

NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

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Welcome to the June issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's
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1. NM Teen Parent Programs Resource Directory

NMTPC's [NM Teen Parent Programs Resource Directory](#) is now available online. This directory includes a compilation of all the known programs that serve New Mexico's pregnant and parenting teens. NMTPC would be pleased to add any additional programs upon receipt of the necessary information. The directory will be updated at least once a year and is available online. We hope this will be a useful tool in helping you locate services for the pregnant and parenting teens in your community.

Log on to www.nmtpc.org and go to the Home page.

2. Mobilizing America's Youth . . . the March Across America starts with you!

The NM Teen Pregnancy Coalition, Bernalillo County Community Health Council and Planned Parenthood of NM will celebrate "Mobilizing America's Youth...the March Across America," Wednesday, June 23, 2004 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Civic Plaza in Albuquerque.

The Bernalillo County Community Health Council will kick off it's teen pregnancy campaign at the event, "[Babies...love them enough to wait](#)," which will emphasize the advantages of graduating from high school, making a career and having a balanced life before having a baby – especially as a teen.

The event will allow teens the opportunity to talk with elected officials about youth empowerment and making a difference in their communities and will also have bands, vendors and media coverage. Look for the "Babies...love them enough to wait" table at Civic Plaza.

3. NM SHARE (Sexual Health And Risk Education) Collaborative

The NM Public Education Department/School Health Unit has applied for a grant through the Centers for Disease Control for continued funding for the NM SHARE Collaborative. We should know by August 2004 if the application was accepted. Keep your fingers crossed!!

For more information on NM SHARE Collaborative go to: www.nmshare.org or contact:

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4. A Preview of New Mexico Data from the *America After 3 PM* Household Survey on Afterschool.

While most New Mexico children, 73%, spend some portion of the hours after school in the care of a parent or guardian, 19% of New Mexico's K-12 youth are responsible for taking care of themselves. These children spend an average of nearly 8 hours per week unsupervised afterschool.

[First-Ever National Household Survey on How Kids Spend the After School Hours](#)

[America After 3 PM](#), the most in-depth study ever to explore how America's children spend their afternoons, shows that our nation is failing to give its children safe, supervised activities during the often-dangerous afternoon hours.

In communities today, 14.3 million children take care of themselves after the school day ends, including almost four million middle school students in grades six to eight. Just 6.5 million children are in afterschool programs - but the parents of another 15.3 million children say their children would participate in afterschool programs - if a program were available.

America After 3 PM was commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance with funding from the JCPenney Afterschool Fund.

For more information, go to: http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/america_3pm.cfm.

For New Mexico specific data go to:

http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/press_archives/america_3pm/NM_NR.pdf

5. New Report Available

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has published a new report.

Another Chance: Preventing Additional Births to Teen Mothers, by Lorraine Klerman, Dr.P.H. summarizes what is known about additional births to teen mothers, the dimensions of the problem, the factors that seem to increase the chances of such births occurring to teen mothers, their consequences, and the potential for prevention. The primary focus of the 49-page report (a summary pamphlet is also available) is a critical review and assessment of programs. The report closely examines what types of programs are most effective in preventing additional pregnancies and births to teen mothers.

You can download these document or order printed copy online at www.teenpregnancy.org

6. New and Improved Web Site for Girls

The mission of [4GIRLS.gov](http://www.4GIRLS.gov) is to promote healthy, positive behaviors in girls between the ages of 10 and 16. The site, originally launched in 2002, gives girls current, reliable and useful information on various health issues they will face as they become young women, as well as tips on handling relationships with family and friends, at school and at home. The US Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health (OWH) has created a new, improved Web site for girls that includes an interactive "*Speak Up*" forum in order to engage young women to take proactive steps towards a healthy lifestyle. To view this site, go to: <http://www.4GIRLS.gov>

7. Message from Maria Otero, Hispanic Community Liaison

The school year has come to an end. What are young Latinas going to do all summer? How about encouraging them to write for www.soyunica.gov as a ¡Soy Unica! ¡Soy Latina! Reporterita! This is a volunteer position for United States Latinas ages 15 to 23. Once selected, these writers serve as role models for younger Latinas by sharing their thoughts and experiences on a variety of topics. Their articles are posted on our Web site, and this position looks great on a resume or college application! For information on how to apply, visit <http://www.soyunica.gov/clubhouse/reporterita/reporterita.aspx>

Please contact me with questions or concerns about
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8. Message from Carl Dellinger, Young Fathers Project Director

The NM Young Fathers Project welcomes Mr. Paul Valdez who recently assumed Case Manager duties in the Albuquerque Office. He graduated in May from NMSU with a degree in Criminal Justice.

The NM Young Fathers Project Web Site has been updated. Please go on line and check it out at the same address: www.youngfathers.org

In the months of April and May 2004, the NM Young Fathers Project provided services to 209 young fathers statewide.

Contact me for more information:

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9. Message from Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director

The [New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition](#) is working on a media campaign this summer that will send messages to teens and adults about the value of avoiding teen pregnancy. We are pleased that The Bernalillo County Community Health Council has joined us in this effort.

We encourage anyone that is interested in collaborating with NMTPC on our media campaign to do so. Please contact us for further information.

Mil Gracias!
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