and WebMD/Medscape are sponsoring this free, interactive web conference, accessible from your computer. For more information, go to [www.medscape.com](http://www.medscape.com) and search the Continuing Medical Education Public Health and Prevention section.

### **5. Message from Carl Dellinger, Embracing Fatherhood Conference**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Embracing Fatherhood Conference will be held on Saturday, February 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque. Register by January 25 to get the pre-registration rate of \$35 (includes breakfast and lunch). For more information call the New Mexico PTA at 505-881-0712 or go to [www.embracingfatherhoodinsitute.org](http://www.embracingfatherhoodinsitute.org)

#### **Information on upcoming seminar**

Hosted by the Children, Youth, and Families Department Teen Parent Services Program, a seminar will be held featuring nationally recognized speaker on fatherhood and parenting, Dr. Neil Tift. Dr. Tift will present two sessions, one on applying case management practices in responsible fatherhood programs and the second on working with unmarried parents to build effective relationships. A question and answer period will follow the second session.

**Date: Friday – February 6, 2004**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Location: Children Youth and Families Conference Room**

3401 Pan American NE – Albuquerque, NM (southbound frontage road south of Comanche.)

*In house lunch included*

Call **Barbara Otto Dennis at 841-4840 to register**. Space is limited so call soon.

#### **6. Message from Maria Otero, Hispanic Community Liaison**

Throughout 2004 I will be continuing my efforts to communicate and collaborate with Hispanic communities in an effort to reduce our extremely high teen birth rates. I am holding conversations, roundtables and trainings around the State in an effort to share information and listen to the views of our Hispanic population.

I value your thoughts and ideas so please don't hesitate to call or email me.

[maria@nmtpc.org](mailto:maria@nmtpc.org)

#### **7. Message From Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director**

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.

Mil Gracias!

Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director

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