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Greetings! July brought our Board of Directors annual retreat! We bid a fond farewell to Mr. Paul Golding. Mr. Golding has served on our Board of Directors for many years and we are grateful. Kudos go out to our hard working staff who have buckled down and are working harder than ever during these frightening economic times! Teen birth rates continued to go down and we look forward to working to continue this positive trend! We continue to be available to provide trainings and technical assistance. If you are in need of these services please call or email.

We at NMTPC hope all of you are having an enjoyable Summer and getting ready for school to start. The work we do is important and affects many lives. We appreciate all of you and your work in support of our youth. Thank you all.

Mil gracias!

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[From the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy](#)

Following are teen pregnancy related resources from the National Campaign which could prove informative and helpful.

* **State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Funding:** Formula grants to states for programs that prevent teen pregnancy and STIs and educate youth on other important topics. Email updates about this funding can be requested from www.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/index.cfm?switch=grant.view&gff_grants_forecastInfoID=27840

* **State Title V State Abstinence Education Grant Program:** Formula grants to states for abstinence education programs. Email updates about this funding can be requested from www.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrantsforecast/index.cfm?switch=grant.view&gff_grants_forecastInfoID=27826.

* **Bedsider:** The site can be accessed at <http://bedsider.org/> If you would like to submit a list of clinics in your state to be included in the clinical list please send an Excel document to Larry Swiader at lswiader@thenc.org. He can also be reached directly at 202.478.8574 if you have further questions.

* **Science Says #43: Effective and Promising Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs for Latino Youth (2010):** This research brief details six programs that have been shown through careful evaluation to either delay sex, improve contraceptive use, and/or reduce teen pregnancy. www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/SS/SS43_TPPProgramsLatinos.pdf.

Additional resources can found at:

www.thenationalcampaign.org/espanol/resources_eng.aspx#factsheets

* **Evidence-based Program Database:** This database includes interventions that have some evidence of success in changing behavior related to teen pregnancy

www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/programs.aspx.

* **The Fog Zone:** The full report can be downloaded from

www.thenationalcampaign.org/fogzone/PDF/FogZone.pdf and the summary from

www.thenationalcampaign.org/fogzone/PDF/FZ_summary.pdf. If you are interested in seeing

the survey methodology and questions they can be found at

www.thenationalcampaign.org/fogzone/fogzone.aspx.

Stay Teen Pregnancy Prevention PSA Art Contest

Tell the teens in your life about the Stay Teen PSA Art Contest! Teens 13-19 are eligible to submit their artwork and ideas about teen pregnancy prevention. The National Campaign will be accepting entries by mail and online until September 30, 2010. Winning entries will be used by The National Campaign on postcards, posters, and other materials distributed nationwide. Winners will receive a \$250 gift card to spend however they choose.

For more information and to read the official contest rules, visit <http://www.stayteen.org/contest>.

From Advocates for Youth

Advocates for Youth's Youth of Color Initiative

Feature: Parent Child Communication: Promoting Sexually Healthy Youth

Positive communication between parents and adolescents allows youth to develop healthy attitudes about themselves. Youth that have good communication with their parents report less anxiety and depression and higher levels of self esteem. Good parent child communication is an important factor in youth decision making regarding sexual health. Youth that come from homes with positive communication report improved contraceptive and condom use, improved communication with their partners about sex, and in addition engaged in fewer risky behaviors. According to a major study, youth who reported feeling connected to their parents and families were more likely to report delaying sexual initiation than others. Youth who reported feeling unconnected in the home and had negative communication with their parents were more likely to report emotional distress, lower self-esteem, school problems, drug use, and were more likely to engage in sexually risky behaviors.

For the complete publication on Parent Child Communication please visit:

www.advocatesforyouth.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=442&Itemid=177

Partner Spotlight

Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES): *New Orleans, LA* <http://iwesnola.org/>

The Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies (IWES) was founded in 1993 in response to health disparities among women of color. IWES is dedicated to improving the physical, mental, and

spiritual health and quality of life for women of color and their families, especially those who are socio-economically disadvantaged. Through support from Advocates for Youth's Youth of Color Initiative, IWES proposes an enhancement to the Social-Marketing Technology Outreach Project (STOP) in the form of "STOP- HerStory". Through this enhancement, a cohort of young women of color will receive specialized training in social marketing to create a multimedia HIV risk reduction campaign utilizing advanced technologies, including creating digital media, designing and maintaining social networking sites and utilizing new application technologies.

For more information, please contact: Jennifer L. Glick at (504) 301-3690 Ext: 13;
jpglick.iwes@gmail.com

Capacity Building & Professional Development

National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) will be hosting its **Positive Youth Institute** on August 11th through the 15th, 2010 in Dallas, Texas. The Positive Youth Institute is a retreat designed exclusively for HIV positive youth between the ages of 18 and 24, with the goal of providing HIV positive young people from across the country with the life skills required for good health. The institute will work towards developing more than 100 positive youth ambassadors that will bring the knowledge obtained in the course back to their communities. The HIV positive youth ambassadors will obtain skills that will allow them to build sustainable leadership among other community youth, increase engagement in HIV prevention campaigns and initiatives targeting youth, and reduce community experiences resulting from HIV related stigma. The workshops run the gamut of social and medical issues, and in the past have included topics such as public presentation, resume building, media spokesperson issue, creative arts, medical care and treatment, and body image.

For more information on the Positive Youth Conference and for registration and scholarship forms please visit:

www.napwa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=14:youth-initiatives-positive-youth-institute&catid=4&Itemid=20

Wise Guys will be hosting **The Next Level: Healthy Relationships for Adult Men: 1 Day Training for Professionals**. The Next Level will be held on November 5th, 2010 in Greensboro, North Carolina. This training will provide instruction for professionals on how to replicate Wise Guys: The Next Level Program, by educating on the programs philosophy and curriculum, understanding men's perception about masculinity, designing and delivering the programs lesson plans, and how to adapt the curriculum to a variety of audiences. The Wise Guys: The Next Level Curriculum's goal is prevent unwanted pregnancies and STIs, but is designed to address the issues of adult men (particularly those ages 18 - 29). It is intended as a tool to help adult men to develop a healthier, more socially responsible concept of manhood. It offers an understanding of strength as taking responsibility, and of fulfillment as the balanced development of the whole person. The training is geared to those individuals looking to implement programs for males in regards to sexual decision making, fatherhood, HIV/AIDS and STI's, stress and anger management, and healthy communication and relationships.

For information and registration please visit:

www.wiseguysnc.org/NL%202010%20Registration.jpg

Organizational Development

Organizational development is the process of exploring, identifying, adopting, and fully

utilizing the practices, principles, and programs that drive and sustain a purposeful, productive, and powerful organization so it can better adapt to new information, technologies, markets, opportunities, and challenges. In short, organizational development grows the capacity of an organization to fulfill its mission and program objectives. To learn more about building leadership for an effective organization, please visit:

www.advocatesforyouth.org/orgdev.htm

The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Public Health and Science has announced that it will begin accepting applications for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund. Created by the Affordable Care Act, this competitive grant program will provide pregnant and parenting teens and women a seamless network of supportive services to help them complete high school or postsecondary degrees and gain access to health care, child care, family housing, and other critical support. In addition, States can use the funds to combat violence against pregnant women. This \$25 million per year program will provide much needed financial assistance for states and communities across the country to provide supports for pregnant women and teens.

States can use funding from the Pregnancy Assistance Fund to work with a wide range of stakeholders to provide needed services to pregnant teens and women who have decided to carry their pregnancies to term and to those who are parenting. Key stakeholders, such as institutions of higher education, high schools, community organizations, and State Attorneys General offices, are identified in the legislation as potential partners for States in this program. Programs will be tasked with connecting families to the supportive services they need and ensuring a focus on important outcomes such as graduation rates, maternal and child health outcomes, and parenting skills.

The Act appropriates \$25 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2019 for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to States and Indian tribes or reservations. It is anticipated that up to 25 grants in the amounts of \$500,000 - \$2,000,000 per year will be awarded. The application deadline is August 2, 2010.

For more information on this funding opportunity announcement, please visit www.hhs.gov/ophs/oah/prevention/grants/announcements/index.html.

Announcements

The White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) recently released a report on **Community Ideas for Improving the Response to the Domestic HIV Epidemic: A Report on the National Dialogue on HIV/AIDS**. Under the Obama administration, the President urged ONAP to develop a National AIDS Strategy in order to refocus the United States response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. ONAP recognized that the number one strategy to effectively combat the HIV/AIDS is community involvement. In order to gather public input and that the ideas of individuals living with HIV/AIDS was considered in the development of a National AIDS Strategy, ONAP conducted 14 community forums at locations across the United States and its territories. The community forums brought the viewpoints of more than 4200 individuals to the forefront. ONAP also received more than 1000 written responses on recommendations for a National AIDS Strategy through the White House website. The recommendations ran the gamut from prevention to population specific interventions. Individuals emphasized the need for broad based, public information campaign as well as campaigns that education populations that are highly susceptible to HIV infection. Participants also emphasized the need for public action that addresses the numerous social, economic,

and behavioral factors that fuel HIV transmission.

For more information or to read the complete report please visit:
www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ONAP_rpt.pdf

Announcing The John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Adolescent Health release of the **The Teen Years Explained: A Guide to Healthy Youth Development**. The Teen Years Explained is an engaging guide produced by the Center For Adolescent Health, that describe the normal physical, cognitive, emotional, social, sexual and identity formation, and spiritual formations that occur during adolescence. Although it is a science based guide, The Teen Years Explained is accessible and can be utilized as a crucial resource for parents and people who work with adolescents.

For more information or to access the complete guide please visit:
www.jhsph.edu/adolescenthealth/ includes/Interactive%20Guide.pdf

The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health released a report titled, **Removing Stigma: Towards a Complete Understanding of Young Latina's Sexual Health**. Removing Stigma is an up to date research analysis on young Latina's sexual health and the impact of current policies. The emphasis of the report is on the teen pregnancy prevention campaigns that rely on stigma and shame and their ineffectiveness. Latinas and their respective families need health resources that are culturally sensitive and recognize their unique experiences. Many programs continue to rely on stigma rather than addressing teen pregnancy with a holistic approach. These programs have not been effective, as Latina teens have the same level of sexual activity as white teens, yet are experiencing a much higher teen birth rate.

For more information or to access the complete report please visit:
<http://latinainstitute.org/sites/default/files/publications/special-reports/NLIRH-HPWhite-5310-F2.pdf>

The Association of Reproductive Health Professionals is pleased to announce the release of the newly redesigned and expanded **Curricula Organizer for Reproductive Health Education (CORE)** tool.

CORE is an open-access repository of peer-reviewed, evidence-based teaching materials. It offers thousands of individual slides, complete presentation sets, case studies, and learning activities. This incredible collection of high-quality resources is available to anyone at anytime at absolutely no cost. The upgraded version of CORE has just launched with expanded functionality, including:

- A newly designed homepage highlighting CORE's newest and most popular materials
- Enhanced search and filter functions accessible from every page
- User accounts for saving sessions
- Automated process for easy material submission
- User-generated ratings and reviews

For more information or to access the CORE curricula please visit: <http://core.arhp.org/>

State Minor Consent Laws: A Summary, Third Edition (2010)

The Center for Adolescent Health & the Law has released the third edition of **State Minor Consent Laws: A Summary!** This landmark publication provides detailed information about the laws in all 50 states and the District of Columbia that allows minors to consent for their own health care. These laws have evolved over several decades and play a key role in adolescents' access to a broad range of health care services that are important for protecting their health.

This 300 page monograph includes for each state a general overview of how the state's laws address minor consent and a specific summary, with citations, of each relevant law. Some of the laws allow minors to consent for health care because they have a specific status – such as emancipated minor – and others allow minors to consent for specific health services – such as testing and treatment for sexually transmitted disease. The monograph also includes summaries of laws providing for confidentiality and disclosure of information related to the care for which minors are allowed to consent.

To accompany the specific state information, the monograph includes a detailed introduction with an overview of the legal framework for consent and confidentiality in adolescent health care, appendices with additional resources, and a chart containing an overview of minor consent laws in the states.

This monograph is an essential reference for health care professionals, lawyers, and other youth advocates and service providers working to increase access to health care for adolescents. It contains detailed, reliable, up-to-date legal information related to health care access for young people who are emancipated, homeless, married, or parents as well as laws related to contraception, pregnancy, STDs, HIV, drug and alcohol use, and outpatient mental health services.

With this third edition, for the first time, individual state packages are available in addition to the full monograph that contains all 50 states and DC. Ordering information is at www.cahl.org.

[From The Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's quarterly Center for Family Economic Success (CFES) Newsletter provides updates on our work promoting family economic success in the context of building supportive communities for children and families. The aspiration of the new center is to link people, place and opportunity. CFES embraces the traditional FES goals of enabling parents to advance in the workforce and build the assets needed to secure better futures for their families. It also encompasses investments in creating affordable, mixed-income communities with access to a rich array of services, opportunities, and supports.

[Deportation Manual Helps Families Protect Children, Assets](#)

The Casey Foundation supported Appleseed in developing a manual that helps protect children and family assets when immigrants are deported. Nearly 5 million children are living in families at risk of separation due to increased immigration enforcement. When these working parents are deported, their U.S.-born children often remain here. The manual helps providers counsel their clients on issues such as establishing child custody, closing a bank account and transferring assets into their children's names. The Mexican government has

translated the guide into Spanish and is distributing it through its network of consulates in the United States and Mexico.

[Click here to See the manual](#)

CFES Works With Connecticut to Secure TANF Funds

Casey worked closely with the state of Connecticut this spring to secure more than \$34 million in federal dollars supporting subsidized employment and benefits programs for low-income families. Casey provided consultant support to help the state prepare a complicated application for resources under the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund. The state was granted 80 percent reimbursement in the period from October 2008 through September 2010. Connecticut has become a national leader in engaging service providers in its application by including 78 nonprofit providers under the third-party expenditure provisions of the TANF fund.

[From the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)

Presenters Sought for National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law

On March 27-17, 2011, the [National Conference on Juvenile and Family Law](#) will be held in Reno, NV. Sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the conference will provide presenters with a forum to address a multidisciplinary audience of professionals working in America's juvenile and family courts.

Resources:

To submit a presentation proposal, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q2GSNL9.

Proposals should be transmitted by September 15, 2010, and questions may be addressed to Diane Barnette, Director, Conference Planning and Marketing, at dbarnette@ncfcj.org.

Further information about the conference, including registration, will be posted on JUVJUST as it becomes available. If you are not a subscriber, enroll at https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/listservs/subscribe_JUVJUST.asp.

The [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#) is a component of the [Office of Justice Programs](#) in the [U.S. Department of Justice](#).

[From Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting](#)

National Health and Human Services Priority: Reduce Teen and Unintended Pregnancy

United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius recently announced that she is including teen pregnancy prevention in her inter-agency priorities. HHS will focus on three strategies to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy, including: 1) investing in evidence-based teen pregnancy reduction strategies, 2) targeting populations at high risk for teen pregnancy and 3) increasing access to clinical services. Click [here](#) to read Secretary Sebelius' statement.

SIECUS Releases Seventh Annual State Profiles

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) released the 7th annual [State Profiles](#). **State Profiles** is the most complete portrait ever assembled of sexuality education laws and policies, comprehensive approaches to sex education taking place in public schools, and abstinence-only-until-marriage-programs in the United States. A blog summarizing the new era of funding and policy can be found at www.rhrealitycheck.org

Center for the Study of Social Policy Website Expands to Include Info on Adolescent Pregnancy

The Center for the Study of Social Policy, in partnership with The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, has expanded content on their website. The site now offers policymakers strategies to reduce adolescent pregnancy in their states and includes data, research, state examples, links to materials and recommendations for policy options that have demonstrated results in reducing adolescent pregnancy. Visit the Reduce Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy section of their website [here](#).

Careful, Current, and Consistent: Tips to Improve Contraceptive Use

This recently released [brochure](#) (PDF) from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, is designed to foster more targeted conversation between patients and reproductive health professionals—even those who feel they have too little time to discuss contraceptive choices in detail. Under each tip is a brief note on why to offer this tip and how to do so.

Progress Stalled on Adolescent Sexual Activity and Contraceptive Use

The CDC's National Center for Health Statistics released a report based on the National Survey of Family Growth. The full NSFG report can be found [here](#) (PDF). Among the findings:

- Declines in sexual activity and increases in contraceptive use among sexually experienced youth remained essentially unchanged between 2002 and 2006-08.
- At present, about four in ten adolescents (42 percent of females and 43 percent of males) have had sex at least once.
- About one in four sexually experienced teens (22 percent of females and 24 percent of males) say they would be pleased if they or their partner got pregnant now.

The CDC also recently released the 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). YRBS results can be found [here](#). Among the findings:

- Between 2007 and 2009, there was no change in the percent of high school youth who have had sex, those who have had sex with four or more partners, those who are sexually active (had sex in the last three months), or who used a condom the last time they had sex.
- The percentage of high school youth who used birth control pills or Depo-Provera the last time they had sex increased between 2007 and 2009.
- The percentage of high school youth who have been taught about HIV/AIDS decreased between 2007 and 2009.

[From the National Responsible Fatherhood Capacity Building Initiative](#)

It is with great pleasure to introduce the National Responsible Fatherhood Capacity-Building Initiative website - <http://capacitybuilding.fatherhood.org> .

We have designed this website as an online tool to assist in your continued capacity-building and also as a way to connect with your fellow grantees. I encourage you to create a User ID and Password so that you have access to “Grantee Only” pages like the Discussion Boards located under the Resources section. Also, you’ll notice right on the home page that we have an “In the Spotlight” section that features one grantee from each year. Every grantee will have a chance in the spotlight so if you have something in particular that you would like to share, please send it over to me.

We welcome your feedback as you browse the site, but please note that as with any website, this is a work in progress, meaning that we are constantly editing and adding content. Enjoy!

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Local Events & Notices

[From the New Mexico Department of Health](#)

QPR Training: Ask a Question, Save a Life

What would you say to someone who was suicidal?

This evidence-based suicide prevention training is appropriate for people of all ages, all professions, and all walks of life. September 7, 2010 8:30am – 12:00pm

Understanding and Supporting Survivors of Suicide Attempt

This training was developed by survivors of suicide attempt to provide insight and strategies for survivors of suicide attempt and the people who love and care for them
September 7, 2010 1:30 – 4:00 pm

All trainings will be held at:
United Way of Central New Mexico
Training Center 2nd Floor
2340 Alamo Ave. SE

Albuquerque, NM 87106

Please RSVP to:
Sabrina Strong at Sabrina.Strong@state.nm.us or 841-4167

Brought to you by the New Mexico Department of Health &
New Mexico Suicide Prevention Coalition

Panel Recommends Approval of After-Sex Pill to Prevent Pregnancy

By [GARDINER HARRIS](#)

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — A federal advisory panel voted unanimously Thursday that federal drug regulators should approve a medicine that could help prevent [pregnancy](#) if taken as late as five days after unprotected sex.

The pill, called ella, sprang from government labs and appears to be more effective than [Plan B](#), a morning-after pill now available over the counter to women 18 and older that gradually loses efficacy after intercourse and can be taken at latest three days after sex. Ella, by contrast, works just as well on the fifth day as the first after sex.

Ella blocks the effects of [progesterone](#), a female hormone that spurs ovulation. It is a chemical relative to [RU-486](#), the [abortion pill](#), and some mystery remains over exactly how it works. That mystery spurred a fierce debate outside the committee over whether it should be considered an abortion drug, a debate that prompted the posting of several uniformed police officers around the meeting room.

The F.D.A. usually follows the advice of its advisory panels but not always.

The dispute is whether the drug works by delaying ovulation (as the pill's manufacturer claims) or by preventing a fertilized egg from implanting itself in the uterus (as anti-abortion advocates say).

Dr. Jeffrey Bray, a pharmacologist at the [Food and Drug Administration](#), said that ella may do both. And Dr. Scott Emerson, a committee member and professor of biostatistics at the [University of Washington](#), said any drug that can prevent pregnancy if taken five days after unprotected sex must do more than simply delay ovulation.

Animal studies showed that ella had little effect on established pregnancies, suggesting it acts differently than RU-486. Dr. David Archer, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Eastern Virginia Medical School who spoke on behalf of ella's maker, said ella was not an abortion pill. "I just don't think there is any element here that would allow me to say that this has an abortifacient activity," Dr. Archer said.

Ella is manufactured by [HRA Pharma](#), a tiny French drug maker. If approved, the medicine would be available by prescription only. Born in the United States, ella was approved for sale in Europe last fall. During the meeting, anti-abortion and abortion rights advocates traded salvos. Wendy Wright, president of [Concerned Women for America](#), a conservative group, called ella an unsafe abortion pill that men might slip to unsuspecting women.

“With ella, women will be enticed to buy a poorly tested abortion pill in the guise of a morning-after pill,” she said. Ms. Wright was followed to the microphone by Amy Allina, program director of the [National Women’s Health Network](#), who said abortion questions were distractions intended to prevent “medically safe contraceptive options from becoming available.”

The committee spent the day in a cold discussion of the sobering realities that follow moments of passion, a discussion punctuated by the clacking of knitting needles from Dr. Paula Hilliard, a committee member and professor of gynecologic specialties at the [Stanford University](#) School of Medicine. It was a conversation mostly among women. Dr. Erin Gainer, HRA Pharma’s chief executive, is a young woman, and nine of the committee’s 11 members are women. Women’s health advocates say that the need for better contraceptive options is clear.

James Trussell, director of the Office of Population Research at [Princeton University](#), who spoke on behalf of the company, said that more than one million women who do not want to get pregnant are estimated to have unprotected sex every night in the United States, and more than 25,000 become pregnant every year after being sexually assaulted. Half of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended even though contraceptives are almost universally accepted by women.

Even though ella is somewhat more effective and can be taken later than Plan B, the new drug would, if approved, probably do little to solve this epidemic of unplanned pregnancies. Plan B has been available without a prescription since 2006 for women 18 and older, but abortion and unintended-pregnancy rates have remained largely unchanged.

Women who have unprotected sex have about one chance in 20 of becoming pregnant. Those who take Plan B within three days cut that risk to about one chance in 40, and if ella is approved, that risk would be cut further to about one chance in 50. Ella is less effective in obese women, studies show.

Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, a committee member and dean of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, pressed the company and F.D.A. to make the drug available over the counter, as is Plan B. “Why would we not move to O.T.C. status?” she asked. Dr. Gainer said the medicine was too new to consider such a step.

Ella was originally developed by the [National Institute of Child Health and Human Development](#). The institute, now named after [Eunice Kennedy Shriver](#), is part of the [National Institutes of Health](#). It decided in 2002 during the avowedly anti-abortion Bush administration to finance a crucial study to assess the drug’s efficacy as an emergency contraceptive.

[From the New Mexico Public Education Department](#)

Division of Adolescent and School Health

White House Announces National HIV/AIDS Strategy

In the United States, approximately 56,000 people become infected with HIV each year and more than 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV. To combat this growing epidemic, the White House on July 13, 2010 released the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy \(NHAS\)](#) and

accompanying [NHAS Federal Implementation Plan](#).

Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sebelius also announced that \$30 million of the Affordable Care Act's Prevention Fund will be dedicated to the implementation of the NHAS. This funding will support the development of combination prevention interventions. It will also support improved surveillance, expanded and targeted testing, and other activities.

"We can't afford complacency – not when in the ten minutes I've been talking to you, another American has just contracted HIV," Secretary Sebelius said. "That's why our strategy calls for aggressive efforts to educate Americans about how dangerous this disease still is and the steps they can take to protect themselves and their loved ones."

The vision of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy is to make the United States "a place where new HIV infections are rare, and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic circumstance will have unfettered access to high-quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination." The NHAS has three primary goals:

- 1) Reducing the number of new infections.
- 2) Increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes for people living with HIV.
- 3) Reducing HIV-related health disparities.

To accomplish these goals, the NHAS calls for a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic and includes a NHAS Federal Implementation Plan that outlines key, short-term actions to be undertaken by the federal government to execute the outlined recommendations. Additionally, the White House issued a Presidential Memorandum directing agencies to take specific steps to implement this strategy.

The NHAS lists one of the steps towards reducing new HIV infections as educating all Americans about the threat of HIV and how to prevent it. The NHAS states that "...educating young people about HIV before they begin engaging in behaviors that place them at risk for HIV infection should be a priority...schools have an important role in providing access to current and accurate information about the biological and scientific aspects of health education. It is important to provide access to a baseline of health education information that is grounded in the benefits of abstinence and delaying or limiting sexual activity, while ensuring that youth who make the decision to be sexually active have the information they need to take steps to protect themselves."

The Office of National AIDS Policy hosted 14 HIV/AIDS Community Discussions with thousands of Americans across the U.S. and reviewed suggestions from the public via the White House website. ONAP also organized a series of expert meetings on several HIV-specific topics, and worked with Federal and community partners who organized their own meetings to support the development of a national strategy.

Go to www.AIDS.gov and www.whitehouse.gov/onap for more information and resources.

[From the New Mexico Alliance for School Based Health Care](#)

We have wonderful news! On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Alliance for

School Based Health Care, I am pleased to share with our members that Ms. Erin Marshall has accepted our offer of employment as Executive Director for our organization. She will be working half-time until December. Debbie Birkhauser will continue half-time as Deputy Director and Nissa Patterson will return from maternity leave in September and work several hours a week.

Erin is no stranger to the world of health care and non-profit organizations in New Mexico. Her most recent work has been as Director of the New Mexico Healthier Weight Council and Health Action New Mexico. In addition, for a number of years, Erin served as both Senior Director and National Consultant, both positions at the American Heart Association.

We are thrilled with Erin's enthusiasm and with her past experiences that reflect the vision of NM ASBHC and its partners...healthy students ready to learn. As our partners are aware, this year we incorporated as a NM nonprofit organization and obtained our own 501 (C) 3 designation, separate from the National Assembly for School-Based Health Care. We will now be relying on Erin's expertise to guide us through our transition to independence as a non-profit organization. I am providing you with current contact information for Erin:

Erin Marshall: 505-980-5355 cell
erinmc.nm@gmail.com
erin@nmasbhc.org (soon operational)

I am sure Erin joins me in urging you to contact her when the need for collaboration and coordination of efforts occurs. Our continued appreciation to all partners for the support and encouragement provided over the years.

[From the Bernalillo County Community Health Council](#)

My Community NM House Memorial Survey - We need your help to distribute.

Please help us by completing this survey!

Subject - SURVEY: RESOURCES FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS - You could win a \$50 gift certificate

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION COLLECT OR DISTRIBUTE

RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS?

House Memorial 49 (2010) established a Task Force to assess the benefits of using the MyCommunityNM inventory of resources as the State's comprehensive, web-based, bilingual directory of services for under-served populations.

Be included in our report to the legislature. Please take 10 – 20 minutes to complete an on-line survey by July 30.

Survey link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MyCommunityNMSurvey>

The first 50 respondents will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift certificate.

[From the Center for Nonprofit Excellence](#)

Dear Colleagues,

United Way of Central New Mexico is seeking a **Community Fund Grants Manager**. This person will be responsible for managing all aspects of the Community Fund grant allocation and reporting process and support for related grant processes.

Key responsibilities include:

- Assist with recruitment and support to the Community Impact Council which is made up of 300 volunteers who review grant applications and complete site visits; the current grant cycle includes \$3.8 million in funding to 102 agencies
- Train all grant applicants, Community Fund speakers, and grant review volunteers
- Speak with community and business groups about the Community Fund and the opportunity to make a financial investment in highly effective nonprofits that are improving people's lives
- Work closely with Chief Development Officer in mapping and monitoring community coalitions and collaborations

United Way is seeking a dynamic, highly organized staff person. We seek an engaged trainer, someone who can manage multiple complex tasks, and a person committed to excellent customer service. Do your values match United Way's: Passion. Integrity. Impact. Customer-Centric. Leadership. If this describes you, then learn more about the Community Funds Manager opening and how to apply on the [Center for Nonprofit Excellence](#) website.

United Way of Central New Mexico is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Center for Nonprofit Excellence Training

Prospect Research 101

August 18, 2010 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Registration Fee: \$25

Location: Center for Nonprofit Excellence, United Way of Central New Mexico, 2340 Alamo SE, 2nd Floor, Albuquerque

[REGISTER NOW](#)

If you have ever asked, "how do I find potential donors?" then this is the workshop for you. Jessica Haynie will walk you through the process of prospect research, while highlighting myths about research and what ethical standards must be applied.

You will learn:

- What strategies and resources to use in researching individuals
- What kind of information to search for and how to assemble a research profile
- What free information sources are available on the internet

Presented by Jessica Haynie, Founder and Principal Consultant at Three Stones Consulting.
Jessica works with nonprofits focusing on fundraising and philanthropic strategies.

Other Trainings and Events

[Community Trainings and Events](#) a listing of other offerings around the state.

[Online Learning Events](#) a listing of webinars on technology, mobile outreach, marketing, etc.

Mark Your Calendar

August 31, 2010, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

[Volunteer Management Brown Bag](#)

The MOVE Education Committee that brought you great Volunteer Management training in the past, is now partnering with the Center for Nonprofit Excellence to continue to offer these trainings. The first brown bag session will be August 31 at 11:30 (come early to catch up with your colleagues).

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence has recently launched the online New Mexico Nonprofit Directory at www.nmnonprofits.org.

The **New Mexico Nonprofit Directory** is free, online and searchable and includes detailed information about nonprofit missions, programs, geographical service regions and contact information. The Directory is being used by grantmakers and donors and is also designed to be of value to volunteers and nonprofit organizations looking to partner, collaborate or learn from each other.

Please inform your nonprofit partners in your community about the New Mexico Nonprofit Directory. They can register online by visiting our website at www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org and opening the NM Nonprofit Directory form link on the homepage or go directly to the New Mexico Nonprofit Directory at www.nmnonprofits.org.

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[From the YWCA](#)

The YWCA Institute for Leadership and Diversity offers practical, applicable skills that are designed to empower women for success in today's workplace. Companies that take a proactive approach to training their employees in the essentials of leadership have the competitive edge that defines the difference between surviving and thriving. As the oldest and largest multicultural woman's organization in the world, the YWCA has the proven expertise to effectively train women for leadership.

Thursdays October 14 to November 18, 2010 5:30 – 8:30PM Light Dinner Provided

COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Six workshop sessions led by some of the most innovative women leaders in New Mexico
- Moderated work groups
- Role playing, coaching and collaboration
- Graduation ceremony for participants and employers
- Follow up mentoring opportunities

SESSIONS:

WEEK ONE: OCTOBER 14 - *Aligning Beliefs and Behaviors*

Develop an inventory of values and skills – a road map for how to walk the walk – not just talk the talk.

WEEK TWO: OCTOBER 21- *The Basics of Bias*

Learn how to discuss racial and cultural issues openly and honestly so that all can benefit.

WEEK THREE: OCTOBER 28 - *Negotiating the “Win-Win”*

Gain insight and tools to recognize your existing skills and seize the opportunities to create ‘win-win’ outcomes.

WEEK FOUR: NOVEMBER 4 - *Building Your Brand*

Learn the methods to build a word-of-mouth network through marketing, personally and corporately, and how you can let customers see your brand in person.

WEEK FIVE: NOVEMBER 11 - *Team Building: Do You Play and Work Well with Others?*

Find out how effective team building involves a shared vision, promotes mutual respect and instills trust.

WEEK SIX: NOVEMBER 18 - *Change or Die*

Learn how to adapt to client needs, streamline staff, hone time management skills and use strategic planning and goal setting to move your company forward.

REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Space is limited, so register early! Cost for the six-week institute is \$500. Complete session descriptions can be found online.

To register, visit www.ywca-nm.org. Sessions to be held at the offices of Dekker Perich Sabatini at 7601 Jefferson NE # 100. For those seeking CEU credits or for any other inquiries, please call 505-254-9922.

[From BBBI/HELP-NM](#)

Following is the BBBI/HELP-NM training calendar for August. Please note: as many of you already know BBBI is at the end of its funding. Therefore, August will be the last month that we will be offering trainings. If you or someone you know is interested in attending one of our trainings please register as soon as possible. Thank you for all of your support and we hope to see you at one of our final trainings.

Date: Tuesday August 3, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Topic: Board Development

Location: Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho, Las Cruces, NM
Presenter: Lino Trevinio, LMSW and Gracie Gonzalez

Mr. Trevinio is a Licensed Master Social Worker with over 15 years experience in board development. Ms. Gonzalez is HELP-NM/BBBI Program Manager and has over 15 years experience in the nonprofit sector with over 5 years in leadership roles. She has experience in almost every facet of nonprofit management including, program design and implementation, reorganization planning & implementation, community collaboration management, grant writing and grant management, strategic & annual planning, volunteer management and recruitment, budget design and management, leadership training plus she is proficient in MS Office Suite, Quickbooks, and Social Media.

Description: This workshop will focus on best practices, board roles and responsibilities, effective recruitment, training and retaining the best board members, Board Management Including Orientation, Planning, Committees, Meetings and annual self assessments.

Date: Tuesday August 17, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Strategic Planning

Location: Los Griegos Community Center. 1231 Candelaria Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM

Presenter: John Ross, for over 30 years, John has served the non-profit, for-profit and government sectors working for children, their families, the elderly and the community. In the non-profit world he has seen the industry from many angles; he has worked with United Way, served in agency leadership positions, chaired and/or participated in numerous community collaborations and has provided consulting services to many non-profit organizations. **John Ross** focuses on helping non-profit organizations grow stronger in their ability to serve the future. To reach that future all organizations need planning, a road-map that will guide them and, like any journey, you need friends, other organizations who will work together with you to help you get to your future. Together, all of you must create and implement programs that meet the changing needs of our communities.

Description: Participants will learn how to develop a multi-year Business Plan that will guide their organization to a desired goal. Topics will include assessing your strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; working with the Board and staff to create a unified vision; and developing measureable benchmarks to ensure your plan is implemented.

Date: Thursday August 26, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Basic Grant Writing

Location: NMSU Building, 4501 Indian School Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM

Presenter: Gracie Gonzalez, HELP-NM/BBBI Program Manager. Gracie has over 15 years experience in the nonprofit sector with over 5 years in leadership roles. She has experience in almost every facet of nonprofit management including, program design and implementation, reorganization planning & implementation, community collaboration management, grant writing and grant management, strategic & annual planning, volunteer management and recruitment, budget design and management, leadership training plus she is proficient in MS Office Suite, Quickbooks, and Social Media.

Description: This workshop will provide participants with hand out materials on basic procedures for grant/proposal writing and will focus on the development and

use of a logic model, writing concrete goals, objectives and measurable outcomes. It will also focus on how develop a good program budget and budget narrative. Come learn what funders look for in a proposal.

Date: Monday, August 30, 2010 – 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Topic: Marketing for Non-Profits
Location: Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho, **Las Cruces, NM**
Presenter: Debbie Hubbard
Description: Have you tried to advertise your organization, but with little or no results? You need a strategy., Find out how to market your organization, and which media works best for you. **This workshop is geared towards those that have some knowledge of marketing.**

Date: Monday, August 30, 2010 – 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Topic: Website Development and Social Media
Location: Branigan Memorial Library, 200 East Picacho, Las Cruces, NM
Presenter: Carolyn Hilton Miney brings over 10 years of experience in training and organizational development. She has a strong background in teaching program development, and program evaluation. She has a B.A. in Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies from the University of Colorado at Boulder and a M.A. in Organizational Learning and Instructional Technology from the University of New Mexico. Ms. Miney is continuing her doctoral studies in the Organizational Learning and Instructional technology department at the University of New Mexico, and is committed to creating culturally competent and culturally relevant programs for non profit organizations throughout the country.

Description: Have you harnessed the power of social media for your organization? Don't stand by while high tech marketing passes you by. This will be an interactive social media and website development training.

To register please e-mail Matt at matthew@helpnm.com or call Martha at 505-766-4907. When registering please provide your full name, addresses, phone number, e-mail address, date of training you're attending and which agency you represent.

[From NM VOICES FOR CHILDREN](#)

Health Care Reform Community Forums...coming to your town this summer!

Still want to know how Health Care Reform is going to affect you, your family, and your community? **Come to a community forum hosted by Health Action New Mexico.** You'll learn about the highlights of the reform from a panel of experts and have the opportunity to ask questions. We all need to be informed to make any beneficial change, and at these meetings you'll be provided with tons of resources to take home.

All materials will be available in Spanish and Spanish speaking translators will be available in some communities as well. Childcare is also provided in some of the small colonias.

Stop by, speak up and make health care reform work for you!
Contact Health Action New Mexico at 505-867-1095 for more info.

SCHEDULE:

Aug. 3, 6-8pm at the Eastern NM University Health Sciences Center, Rm. 167, in Roswell
Aug. 4, 6-8pm at the Community Center, 837 Highway 187, in Hatch
Aug. 18, 6-8pm at the Community Center, 180 La Fe Ave., in Del Cerro
Aug. 31, 6-8pm at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces

More forums to come in September and October, so stay tuned....

Other Announcements:

Nominate Someone Today!

Know someone working to make a difference in your community -- speaking up, highlighting injustice, or organizing for change? NM Voices for Children would like to honor those doing this hard work. Nominate someone today for the **Alice King Public Service Award**, the **Patty Jennings Citizen Advocacy Award** or the **Amy Biehl Youth Spirit Award** (for youth ages 13-26).

Nomination forms are available online at: <http://www.nmvoices.org/>

NM Voices will recognize these outstanding New Mexicans at our annual **Spirit of Hope Celebration** in September.

Nomination forms are due by 3pm Monday, Aug. 16 (or Tuesday, Aug. 31 for the Amy Biehl Award). Any questions? Call us 505.244.9505.

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

YFP staff continues to work hard with the young fathers and their families. NMTPC continues to keep strong supportive working relationships with community providers, probation officers, referral agencies, etc...

YFP staff worked on gathering resources for young fathers and their families. Often times the season of summer in New Mexico brings hardships to many families. Families are found with little to no resources to engage in recreational activities with their children. NMTPC was able to research activities within the community for families to participate with their children.

NMTPC staff will be participating in the Fatherhood Forum on August 10, 2010 and hopes to take a few young fathers and their families to participate in this unique opportunity for young fathers to speak directly with representatives from the White House about programs and policies in New Mexico that are working, and to make specific policy and program recommendations. Recommendations in these four areas: Early Childhood and Education, Health and Human Services, Judicial System, and Work Force.

The White House

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release
June 21, 2010

President Obama Launches Next Phase in Fatherhood Efforts with The President's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative

Today, President Obama spoke in Washington, D.C. to discuss the importance of responsible fatherhood and mentoring to build healthy families and communities. At the event, the President announced the next steps in his longstanding agenda on fatherhood and personal responsibility: The President's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. The Initiative will continue the President's effort to impact father absence in America through partnerships with fatherhood and family-serving groups and role models around the country.

The Initiative is a national call to action to address fatherlessness in America and includes the following steps:

- The White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the Office of Public Engagement will continue to host community forums on fatherhood and personal responsibility around the country, in concert with local groups. **The next forum is scheduled for New Mexico on August 10.**
- Organizations supporting the Initiative will reach out to communities and individuals around the country. Individuals who sign up for the Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative will receive e-newsletters featuring articles, tips and resources from prominent leaders in the fatherhood and family fields and information about model programs.
- Organizations supporting the Initiative will work in specific ways to have a cultural impact on responsible fatherhood, from local forums with the National Parent Teachers Association to community trainings by the National Fatherhood Leaders Group (NFLG). Partners from the National PTA to the head of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities have signed up to advance the President's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative in communities around the country.

In addition, as the President has said, while no government program can remedy the problem of father absence in America, government must do its part to help fathers facing challenges. President Obama has proposed a new Fatherhood, Marriage and Families Innovation Fund that will scale up effective fatherhood and family-strengthening programs across the country. And recognizing that the best leg up for any family is a good job, the President has also provided funding through the Department of Labor for transitional jobs programs for noncustodial parents facing barriers to employment.

Last year, the President launched a national conversation on fatherhood and personal responsibility, and members of his Administration reached out across the country to hear from fathers and their families about the challenges they face. Over the last year, Administration officials held events across the country including a discussion with Secretary Duncan in New Hampshire about the link between fatherhood and educational achievement; Secretary Locke talked to fathers in California about balancing the needs of their families with the demands of their jobs; Secretary Shinseki held a town hall for military and veteran dads in North Carolina; and Attorney General Holder traveled to Georgia for a forum about fathers in our criminal

justice system.

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 outreach@nmtpc.org, in the **Albuquerque Area**. If you are in the **Las Cruces area**, send the referral form to Gary Madrid, DA-YFP@nmtpc.org or call (575) 532-1536

For information on the Young Fathers' Project please call:

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