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MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In New Mexico we are very fortunate to have so many different organizations working together. NMTPC wants to recognize our partners working statewide in the area of teen pregnancy prevention and services. It would not be possible to offer the services and training we currently have in the state without our state agency partners, NM Department of Health, Public Education Department, Children, Youth and Families Department and Human Services Department; City and County governments statewide, the schools, local providers, medical personnel and health providers, and community agencies. It would not be possible to have the broad spectrum of programs and services currently available without the dedication of all of you.

We have made progress in reducing risk-taking behaviors among New Mexico youth, but we have plenty more to do to lower teen birth rates. Fortunately, we all work among dedicated professionals who truly care about positive outcomes for our young people. Thank you for all you do.

Hasta Luego,

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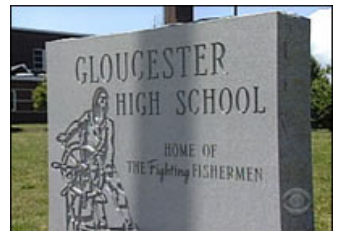
[1. New from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unintended Pregnancy](#)

NBC's The Baby Borrowers

The Baby Borrowers television series premieres at a time when teen pregnancy has been much in the news. The pact/no pact story out of Gloucester, MA and the birth of a baby girl to 17-year-old actress Jamie Lynn Spears provides the perfect hook for those in states and communities to address the continuing challenges of too-early pregnancy and parenthood and what can be done to help.

Consider for example:

- Remind policymakers and others that the teen birth rate increased 3% between 2005 and 2006, the first increase in 15 years. Complacency is not an option.
- Help people understand that unplanned pregnancy is not just a teen problem. In fact, half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned and 70% of pregnancies among unmarried women aged 20-29 are unplanned.
- Point out that a small but significant minority of teens—about 15% or so—actively want to get pregnant.
- Explain that teens who are ambivalent about pregnancy and childbearing tend to get pregnant at about the same rate as those teens who want to get pregnant.
- Pact or no pact, the number of pregnant teens at Gloucester High School apparently more than tripled in one year—that is cause enough for concern.
- Sex education programs with evidence of success exist and should be adopted when possible.
- Resist the notion that what happened in Gloucester—or teen and unplanned pregnancy more generally—is the fault of any individual. Teen and unplanned pregnancy is a complex challenge that requires attention and help from parents, schools, policymakers, business and faith leaders, and many, many others.



For additional information or to watch television segments on these topics, please visit us online at www.thenationalcampaign.org/media/ma.aspx and www.thenationalcampaign.org/media/jls.aspx

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

Super Summer Intern

Anne Rutledge joined us on June 11th for the summer as an Intern to help us on the CDC PSBA project. Already she has become an invaluable member of our team, quickly and easily picking up projects and diving in. On August 22nd she'll return to Minnesota and resume her work as a health educator for Health Start, a school based adolescent health clinic in St. Paul. She's not a stranger to DC though. Anne was an AmeriCorps volunteer in DC from August, 2006 to July, 2007. She worked with the National AIDS Fund and served as Interim Outreach Director for HIPS (Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive). Graduate school appears to be in her near future where she wants to further focus her training on sexuality education. Welcome Anne! (Are you sure you can't stay a little longer?)

New Program Manager for Teen Pregnancy Prevention

On July 1st we'll welcome Sarah Axelson to our team as Program Manager for Teen Pregnancy Prevention. Sarah is a native of Northern Virginia with both social work and organizational leadership experience. She is a graduate of James Madison University with a double major in communication and language (she is fluent in Spanish). In addition, she earned an MSW and Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Once she is fully oriented to Advocates for Youth and the CDC PSBA project, Sarah will be managing the day-to-day operations of the team and project. Over time, Sarah will be taking on more of Tom's responsibilities thus freeing him from juggling so much of the project management from the road. She will also take the lead in planning the 2009 SOLAR and DC Summit. We also happen to know when Sarah isn't doing something else she likes horseback riding and photography. Welcome Sarah! We're glad we found you!

FYI - High Tech Sex Ed

Listen to a six-minute piece on NPR's Day to Day about the rising teen pregnancy rates, how they are inseparable from talking about STIs, and believe or not, sexual pleasure, to reach youth. Using technology and new media, of course.

go to: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=91841220>

<<http://www.npr.org/templates/topics/topic.php?topicId=1012>> **High Tech Sex Ed**

Day to Day <<http://www.npr.org/templates/rundowns/rundown.php?prgId=17>>, June 24, 2008 * Educators say that in-class lessons about sex ed are no longer enough to get their message out. They're turning to podcasts, video games and social networking sites to teach kids about sex. Alex Cohen speaks with Deb Levine, executive director of Internet Sexuality Information Services (ISIS) in Oakland.

States receiving US grants for abstinence education

By The Associated Press – Jun 24, 2008

The 28 states participating in a federal abstinence education program and the amount they have received in federal grants this year:

Alabama, \$716,369	Kentucky, \$612,974	North Dakota, \$66,744
Arizona, \$776,082	Louisiana, 962,673	Oklahoma, \$517,756
Arkansas, \$440,640	Maryland, \$427,257	Oregon, \$365,772
Florida, \$1.9 million	Michigan, \$1.1 million	South Carolina, \$563,972
Georgia, \$1.1 million	Mississippi, \$621,716	South Dakota, \$102,285
Hawaii, \$122,091	Missouri, \$664,196	Texas, \$3.6 million
Illinois, \$1.4 million	Nebraska, \$164,055	Utah, \$216,117
Indiana, \$565,556	Nevada, \$210,130	West Virginia, \$289,389
Iowa, \$238,648	New Hampshire, \$71,177	
Kansas, \$252,832	North Carolina, \$936,723	

Source: Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

3. New from the Kaiser Family Foundation

Subject:

Data Update

Statehealthfacts.org has recently added new and updated data on Health Status, Health Costs & Budgets, Managed Care and Health Insurance, and Women's Health. You can also view a list of all recent updates at <http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.C.C.Fy8mQS>.

Health Status

Births and Prenatal Care

Updated birth data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National

Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) have been added and are available for all states and the nation. Data on the 2005 birth rate; percent distribution of births by race/ethnicity and Hispanic origin of mother; and teen birth rate are now available. The number of preterm births; percent distribution of births by race/ethnicity; number of births of low birth weight; and the distribution of births of low birth weight by race/ethnicity are also available for 2005. 2005 data on the percent of mothers beginning prenatal care in the first trimester and percent distribution by race/ethnicity are also available for all states and the nation.
<http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.D.C.GNdcDY>

Smoking and Public Place Smoking Bans

Updated data based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) on the percent of adults who smoke, including the percent distribution by sex and race/ethnicity are now available for all states and the nation. Updated data on the percent of smokers who have attempted to quit smoking by sex have also been added. Information from Thomson West's Health Policy Tracking Service (HPTS) on 2008 public place smoking bans is also now available for all states and the nation and includes exemptions to the bans.
<http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.G.C.GH6kX5>

Adult Immunization

Updated 2007 BRFSS data on the percent of elderly adults who had a flu shot in the past year are now available for all states and the nation. Updated data are also available for elderly adults who have ever had a pneumonia vaccine.
<http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.J.C.FmyfTH>

Obesity, Disability, and Asthma

Updated data on adults who are overweight or obese from the 2007 BRFSS have been added for all states and the nation. Topics include the percent of adults who are overweight or obese and the percent distribution by sex and race/ethnicity. The percent of adults with a disability has also been updated from the 2007 BRFSS. 2005 data on the percent of adults with asthma and the percent distribution of adults with asthma by age from the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health have been added and are available for all states and the nation.
<http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.K.C.Fhwzk9>

Health Costs & Budgets

Mental Health Agency Expenditures

Updated data on State Mental Health Agency (SMHA) expenditures from the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute, Inc. (NRI) are now available by state for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005. Per capita SMHA expenditures for FY 2005 are also available.
<http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.N.C.FfKqIW>

Managed Care & Health Insurance

Long-Term Care Tax Incentives

Updated information from Thomson West's Health Policy Tracking Service (HPTS) on state tax incentives offered to individuals who purchase long-term

care insurance for 2008 is now available for all states and the nation.
<http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.P.C.FBx5Nv>

Women's Health

Mandated Benefits in Private Insurance

Updated information from Thomson West's Health Policy Tracking Service (HPTS) on state mandates for contraceptive coverage, inpatient mastectomy stay, post-mastectomy breast reconstruction, fertility treatment, and osteoporosis screening for 2008 is now available for all states and the nation. Information on mandates for direct access to OB/GYNs and for OB/GYNs as primary care physicians has also been updated.
<http://cme.kff.org/Key=14512.1w.Q.C.FFvKKG>

4. New from the Every Child Matters Education Fund

By wide margins, a new nationwide poll released today by Every Child Matters shows broad support among voters of all persuasions for expanded federal investments in children, youth and families. Expressing deep concern about the status of children, voters say they prefer new spending on children over new tax cuts and balancing the budget. They want the presidential candidates to present specific plans on such issues as child abuse prevention and ensuring that all children have access to health care. Voters are also sharply critical of the press for not devoting enough coverage to children, youth and family issues. [Click here to see the poll's summary and cross tabulations.](#)

The poll was part of an Every Child Matters press event today in Washington, DC , to release the second edition of 'Homeland Insecurity...Why Children Must Be a Priority in the 2008 Presidential Campaign'. The new report documents wide differences in child well-being among the states, and between the U.S. and other rich democracies. It calls for a 10-year/\$500 billion investment initiative to address such issues as child abuse, poverty, imprisonment, health insurance, after-school learning and pre-K. ECM president Michael Petit was joined in the event by Michael McGrady, interim executive director of the National Head Start Association, and Denver pediatrician Stephen Berman, a past president of the American Academy of Pediatrics. [Click here to see the new report](#), the remarks of the speakers, and new data comparing child well-being in U.S. states to children in other countries.



[Click Here for More Information](#)

Want to help make children and families a priority in this election? Attend 'Step Up for Kids Day', a non-partisan event being held at your state capitol on September 16 to show support for America's children. [Click here for more information](#), including a list of our 13 national co-sponsors.

Each month the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition provides a review of the research and policy reports distributed by National and Local Resources for your information only. The information, and comments expressed in this News Flash 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](#).

Local Events & Notices

From the NM Children, Youth and Families Department

Information For Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Department
You can help protect New Mexico's Children!

Report all suspected child abuse to Children, Youth & Families Department by calling the Statewide Central Intake (SCI) Hotline at:

**1-800-797-3260 (Nationwide)
or
841-6100 (In Albuquerque)**

It's the Law!
If you call the Hotline, you can remain ANONYMOUS.

[[Note: see special section at the bottom of this webpage for ChildCare, Education, Medical and/or Other Professional On Line Reporting]]

Statewide Central Intake

Statewide Central Intake (SCI) is a hotline that receives reports of child abuse, neglect and exploitation. SCI is a unit within the New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Department/Protective Services Division. SCI operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anyone who suspects that a child has been abused or neglected or is in danger of abuse or neglect is strongly encouraged to call SCI.

Reports to SCI are processed and cross-reported to the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction or, in the case of allegations involving a licensed facility, reports are also cross-reported to the appropriate licensing and certification agency. For example, allegations against childcare centers are forwarded to Child Care Licensing within CYFD's Family Services Division.

Initiation of an investigation is based on several factors. Upon request, a reporter will receive a letter regarding the outcome of the report that was made whether or not the report resulted in an investigation. For reports that do not result in investigations, efforts are made by SCI staff to refer those individuals or families to available resources within their community.

Mandated Reporters According to New Mexico law, ANYONE who suspects or has knowledge of abuse or neglect must report. Failure to report is subject to a misdemeanor in a court of law. ANYONE who reports in good faith will be immune from civil or criminal liability.

32A-4-3. New Mexico Children's Code states the following:

Every person, including but not limited to a licensed physician, a (medical) resident or an intern examining, attending or treating a child, a law enforcement officer, a judge presiding during any proceeding, a registered nurse, a visiting nurse, a schoolteacher or a school official or social worker acting in an official capacity who knows or has a reasonable suspicion that a child is an abused or a neglected child shall report the matter immediately to:

- (1) a local law enforcement agency;
- (2) the department office in the county where the child resides; or
- (3) tribal law enforcement or social services agencies for any Indian child residing in Indian country.

On-line Reporting Option for Education, Allied Health, Medical, Legal, Law Enforcement, Youth Worker or Other Professional:

As follow-up to a pilot on-line reporting program implemented last year through the Albuquerque Public School district, CYFD is re-releasing its on-line reporting forms for non-emergency reporting by professionals in any location and work or non-work environment (as described in the section of the Children's Code cited above). The linked on-line forms provide an alternative means to our 1-800 number for reporting non-emergency abuse or neglect suspicions.

[Frequently Asked Questions about On Line Reporting](#)

Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect

Who Must Report:

- 1. **Everyone who suspects abuse and/or neglect**
- 2. Licensed physicians, residents, or interns, registered nurses and visiting nurses.
- 3. Social Workers
- 4. Law Enforcement officers
- 5. A Judge presiding during any proceeding
- 6. Teachers – Children's Code

Immunity:

1. If you report child abuse and or neglect in good faith you will be immune from civil or criminal liability.

Failure to Report:

1. If you suspect abuse and or neglect and do not report your suspicion you can be charged with misdemeanor in a court of law.

How To Report Child Abuse & Neglect

Where:

1. New Mexico Statewide Central Intake: 1-800-797-6320 or in Albuquerque: 841-6100
2. Local Law Enforcement, State Police Office, County Sheriffs Office or local City police Department
3. Tribal Law Enforcement Office or Tribal Social Services

What:

1. All known demographic information on the child and family
2. Allegations of suspected abuse and neglect
3. Location of the child and the family
4. Safety factors involving the child
5. Potential Risk for the child and the family
6. Assessment of the Family Needs and Strengths
7. Potential Risks to the Investigators

Who Investigates:

1. Child Protective Services **only** investigates abuse and neglect in which the perpetrator is a caretaker of the child or non protecting parent.
2. Law Enforcement **reviews all** abuse and neglect reports including abuse and or neglect by the day care providers, foster parents and institutions for criminal aspects.
3. Child Protective Services and Law enforcement **jointly** investigate child abuse and or neglect when appropriate.

Article 4
Chapter 32A – Children’s Code – Volume One
Child Abuse & Neglect
New Mexico State Articles

32A-4-1 – Children’s Code

Chapter 32 [32A], Article 4 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the “Abuse & Neglect Act”

32A-4-2. Definitions

As used in the Abuse and Neglect Act [this article]:

A. “Abandonment” includes, but is not limited to, instances when the parent, without justifiable cause:

1. Left the child without provisions for the child’s identification for a period of fourteen days, or
2. Left the child with others, including the other parent or an agency, without

provision for support and without communication for a period of:

- a.) Three months if the child was under six years of age at the commencement of the three-month period
- b.) Six months if the child was over six years of age at the commencement of the six-month period

B. "Abused Child" means a child:

1. who is at risk of suffering serious harm;
2. who has suffered physical abuse, emotional abuse or psychological abuse inflicted by the child's parent, guardian or custodian;
3. who has suffered sexual abuse or sexual exploitation inflicted by the child's parent, guardian or custodian;
4. whose parent, guardian or custodian has knowingly, intentionally or negligently placed the child in a situation that may endanger the child's life or health; or
5. whose parent, guardian or custodian has knowingly or intentionally tortured, cruelly confined or cruelly punished the child;

C. "Neglected Child" means a child:

1. who has been abandoned by the child's parent, guardian or custodian;
2. who is without proper parental care and control or subsistence, education, medical or other care or control necessary for the child's well-being because of the faults or habits of the child's parent, guardian or custodian or the neglect or refusal of the parent, guardian or custodian when able to do so, to provide them;
3. who has been physically or sexually abused, when the child's parent, guardian or custodian knew or should have known of the abuse and failed to take reasonable steps to protect the child from further harm;
4. whose parent, guardian or custodian is unable to discharge his responsibilities to and for the child because of incarceration, hospitalization or other physical or mental disorder or incapacity; or
5. who has been placed for care or adoption in violation of the law; provided that nothing in the Children's Code shall be construed to imply that a child who is being provided with treatment by spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination, by a duly accredited practitioner thereof is for that reason alone a neglected child within the meaning of the Children's Code [this chapter]; further provided that no child shall be denied protection afforded to all children under the Children's Code;

D. "Physical Abuse" includes, but is not limited to, any case in which the child exhibits evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, failure to thrive, burns, fracture of any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue swelling or death and:

1. there is not justifiable explanation for the condition or death;
2. the explanation given for the condition is at variance with the degree or nature of the condition;
3. the explanation given for the death is at variance with the nature of the death; or
4. circumstances indicate that the condition or death may not be the product of an accidental occurrence;

E. "Sexual Abuse" includes, but is not limited to, criminal sexual contact, incest or criminal

sexual penetration, as those acts are defined

by state law; and

F. "Sexual Exploitation" includes, but is not limited to:

1. allowing, permitting or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution;
2. allowing, permitting or encouraging or engaging a child in obscene or pornographic photographing; or
3. filming or depicting a child for obscene or pornographic commercial purposes, as those acts are defined by state law.

History: 1978 Comp., §32A-4-2, enacted by Laws 1993, ch. 77, §96; 1997, ch. 34, §1.

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New Mexico Chapter, the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, and CNM Foundation, we are
offering this workshop at a reduced rate of \$175.00 per participant until August 1, 2008
(August 1 - October 1, 2008: \$200.00). Reserve today, seating is limited. The workshop is an
intensive two day session, held at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque, October 13 & 14, 2008,
9:00-4:00 each day.

We are pleased to announce that Con Alma Health Foundation is offering 5 full scholarships to health related nonprofits! These scholarships will be given on a first come first serve basis, so please contact [Tsiporah](#) if you are interested.

Contact the Hilton at 505-884-2500 and ask for the Fundraising from the Heart rooms (at a discounted rate of \$109/night) to reserve your room.

[Click here to Register Today!](#)

www.centerforprofitexcellence.org

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

Referral form for the New Mexico Young Fathers Project

If you know a struggling young father under the age of 26 – We can help! [Download the form](#) and send your referral to Cathy Ahiyite, Fax (505) 254-8741 or email to nmtpc@nmtpc.org, in the **Albuquerque Area**. If you are in the **Las Cruces area**, send the referral form to Gary Madrid, gm.nmtpc@sbcglobal.net or call (575) 532-1536. If you are in the **Santa Fe area**, send to Mr. Barry McIntosh, kamac@cybermesa.com or call (505) 428-1412.

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