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Greetings

I write with enthusiasm and optimism this July 2007. We welcome and congratulate Bonnie Cundiff on her appointment as President of our Board of Directors. Ms. Cundiff brings passion and commitment as well as vast experience to the position. NMTPC remains steadfast in its commitment to improving outcomes for families in our fine state. These families deserve no less. To that end we are pleased to share that during the months of May, June and July, we delivered the Teen Outreach Program to 210 young people and 217 parents received training and education in Taos, Albuquerque and Deming. Thanks to Kimberly Lavender and Michael Regnier of Taos Community Wellness Center; Manuel Ruiz of Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation and a special nod to the team of Leonard Casaus, Lucia Chevrier and Sarah Melendez. In addition, muchicimas gracias goes to Elizabeth Burr, Health Promotion Specialist of the New Mexico Department of Health in Deming. We are confident and proud

that these 213 young people will move forward in their lives with skills and tools to better deal with avoiding behaviors which will compromise their futures.

Warm regards,

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NATIONAL RESOURCES

1. New from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

- **Is Your Child Affected by Violence in the Media?**

According to a national survey released by the Kaiser Family Foundation, parents say they are getting control of their own children's exposure to sex and violence in the media, but they remain concerned about inappropriate content in the media more broadly.

In addition, 65% of parents say they "closely" monitor their children's media use, while just 18% say they "should do more." This may help to explain why since 1998 the proportion of parents who say they are "very" concerned that their own children are exposed to inappropriate content – while still high – has dropped, from 67% to 51% for sexual content, from 62% to 46% for violence, and from 59% to 41% for adult language.

For more on the survey, including a downloadable MP3 version of the report presentation, visit the [Kaiser Family Foundation online](#).

- **When is a Pig NOT a Pig?**

When the ad execs at Trojan Condoms get ahold of him...



In an effort to spark discussion and change behavior, Trojan Condoms has recently launched a new ad campaign entitled "Evolve".

We asked you to share your opinions and the response has been great...everything ranging from: "...the creativity in the ad is great" to "Disgusting!"

And we want to hear more!

Watch the ads on trojanEVOLVE.com and then [send us an email](#) with your thoughts - we'll forward them to the ad execs at Trojan.

- **Congratulations to “Be on the Safe Side”**

Working with the DC Department of Human Services, Income Maintenance Administration (DHS/IMA), Motivational Educational Entertainment (MEE) developed the “Be On The Safe Side” Campaign, a multi-faceted outreach and information campaign that is credited by City officials with contributing to a remarkable decline in teen pregnancy rates.

“Be On The Safe Side” was created *by* teens *for* teens who, from the very beginning, were involved in every part of its development. Campaign messages — focusing on “safe sex or no sex” — were delivered across the city through radio commercials, peer-to-peer outreach, partnerships with community- and faith-based organizations, a campaign audio CD and video, resource centers, a dedicated Website, and an array of print materials in both English and Spanish.



For more information on this great program, visit:

- **PSI Needs Your Help!**

Cincinnati Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) Teen Leadership Program, a recent regional winner of the ReZoom.com - A BETTERWORLD awards program, is competing for a **\$100,000 National Award**. This program is instrumental in the education of the prevention of teen pregnancy and they need your help.

PSI is an educational curriculum designed to help teenagers learn to cope with and resist social and peer pressure to become sexually active at an early age. PSI’s mission is to create positive peer pressure and positive social pressure for postponing sexual intercourse among young teens.

Of the 20 finalists competing for the \$100,000 prize – PSI is the only one that works with teens.

You can help them win by [clicking here](#) to register online and vote daily.

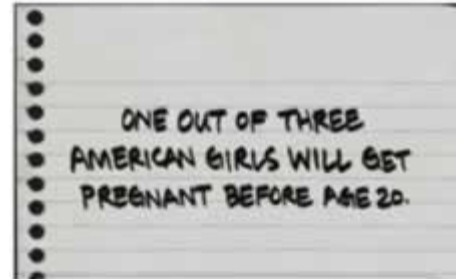
The contest ends on **Friday, August 10** so – starting today - vote once a day every day and spread the word to all of your friends and supporters!

- **Now Available on DVD: Too Young**

In *Too Young*, the latest educational offering from the National Campaign, teen parents from a variety of backgrounds share their stories and – in their own words – offer their candid views

about the difficulties they have faced.

Their compelling stories make clear that teen pregnancy is closely linked to a host of other problems for teens and their babies – including welfare dependency, health problems, absent fathers, educational failure, and more.



This new educational video is intended to help educators, community leaders, policymakers, parents, and teens better understand the challenges of teen pregnancy directly from a group of courageous teen parents who know what it means to be too young for pregnancy and parenthood.

Approximately five minutes in length, *Too Young* is available for order from the National Campaign [Online Store](#) along with [a companion discussion guide](#) and [fact sheet](#). For more information on the video, including four 30-second clips of *Too Young*, visit the [Too Young section of our website](#).

Special Thanks

The National Campaign gratefully acknowledges *Too Young* Director **Constance Marks** and thanks her for donating her time and talent to this project. Warmest thanks to **The Lund Family Center** (www.lundfamilycenter.org) and **The Door** (www.door.org) for their help with this project and for their work year-round on the behalf of teen parents. Sincere thanks to **Jocelyn Lee** (www.jocelynlee.com) for photographs from *The Youngest Parents: Teenage Pregnancy As It Shapes Lives*.

We also thank **Wyeth Pharmaceuticals** (www.wyeth.com) for their generous support of *Too Young* and a range of other National Campaign activities.

- **National Campaign Accepting Nominations for the 2007-2008 Youth Leadership Team**

Dear National Day Friends and Partners,

The deadline to nominate a teen for the National Campaign's next [Youth Leadership Team \(YLT\)](#) is fast approaching and we hope you will consider nominating some outstanding young people to participate.

Since 1998, the YLT has served as the National Campaign's eyes and ears into teen culture and its members advise the National Campaign on a variety of issues. The YLT convenes at least twice during the 18-month term to help to shape Campaign policies, programs, and messages; receives training so that they can represent the Campaign to the press and media; works to raise awareness about teen pregnancy and its prevention in their communities; and gives a voice to the unique perspectives and opinions of teens.

In between meetings the teens are active in implementing prevention programs into their own

communities and assisting the Campaign with such projects as *The National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy* and our new teen website, StayTeen.org.

In the past, YLT members have:

- had their opinions published in publications which reach thousands of other teens and adults each year;
- served as teen spokespeople for media and press outlets such as CNN, *The New York Times*, MTV, and *The Washington Post*;
- visited Capitol Hill and met with their Senators and Representatives to talk about teen pregnancy prevention; and
- written articles for teen websites and magazines such as *Teen People* and *MTV.com*.

The National Campaign is looking for teens who are:

- 14-17 years of age as of September 1, 2007;
- Committed to working in their community to prevent teen pregnancy during and between YLT meetings;
- Able to participate in YLT meetings and events and make the required commitment of time and energy;
- Able to travel at least two times over an 18-month period to attend YLT meetings in Washington, DC and other Campaign-sponsored events;
- Interested in talking to local and national media about the role of teens in teen pregnancy prevention; and
- Willing to work respectfully with others.

We hope that you will nominate any teens that you believe would make a positive contribution to the Youth Leadership Team. Feel free to nominate teens directly or to forward this message to an organization or individual that might want to nominate a teen. This is a unique, fun, and valuable learning experience, as well as an impressive addition to a college resume.

The deadline is **Friday, August 3, 2007**, so visit the [YLT section of our website](#) today and learn more about the YLT and download the nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Rosst at 202-478-8507 or mrosst@thenc.org.

~ National Campaign Staff

Interested in nominating a teen for our Youth leadership Team? Want to learn more?

- [Visit the YLT section of our website](#)
- [Read our YLT FAQ](#)
- [Download our YLT Fact Sheet](#)
- Download the Nomination Form
[PDF](#) | [Microsoft Word](#)

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

- ***Blog: Beyond Shame: Democrats Sell Out Youth***

In June, the House Democrats waltzed into the mark-up of the Labor HHS Subcommittee and proudly presented a bill that puts their stamp of approval on domestic abstinence-only-until-marriage programs--an ideological boondoggle that threatens the health and well-being of America's youth.

In one inglorious motion, the Democrats have sold the health and well-being of young people down the proverbial drain, delivered a public slap in the face to evidence-based public health, and made a mockery of their "prevention first" message.

Consider this irony. The first domestic policy the Democrats will endorse on the prevention front will be to fund abstinence-only-until-marriage programs for young people up to the age of 29! Good work, gang. You make me proud to be a Democrat--NOT!

Excerpted from a blog by James Wagoner, President of Advocates for Youth. To read the full blog, please visit: http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/blogs/060707_jw.htm

- ***House of Representatives Eases Harmful International Abstinence-Until-Marriage Earmark***

By a vote of 200-206 the House of Representatives defeated an amendment offered by Representative Joseph Pitts (R-PA) to reinstate the 33 percent abstinence-until-marriage earmark in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

The Foreign Operations Appropriations bill contains a provision giving the administration greater flexibility to respond quickly to the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and specific countries' needs - the President may waive the 33 percent requirement on a country-by-country basis, and abstinence-only programs will no longer have to be segregated from the continuum of prevention efforts.

"Hopefully, this new provision in PEPFAR will push the administration to set ideology aside and do what is best to fight this pandemic," said James Wagoner, President of Advocates for Youth.

To read the Advocates' press release, please visit <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/press/062107.htm>.

- ***HIV Prevention Act Introduced!***

The HIV Prevention Act of 2007 (S. 1553) was introduced on June 5, 2007 by Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), along with 10 original co-sponsors. It calls for implementation of a comprehensive approach to prevention strategies funded under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). If passed, the HIV Prevention Act would remove entirely the earmark from PEPFAR's authorizing legislation that mandates at least 33 percent of HIV prevention programs be spent on abstinence-only-until-marriage

programs.

To read more about the HIV Prevention act, please visit

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/policybrief/pbhivpreventionact.htm>

- ***Take Action! Tell your Senators to support the HIV Prevention Act!***

PEPFAR's abstinence-only approach has created a culture of fear around condoms - some organizations that receive PEPFAR funds even think that condom demonstrations for adults are not allowed, according to a recent GAO report. Worse yet, research shows that in a number of African countries, married women are at higher risk for HIV than their unmarried counterparts - data demonstrating that marriage is not the panacea that proponents of abstinence-until-marriage programs claim it to be.

The HIV Prevention Act won't single-handedly end the spread of HIV/AIDS. But removing the ideological abstinence-only-until-marriage earmark from U.S. global AIDS programs is a critical step in the right direction.

Let's make sure our Senators understand how important this issue is - after all, millions of lives are on the line. The time to act is now!

Go here to take action! <http://capwiz.com/advofy/issues/alert/?alertid=9925661>

- **News of the Absurd**

No Kissing! ...if you're gay.

When the seniors at East Side High School in Newark, New Jersey received the yearbooks they had bought, one picture was mysteriously missing: that of Andre Jackson kissing his boyfriend. School officials had blacked it out, saying it was "suggestive." However, the yearbook features many pictures of heterosexual couples embracing and kissing - including the one on the page immediately opposite Mr. Jackson's, which shows a young man and a young woman kissing on a couch, his hand on her leg as she sits on his lap.

Read the article here:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2007/06/gay_pairs_photo_blacked_out_of_1.html

- ***Don't say the word "rape" during a rape trial.***

A Nebraska district judge, Jeffrey Cheuvront, granted a motion by defense attorneys barring the use of the words rape, sexual assault, victim, assailant, and *sexual assault kit* from the trial of Pamir Safi - accused of raping Tory Bowen in October 2004.

Read the article here:

<http://www.journalstar.com/articles/2007/06/17/news/local/doc46745fdc16768519275420.txt>

- ***Job Opening: International Policy Manager***

The International Policy Manager promotes international policies that will improve adolescent

access to comprehensive reproductive and sexual health information and services. The Manager acts as the organization's voice on these issues on Capitol Hill, the United Nations, foreign governments, and with colleague organizations. The Manager also develops policy and education materials for policy makers and the media.

To read the full description and to learn how to apply, please visit:

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

- ***Apply for the Youth of Color Initiative!***

Through the Youth of Color Initiative, organizations may receive strategic capacity building assistance, including publications and materials; written and electronic correspondence; telephone consultations; on-site training; and seed grants in the amount of \$8,000 to implement HIV/STI and teen pregnancy prevention projects. This assistance from Advocates is made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Adolescent and School Health. Services offered through this initiative are tailored to fit the needs of your organization. The deadline to apply is **July 25, 2007**.

For more information, please visit <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/about/yoc.htm>.

- **In the Spotlight**

Jesse, 18, is a peer educator with Advocates for Youth's Youth Resource and an intern this summer; he was also the First Place Winner of Advocates' Condom Contest.

I am a volunteer peer educator with [YouthResource](#), the peer education component of Advocates for Youth for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender youth. Through Youth Resource I answer questions from young people regarding a range of issues, from coming out to sexual health questions.

The most difficult challenge I face in my work is, hands down, communicating with my peers about why this work is so vital. Explaining to the average high school student about the right to get comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information isn't easy, especially when they have numerous other things, like grades, sports, and after school work on their minds.

But the effort is worth it. Recently I had the opportunity to read e-mails from youth who have participated in the Advocates for Youth condom art contest, and I was struck by one e-mail from a young person in the Midwest who talked about how the contest enabled him and his father to discuss safer sex for the first time.

While the things that inspire me to work as an activist are constantly changing, my biggest motivators remain the people I help. As a volunteer with Advocates for Youth, I am privileged to witness, first hand, how my work changes lives. I know that every person deserves a voice, and so I make use of mine when others cannot.

Right now, I am preparing for the rest of my life. I just graduated high school, and am starting college in the fall. I intend to earn a Bachelor's of Political Science and a Master's of Public Policy in college and become a political speech writer. Eventually I plan to run for public office,

and I hope to win the race!

- ***New Publications at Advocates***

[The Facts: Male Circumcision as HIV Prevention](#)

Recent studies have demonstrated that circumcision offers men considerable - though not complete - protection against acquiring HIV through heterosexual intercourse. This fact sheet discusses recent studies on male circumcision, biological mechanisms by which the practice may reduce men's risk of heterosexually acquired HIV infection, global prevalence of male circumcision, and recommendations for HIV prevention programs and policies.

(<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/factsheet/fsmalecircumcision.htm>)

[The Facts: The Impact of Homophobia and Racism on GLBTQ Youth of Color](#)

As members of more than one minority group, GLBTQ youth of color face special challenges in a society which often presents heterosexuality as the only acceptable orientation and in which nonwhites have disproportionately higher rates of negative sexual outcomes. Economic and cultural disparities, as well as sexual and other risk-taking behavior, make these youth vulnerable to HIV, pregnancy, and sexual violence. Holistic, culturally competent health care is essential to their well being.

(http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/factsheet/fsglbtq_yoc.htm)

[Policy Brief: The HIV Prevention Act of 2007](#)

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(<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/policybrief/pbhivpreventionact.htm>)

- **Presidential Candidates and Comprehensive Sex Education**

By James Wagoner, July 19, 2007

[Posted on RH Reality Check](#)

When it comes to abstinence-only-until-marriage, the Republican presidential candidates are head-in-the-sand true believers, convoluted converts or, if you're Rudy Giuliani, you're silent -- very silent -- on the issue.

Most of the Democrats expressed perfunctory support for comprehensive sex education when asked directly on a candidate questionnaire (thank you, Human Rights Campaign!), but remain largely silent on the campaign trail. Nor do they exhibit any leadership on the issue in Congress.

On the other hand, the majority of the Republicans can't stop talking about the issue. The hardcore supporters of failed abstinence-only-until-marriage programs include Sam

Brownback, Mike Huckabee, and Duncan Hunter. To paraphrase Dorothy Parker, the candidates run the gambit of persuasive arguments for abstinence-only from A to B.

Sam Brownback is "denialist in chief" with an entire page of his website devoted to the awesome wonders of abstinence-only-until-marriage education. He even has the temerity to use the word "data" when talking about these programs. Gee, Sam, what "data" is this? Mathematica's multi-year evaluation of abstinence-only programs mandated by Congress that demonstrated they don't work? Or maybe the 2000 Institute of Medicine report that stated the programs should be abolished because they represent "poor fiscal and public health policy"?

Mike Huckabee grew up in a society where the "Gideons gave out Bibles ... rather than school nurses giving out condoms." He does not believe in teaching "about sex or contraception in public schools." Then again, Mike probably believes that conception begins at flirtation.

Duncan Hunter, "concerned over the breakdown of values" in America, wants "equal emphasis" on abstinence, since he believes the government is overly focused on educating children on the "dangers of STDs and contraception." I wonder what government he is talking about -- Lithuania?

Then there are the convoluted converts like **Mitt Romney** and John McCain. Romney, during his 2002 campaign, filled out a questionnaire stating that he supported comprehensive sex education. Since that time, along with his deep commitment to his presidential ambitions, he's discovered an equally deep commitment to abstinence-only-until-marriage education. Ralph Waldo Emerson talked about consistency being the "hobgoblin of little minds." Emerson meant it as a compliment for creative thinkers. I don't think Mitt Romney fits that bill.

John McCain infamously put his foot in his mouth when he first tried to respond to a question about whether he supported condoms as part of HIV prevention. After some garbled meanderings as reported by *The New York Times*, McCain became a born-again, staunch supporter of abstinence-only, saying on Christian Broadcasting Network that we must "promote abstinence as the only safe and responsible alternative. To do otherwise is to send a mixed signal to children that, on the one hand, they should not be sexually active and, but on the other, here is the way to go about it." Yep, educating young people about prevention seems a "mixed message" and actually causes them to have sex -- just like umbrellas cause rain.

Rudy Giuliani is militantly mute on sex education. Having publicly supported New York City's condom distribution program when mayor, Rudy at least has the decency to avoid "pulling a Romney."

On the Democratic front, there is not a lot to say, because the candidates are not saying much. And that, my friends, is a problem. A big problem.

All of the candidates filled out an HRC questionnaire stating they would support the REAL Act, the comprehensive sex education legislation currently in Congress.

This week, during the Planned Parenthood conference, all the Democratic candidates pledged their commitment to reversing the Bush Administration conservative approach to "abortion rights, judicial appointments, *sex education and contraception*." In fact, Senator **Hillary Clinton** promised to "devote [her] very first days in office to reversing these ideological, anti-

science, anti-prevention policies."

However, neither Hillary Clinton, **Barack Obama**, nor **Joseph Biden** has signed on as a co-sponsor of the REAL Act. **Christopher Dodd**, a co-sponsor in 2006, has not signed on this year. In fact, the only member of Congress running for president who is a cosponsor of the REAL Act is **Dennis Kucinich**.

It should also be noted that in 2004, Clinton was approached to be the original Senate sponsor of the Family Life Education Act. After an initial expression of interest from her office, all Advocates for Youth received was a massive runaround from her staff. Eventually, Senator Frank Lautenberg sponsored the bill.

Well, there you have it -- a fairly uninspiring Democratic presidential candidate record on the sex education issue.

Clearly, we have got a lot of work to do to get these candidates informed, committed, and vocal on an issue that is not only critical to public health but central to the rights and respect we should afford young people in our culture.

- **Democrats INCREASE Funding for Discredited Abstinence-Only Policy**

Ignore Findings that Programs Don't Work

WASHINGTON, DC (July 19, 2007) Today, by a vote of 276 to 140, the House of Representative passed the Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill which included an unprecedented **\$27.8 million** increase for failed abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, bringing the total annual funding for Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) to **\$141 million**.

"In one spectacularly cynical move, the Democrats turned their backs on science-based public health and chose political expediency over the health and well-being of young people," said James Wagoner, president of Advocates for Youth. ***"With friends like these, who needs conservative Republicans?"***

Democrats who have been ardent critics of abstinence-only voted to increase the very programs they opposed when Republicans controlled the Congress.

"With this vote, reproductive health 'champions' like Representative Nancy Pelosi and Nita Lowey have aligned themselves with ultra-conservative abstinence-only proponents," added Wagoner. ***"They are now complicit in funding programs that promote ignorance in the era of AIDS."***

Since 1982, Congress has allocated over \$1.5 billion for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs that censor information about birth control and the health benefits of condoms in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. A 10-year congressionally mandated evaluation conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. and released in April, 2007, found that "youth in the [abstinence-only] program group were no more likely than control group youth to have abstained from sex and, among those who reported having had sex they had similar numbers of sexual partners and had initiated sex at the same mean age."

“It’s becoming increasingly difficult to tell our friends from our opposition these days,” concluded Wagoner. ***“The majority of Democrats say they oppose these ineffective programs because they withhold life-saving information, yet they failed to act on those beliefs. Shame on them!”***

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Advocates for Youth is a national, nonprofit organization that creates programs and supports policies that help young people make safe, responsible decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

3. New from the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Recommendations for WIA Reauthorization Legislation: Title I Youth Provisions by Linda Harris.

Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is happening at a particularly important time for state and local youth delivery systems. During the past few years, increased attention has been given to the unacceptably high dropout rates in districts across the country. As local communities seek to put interventions in place, WIA can and should play a pivotal role. It is important that the reauthorization incorporate the past five years’ experiences and lessons learned related to youth delivery, especially in economically distressed areas. 7 pages.

Workforce Investment Act: Recommendations to Improve the Effectiveness of Job Training

Testimony by **Evelyn Ganzglass**, CLASP’s Director of Workforce Development, before the House Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness on June 28. 13 pages.

Basic Facts About Child Support.

More than 17 million children and their families received \$24 billion in child support in 2006 through the help of the Child Support Enforcement Program. This federal-state partnership has been increasingly effective at collecting child support. But a federal funding cut—approved by Congress last year and scheduled to take effect this October—will reduce state enforcement efforts by \$6.7 billion over 10 years. This set of slides was created jointly by CLASP, the Coalition on Human Needs (CHN), First Focus, and the National Women’s Law Center. A related [fact sheet](#) is available on CHN’s Web site.

It doesn’t make sense to cut enforcement funds. And it doesn’t have to happen—the cut can be prevented if Congress acts. **For an updated list of congressional cosponsors of S. 803 and H.R. 1386, check [this page](#).** On June 26, CLASP cosponsored a Webinar on efforts to preserve funding for the program that accounts for nearly a third of the income of those poor, single-mother families that receive it. Presenters included Barbara Pryor of Sen. Jay Rockefeller’s office; Alisha Griffin of the National Council of Child Support Directors; and Barry Bloomgren of Hennepin County Minnesota’s Child Support Services. The panel was moderated by Joan Entmacher of the National Women’s Law Center. For more information, visit [this page](#).

On July 13, CLASP cosponsored a congressional briefing to explain the devastating impact of the child support cut on states, counties, and families. For CLASP’s slide presentation, [click here](#).

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4. New from Arizona Fathers & Families Coalition

SAVE THE DATE!!

September 24-26, 2007

Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia

Broad Street at Locust

215-893-1600

Discounted Room rates until August 30, 2007

"Unifying Families and Communities - September 24-26, 2007 - Philadelphia, PA" brought to you by Arizona Fathers & Families Coalition with Philadelphia Fatherhood Practitioner Network. www.azffc.org

Join us to hear what professionals, researchers, and community leaders around the country are sharing about the importance of the role that fathers contribute to the development of children...This event is a special venue unifying two nationally recognized fatherhood networks and other fatherhood and family practitioners that will provide information to help parents, organizations, and leaders to improve the outcomes for fathers, mothers and children.

This conference will host twenty-five educational workshop sessions from diverse speakers from California, Colorado, Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, Massachusetts, Washington, DC., Maryland and recognized networks in the field of responsible fatherhood program design and evaluation, healthy marriage services, policy and research efforts. These include Arizona Fathers & Families Coalition, Bay Area Male Involvement Network; Family Corrections Network; Philadelphia Fatherhood Practitioner Network; many other providers and new entities such as Virginia Fatherhood & Families Coalition. Specialized sessions include: Culturally Competent Practices; working with Incarcerated Fathers, Mentoring Services for Re-Entry Programs, and Children of the Incarcerated; The Impacts of Fathers and Children's Development; Building Promising Practices; Father's Rights and Family Law; Healthy Marriage Initiatives; and other sessions to motivate attendees and enhance skills and resources to provide services.

Invited speakers include Mr. Jeffery Leving, Esq., Ltd., Chicago, IL, and Governor of Pennsylvania, Honorable Edward G. Rendell.

Other special featured keynote presenters include:

Dr. Garry A. Mendez, Jr., is currently the president of the National Trust for the Development of African-American Men. He founded the National Trust in response to the litany of problems faced by African-Americans, especially males. Prior to founding the trust, Garry was a visiting fellow at the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice, where he worked on developing and evaluating a program that he designed entitled "Crime is Not a Part of Our Black Heritage." For twelve years, Garry held the position of director of the Administration of Justice for the National Urban League. He has also worked as a drug counselor and a street worker in New York City. Garry earned his doctorate at the University of Michigan.

Francisco Ortiz, Jr. Chief of Police began his career with the New Haven Police Department as a patrolman in 1978, over twenty-five years ago. Chief Ortiz is a Senior Fellow and one of the

founders of Yale Child Study Center's Child Development Community Policing Program to provide police personnel with the special psychological expertise needed in dealing with children and families who are witness to, or victims of, violent crime now replicated nationally and in several European countries. He is an active member of the National Latino Peace Officers Association and the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association. He stands as a role model for all young officers to emulate. Chief Ortiz is a strong advocate for fatherhood programs to improve the lives of children and families.

Unifying Fathers & Families Conference 07

Registration:

- \$200.00 early bird regular before 27 July 2007
- \$275.00 regular after 27 July 2007 - 31 August 2007
- \$300.00 after 31 August per person
- \$200.00 each for Exhibitors (3days) before 27 July 2007
- \$275.00 each for Exhibitors (3days) after 27 July - 21 August
- \$300 for Exhibitors after 31 August 2007
- \$200.00 One Day Registration after 27 July 2007 - 31 August 2007

Visit us at www.azffc.org for more information on how to register, presenter and workshop information, vendor opportunities or apply for scholarship and award opportunities. Call us at 602-495-8845 or email us at info@azffc.org

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5. New from SIECUS (Sexuality Information Education and Council of the United States)

For Immediate Release
July 11, 2007

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SIECUS Opposes Holsinger for Surgeon General

Prejudice and Bias Make Nominee Unfit for Position

Washington, DC –The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS) today announced its opposition to the nomination of Dr. James W. Holsinger for the post of U.S. Surgeon General. Dr. Holsinger's confirmation hearings are taking place tomorrow in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

“Dr. Holsinger has a record showing prejudice towards and bias against gays and lesbians,” said William Smith, vice president for public policy at SIECUS. “HIV/AIDS continues to be a devastating public health epidemic, heavily impacting the gay community. Dr. Holsinger’s efforts to put a scientific veneer on his prejudices puts his

ability to advocate for the better health of all those living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS into serious question.”

Dr. Holsinger is a member of the United Methodist Judicial Council, the denomination’s “Supreme Court.” In his role on the Council, Dr. Holsinger opposed a decision to allow a lesbian to be an associate pastor and supported a pastor who would not permit an openly gay man to join the church. More disturbingly, as a member of the United Methodist Church’s Committee to Study Homosexuality, Dr. Holsinger authored a paper titled “Pathophysiology of Male Homosexuality,” in which he equates homosexuality with disease and argues that homosexuality runs counter to anatomical and physiological truths. His record also shows his support for reparative therapy to “cure” gays and lesbians, an approach widely discredited by mainstream medical and scientific organizations.

The hearing falls only two days after an appearance by former Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. In his testimony Dr. Carmona said that officials within the Bush administration time and time again had made decisions on public health issues based on politics, not science, including dismissing global warming as a liberal cause and working to suppress a report on the dangers of second-hand smoke. Dr. Carmona was also suppressed when he tried to promote sex education that included discussions of contraceptives because such programs have been scientifically proven to be effective. “However there was already a policy in place that did not want to hear the science but wanted to preach abstinence only, but I felt that was scientifically incorrect,” Carmona said.

“Given the testimony of the former Surgeon General, we see even more clearly the urgent need to have a candidate for this position who will not sacrifice the public health for political considerations and who will not kowtow to the Bush administration’s ideological agenda,” continued Smith. “We need a Surgeon General who is committed to science, not anti-gay bigotry that clouds and distorts scientific judgment.”

If Dr. Hoslinger is confirmed, the government risks further marginalizing and stigmatizing gay people, which will hinder its ability to effectively battle the U.S. HIV/AIDS epidemic.

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[The Impact of Early Abuse on Male Sexual and Reproductive Health](#) (PDF)

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The National Latino Behavioral Health Association in collaboration with the Con Alma Health Foundation and the Albuquerque Partnership is convening a Latino Behavioral Health Policy Summit in Albuquerque this fall. . Registration material to follow in the very near future.



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NEW MEXICO

New Mexico received \$1,336,251 in federal funds for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs in Fiscal Year 2006.[1](#)

New Mexico Sexuality Education Law and Policy

New Mexico does not mandate that schools teach sexuality education; however, it does mandate that “each school district shall provide instruction about HIV and related issues in the curriculum of the required health education content area to all students in the elementary grades, in the middle/junior high school grades, and in the senior high school grades.” This instruction must include “ways to reduce the risk of getting AIDS, stressing abstinence.” Outcomes of such instruction should include the “ability to demonstrate refusal skills, overcome peer pressure, and use decision-making skills.”

Educational materials and the grade levels at which they will be introduced are determined by local school districts. All instruction must be age-appropriate. Local school boards must “insure the involvement of parents, staff, and students in the development of policies and the review of instructional materials.” The state neither suggests curriculum nor limits what may or may not be included in sexuality education instruction.

New Mexico offers *Content Standards for Health Education* that includes abstinence and reproductive health beginning in grades three and four. Beginning in seventh and eighth grade, performance standards in health education include understanding “how healthy alternatives can replace unhealthy behaviors (i.e. abstinence, condom use, other pregnancy prevention methods).”

New Mexico's *Health Education Standards with Benchmarks and Performance Standards* states that each school district must have a policy allowing parents to “request that their child be exempted from the parts of the health education curriculum that addresses the sexuality performance standards.” This is referred to as an “opt-out” policy. Alternative lessons must be created for exempted students. Also, local school boards must include parents, staff, and students in developing their opt-out policy.

See New Mexico Administrative Code 6.12.2.10, 6.30.2.19, and *Health Education Standards with Benchmarks and Performance Standard*.

Recent Legislation

Bill Appropriates Funds for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

House Bill 810 would allocate \$2.6 million for a statewide teen pregnancy prevention program. The bill was introduced in February 2007 and currently resides in the House Committee on Appropriations and Finance.

Resolution Supports Secretary of Health's Decision Regarding Restriction of Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding

House Joint Memorial 40, introduced in January 2006 and assigned to the Committee on Education, supports the Secretary of Health's decision to limit abstinence-only-until-marriage programs to grades six and below and to provide comprehensive sexuality education to grades

seven and above.

Multiple Bills in 2006 Appropriate Funds for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs

House Bill 193, introduced in January 2006 and referred to the House Committees on Education and Appropriations, would appropriate \$1 million to the Department of Education to fund programs for teen mothers and fathers to learn about pregnancy prevention, parenting, and family skills. The bill passed out of the House Committee on Education. A similar bill, Senate Bill 160, would provide \$2 million for such programs. SB 160 was referred to the Senate Committees on Committees, Public Affairs, and Finance and has passed the Senate Committee on Committees.

House Bill 664 and House Bill 857, introduced in January 2006 and referred to the House Committees on Consumer and Public Affairs, Appropriations, and Finance, would allocate \$200,000 to expand a male involvement program and \$250,000 to develop and implement a pregnancy-prevention program based on the Carrera model. H.B. 644 passed out of the House Committee on Consumer and Public Affairs. Finally, Senate Bill 592 and Senate Bill 642, also introduced in January 2006 and referred to the Senate Committees on Committees and Finance, would allocate \$2.6 million to develop and implement a statewide teen pregnancy prevention program. These bills vary slightly in that H.B. 592 would require that the programs used have been proven to reduce teen pregnancy by fifty percent. Both bills died in committee.

Events of Note

Community Opposes GSA at Local High School

October 2006; Santa Fe, NM

Community members have responded with some opposition to the founding of the Anti-Defamation Alliance at a Santa Fe high school, stating that the club does not oppose all discrimination as it claims, but rather was created specifically as a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA).

The club filed its proposal as the Anti-Defamation Alliance. Its application, however, states that the club's mission is "to create a supportive environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and to increase tolerance through our straight allies."²

The club's message generated enraged responses from some community members. One condemned the club: "Political correctness is ruining this country, and we cannot even stand up and say that."³ Despite the community resistance, a school administrator said that there had been no vocal opposition from the student body.

No other high schools in the county have school-sponsored GSAs.

Socorro Condemns State Sex Education, Then Allows Reproductive Services at New School Health Center

October 2006; Socorro, NM

In October 2006, the Socorro School Board voted to offer family planning and reproductive health services at a new school-based health center that has been built as part of the governor's "Building a Healthy New Mexico" initiative. The county has a high rate of teenage pregnancy compared to the rest of the state.

The school board had previously voted against providing reproductive health services at the

center but reconsidered after the state released new health education guidelines which propose comprehensive sexuality education for all New Mexico schools.

The guidelines themselves became controversial when they were released in April, as some members of the community wished to keep the abstinence-only-until-marriage curriculum that was already in place and felt that the state should not exercise control over what is taught in local schools.⁴ Socorro residents had the chance to express their views at a meeting with the State Secretary of Health in June. The Secretary emphasized that the comprehensive sexuality education curriculum would not be changed.

The debate resurfaced in October with the vote regarding the school-based clinic. One parent said, "I think it seems to be promoting behavior that I don't think is healthy or that age group should be involved in." An official from the Department of School and Adolescent Health, however, suggested that the clinic could have some positive outcomes, explaining that other centers in the state have seen a decline in pregnancy and STD rates.⁵ A school board member supported the decision stating, "We are all aiming for the same goal—safe, healthy, and productive children."⁶

The center opened in November 2006 and will serve two Socorro schools in the district, offering reproductive services, including pregnancy and STD testing, along with other health services. The center will provide information on contraceptives, but will not distribute them.

Film Documents Problems with Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Program
April, 2006; Albuquerque, NM

Abstinence Comes to Albuquerque is a documentary that follows Susan Rodriguez, the mother of a Cibola High School student, through her efforts to remove an abstinence-only-until-marriage program from a local school.

Rodriguez was spurred to take action after realizing that her daughter was receiving biased and inaccurate information about abortion and condom use, and had been pressured to sign a pledge promising to remain a virgin until marriage.⁷

"Their point of view is pushed on (students) with no discussion," said Rodriguez. "These kids are being completely propagandized and brainwashed."⁸

Rodriguez's actions caused the New Mexico Department of Health to review *Best Choice*, *Game Plan*, and *Navigator*, curricula used in 25 public schools in the state. In the documentary, Department of Health Secretary Michelle Lujan Grisham states that the curricula indeed contain inaccurate and inappropriate information about abortion and condom use, and therefore will only be allowed for use in grades three through six.⁹ Older grades will receive comprehensive sexuality education, which will include information on contraception and sexually transmitted diseases.¹⁰

The film focuses on perspectives of a wide range of people including young people, parents, public health officials, educators, state officials, and national advocates on both sides of the debate. Included with the documentary is a "Frequently Asked Questions" section featuring national experts on sexuality education and a discussion guide to be used for educational purposes.¹¹

New Mexico Announces Changes to Title V Program
April, 2006; NM

After numerous complaints about medical inaccuracies in curricula used by funded programs, the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDH) took the bold step of restricting all Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funding to grades six and below. The secretary of the NMDH explained, "The most effective way to protect kids is to discourage them from engaging in sexual activity. However, the reality is some adolescents do engage in sexual behavior. To be cognizant of that fact and do nothing about it is unconscionable. We want to make sure all of New Mexico's children know how to protect themselves if they become sexually active."¹² The federal government rejected its application and stopped sending funding until NMDH came into compliance. It refused. In its application for Fiscal Year 2007 funding, however, the NMDH proposed using the funds to work on college campuses and with parents. This application has been accepted.

New Mexico's Youth: Statistical Information of Note¹³

- In 2005, 5% of female high school students and 12% of male high school students in New Mexico reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 4% of female high school students and 9% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2005, 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students in New Mexico reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 12% of female high school students and 17% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2005, 36% of female high school students and 30% of male high school students in New Mexico reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 35% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2005, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 50% of females and 67% of males in New Mexico reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 56% of females and 70% of males nationwide.
- In 2005, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 20% of females and 13% of males in New Mexico reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 21% of females and 15% of males nationwide.
- In 2005, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 20% of females and 33% of males in New Mexico reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 19% of females and 28% of males nationwide.
- In 2000, New Mexico's abortion rate was 22 per 1,000 women ages 15–19 compared to a teen abortion rate of 24 per 1,000 nationwide.¹⁴
- In 2004, New Mexico's birth rate was 61 per 1,000 women ages 15–19 compared to a teen birth rate of 41 per 1,000 nationwide.¹⁵

Title V Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding

Although New Mexico would have been eligible for \$502,785 in Title V funding in Fiscal Year 2006, the state did not receive these funds. According to the New Mexico Department of Health, "the service population boundaries set by the federal government during that fiscal year did not align with the service population identified by the state." The Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage grant requires states to provide three state-raised dollars or the equivalent in services for every four federal dollars received. The state match may be provided in part or in full by local groups. Therefore, New Mexico did not provide matching funds nor did it have organizations supported by this type of federal money in Fiscal Year 2006.

Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) and Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Grantees

There are two CBAE grantees in New Mexico: Best Choice Educational Services, Inc., and Socorro General Hospital. There are no AFLA grantees in New Mexico.

Best Choice Educational Services is the abstinence-only-until-marriage project of the New Mexico Family Council, an affiliate of the Family Research Council.¹⁶ According to its website, the Family Research Council (FRC) “champions marriage and family as the foundation of civilization, the seedbed of virtue, and the wellspring of society.”¹⁷ FRC lists its core principles, including: “God exists and is sovereign over all creation. He created human beings in His image. Human life is, therefore, sacred and the right to life is the most fundamental of political rights”; “Life and love are inextricably linked and find their natural expression in the institutions of marriage and the family”; and “The American system of law and justice was founded on the Judeo-Christian ethic.”¹⁸ The New Mexico Family Council’s mission is “To strengthen and preserve the traditional values of New Mexican families, to serve as a voice for the families of New Mexico, and to assist advocates for family values in recapturing the moral and intellectual high ground of the public arena.”¹⁹

Best Choice Educational Services, Inc. presents abstinence-only-until-marriage programs to schools and other community organizations. Through its “D.R.E.A.M.S.” peer mentoring program, teens “who truly believe abstinence from drugs, sex, smoking and other risky behaviors, is the healthiest lifestyle” meet to promote abstinence amongst other youth.²⁰

Best Choice Educational Services uses *A.C. Green’s Game Plan* for middle school students and *Make the Best Choices* for high school students. SIECUS reviewed *Game Plan* and found that in order to convince high school students to remain abstinent until marriage, the curriculum relies on messages of fear and shame, inaccurate and misleading information, and biased views of marriage, sexual orientation, and family structure. In addition, *Game Plan* fails to provide important information on sexual health including how students can seek testing and treatment if they suspect they have an STD. Finally, the format and underlying biases of the curriculum do not allow for cultural, community, and individual values, and discourage critical thinking and discussions of alternate points of view in the classroom. For example, *Game Plan* states that, “even if you’ve been sexually active, it’s never too late to say no. You can’t go back, but you can go forward. You might feel guilty or untrustworthy, but you can start over again.”²¹

Best Choice Educational Services is listed as a resource by the New Mexico Department of Health’s abstinence-only-until-marriage program, “I Choose My Future.”²² “I Choose My Future” promotes printable pledge cards that state, “In the best interest of my Future I hereby make a personal commitment to choose to remain abstinent until marriage.”²³ Research has found that under certain conditions such pledges, most commonly called virginity pledges, may help some adolescents delay sexual intercourse. When they work, pledges help this select group of adolescents delay the onset of sexual intercourse for an average of 18 months—far short of marriage. Researchers found that pledges only worked when taken by a small group of students. Pledges taken by a whole class were ineffective. More importantly, the studies also found that those young people who took a pledge were one-third less likely to use contraception when they did become sexually active than their peers who had not pledged. These teens are therefore more vulnerable to the risks of unprotected sexual activity, such as unintended pregnancy and STDs, including HIV/AIDS. Further research has confirmed that although some students who take pledges delay intercourse, ultimately they are as likely to

contract an STD as their non-pledging peers. The study also found that the STD rates were higher in communities where a significant proportion (over 20%) of the young people had taken virginity pledges.[24](#)

Federal and State Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2006

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, AFLA, and other funds)
Best Choices Educational Services, Inc. 2004–2007 www.makethebestchoice.org	\$536,583	CBAE
Socorro General Hospital 2005–2008 www.phs.org/facilities/socorro/index.shtml	\$799,883	CBAE

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www.aclu-nm.org
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Albuquerque, NM 87103
Phone: (505) 243-4443
www.prochoicenewmexico.org

New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition
P.O. Box 35997
Albuquerque, NM 87176
Phone: (505) 254-8737
www.nmtpc.org

New Mexico National Organization for Women
P.O. Box 642
Santa Fe, NM 87504
www.halpc.org/~ginger/now_complete/
New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
P.O. Box 66433
Albuquerque, NM 87193
Phone: (505) 890-1010
www.nmrcrc.org
Planned Parenthood of New Mexico
719 San Mateo NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Phone: (505) 265-5976
www.plannedparenthood.org/new-mexico/

New Mexico Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Right to Life Committee of New Mexico
2800 San Mateo NE, Suite 107
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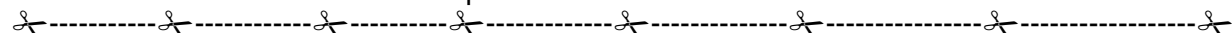
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- The New Mexico Young Fathers Project in Las Cruces is currently recruiting young dads 26 and under for the Wednesday Support Group and for the Dads 101 classes set for Saturdays. Resume Building, Job Search. Paternity, Custody and Visitation are just a few of the services that we can provide. *"Tell us what you need, we'll try to help"*. Contact Gary Madrid
- The New Mexico Young Fathers Project will be sponsoring several dinners entitled "Portraits of Fatherhood"

We are seeking nominations of individuals who are interested in talking about "Dad". What was your dad like? Was he strict yet caring? Was he gentle or was he was an old time type of dad who didn't hug much but was always there.

If you would like to nominate someone that you think can give a good to talk to young fathers about being a dad. Or if you would like to nominate yourself, e-mail us with a name and contact number. Past presenters have been **Mayor William M. Mattiace** and **District Attorney Susana Martinez**

"I remember my dad, he never hugged me, in those days most men didn't do that but he was always there for me and I learned a lot from him."

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