

NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

NEWS FLASH

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Welcome to the June issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's
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MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We dedicate our June issue of the News Flash to Marie Bass and David Breault, New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition Board Members. The New Mexico Young Fathers Project continues to thrive and has completed its 8th year. Stay tuned for expansion plans in the upcoming year. We offer our gratitude to the Children, Youth and Families Department, Teen Parent Services Program for the funding to continue this incredible project. Our Dona Ana County projects are flourishing and expanding, thanks to the vision and guidance of many individuals. We offer our gratitude to Silvia Sierra, Dona Ana County Health and Human Services Director, Rene Salgado, Health and Human Services Coordinator, their staff and the Dona Ana County Commissioners. In addition, our gratitude goes to the Unidos Group (Nirvana Manana, Santa Fe Community Foundation, New Mexico Community Foundation, Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation, Azalea Foundation, Cudd Foundation, New Cycle Foundation, McCune Charitable Foundation, and Taos Community Foundation). In addition, much gratitude goes out to Carol Tucker Trelease and Nirvana Manana, Veronica Salcido Harding of the New Mexico Community Foundation, and to the many individuals who have given so much of themselves to develop programs to reduce teen births in Dona Ana County.

The New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition and the New Mexico Department of Health, Family

Planning Program are conducting a study to evaluate how counties were able to meet the Challenge 2005 of reducing teen births by 20%. We look forward to releasing our findings in July or August. Our South Valley Hablando Claro/Plain Talk program is in its 2nd phase and our home health parties are proving to be a hit. Thanks to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Yolanda Cordova, NM Department of Health, Office of School Health, Kari Armijo, Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division, Susan Lovett, NM Department of Health Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program Manager, and Public/Private Ventures. Our deepest gratitude goes to Paola, Luisa, Enriqueta, Aracelly, and Kelly, our promotoras who have made it what it is. Once again thank for your support.

Warm regards,

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NATIONAL RESOURCES

1. New from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

2007 NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY A SUCCESS

Thanks to the work of individuals in communities, coalitions, and programs across the country, more than 230 national organizations and media outlets who served as official National Day partners, and 21st century word-of-mouth (the Internet), hundreds of thousands of teens participated in the sixth annual National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. The following details some of the key highlights from this year's event.

- **National Day Quiz Takers.** In 2007, approximately **350,000 people took the National Day Quiz** — up from 75,000 in 2002.
- **National Partnerships.** A total of **238 national organizations** partnered with the National Campaign to promote the National Day. [Click here](#) for a complete list of 2007 National Day Partners.
- **State and Local Partnerships.** In addition to our National partnerships, the National Day continues to be a remarkable organizing event for states and communities nationwide. For a state-by-state breakdown of National Day activities, [click here](#).
- **Media Partnerships.** More than **90 website partners** supported the National Day, including some of the top websites for teens (e.g. *MySpace.com*, *AOL*, *Cosmogirl.com*, *Seventeen.com*, *MTV.com*, *Opendiary.com*, and *Buddyprofile.com*) and popular websites that reach teen boys such as *GameShark.com* and *eBaumsWorld.com*. In addition to our online efforts, the National Campaign worked with media partners to promote the National Day and the *Stay Teen* Video Contest, including **FOX , The N, and Lifetime**.

- **Policymakers.** Elected officials also continue to promote the National Day to their constituents in various ways. This year, **Senator Blanche Lincoln** (AR) released an op-ed on teen pregnancy and the National Day that was sent to Arkansas daily and weekly newspapers; **Governor Chester Culver** (IA) proclaimed May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Iowa and urged the citizens of Iowa to increase their awareness of the need to reduce teen pregnancy in the state; and **Governor Tim Pawlenty** (MN) issued an official Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month proclamation and encouraged communities to make a commitment to reducing teen pregnancy.
- **What Did Teens Say About the 2007 National Day Quiz?** Over 1,500 teens who took the National Day Quiz took part in a post-quiz evaluation survey.

Thank you for all that you have done to make the sixth annual National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy an event to remember. Without the dedication and creativity of organizations and individuals such as yourself, we could never have accomplished such an amazing event. We look forward to working with you throughout the year and on the 2008 National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

For a more detailed overview of this year's National Day, [click here](#).

New Web Libraries Now Available

Two new web libraries of science-based resources and tools, hosted by Sociometrics Corporation, are now available through annual subscriptions.

- Teen Pregnancy and STD Research and Practice ([Teen Pregnancy RAP](#)) contains 34 replication kits for conducting effective programs for preventing teen pregnancy and STDs as well as other helpful resources.
- HIV/AIDS Research and Practice ([HIV RAP](#)) contains replication kits for 12 adult-focused and 21 youth-focused HIV prevention programs; and other tools.

These two libraries, one containing prevention materials directed toward teens and the other toward adults, feature a variety of prevention program kits, HIV screening and program evaluation tools, multimedia health education modules, and datasets related to teen pregnancy prevention and STD/HIV prevention. Subscriptions provide unlimited access to the libraries, with plans available for single-site users, multi-site users and small non-profits.

Individual items in the libraries are also available for purchase.

New Data on Abstinence Education Released

In response to a new evaluation of abstinence-only programs released today by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy released the following statement from Executive Director Sarah Brown:

- [Read](#) the statement.
- [Read](#) the report.
- [Read](#) recent press on the Campaign statement.

Latest Campaign Publications Available in the Online Store

- *Voices Heard: Latino Adults and Teens Speak Up About Teen Pregnancy*
 - [Download](#) a free copy.
- *With One Voice 2007*
 - [Order](#) copies from the Online Store.
 - [Download](#) a free copy.
- *Our Story, Our Words: Youth Speak Out on Sex, Love, and Teen Pregnancy*
 - [Order](#) copies from the Online Store.
 - [Download](#) a free copy.
- *Terms of Engagement: How to Involve Parents in Programs to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*
 - For details, please visit our [parent portal](#).

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

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June 13, 2007

“WE ARE NOT YOUR PAWNS”

Youth Activists Deliver “Pawns” to Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee to Protest INCREASE to Discredited Abstinence-Only Programs

WASHINGTON, DC (June 13, 2007) On the eve of the House Appropriations Committee vote to **increase** abstinence-only-until-marriage funding to \$140 million, youth activists from Advocates for Youth sent Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee a message - - **“Youth are NOT Pawns in Your Political Game!”**

Despite the findings of a long-awaited congressionally-mandated report showing that abstinence-only-until-marriage programs **do not work** to help teens delay sexual initiation, the House Committee is poised to provide these ineffective programs with their first increase in four years. A recent article in CQ Today cited Democrats as seeing the additional abstinence-only funding as “paving the way for more spending on domestic programs they favor”- - in short, a trade-off for things they think are more important.

“What they’re really saying is that young people like me are expendable,” said Meheret “Mimi” Melles, a member of Advocates’ International Youth Leadership Council. ***“I’ve got this to say to Democrats - - I’m old enough to vote and I’m pretty pissed right now.”***

“I expected this from conservative Republicans - - after all, they created these programs,” Melles continued. ***“But after last November’s election, I was sure the Democrats would quit funding these bad programs.”***

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 preventing sexually transmitted diseases. The 10-year study ordered by Congress and conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. 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.”

“I don’t understand how they can keep ignoring the facts,” said Alejandra Salazar Salame, a policy intern with Advocates for Youth. ***“The facts are supposed to matter when it comes to research and policy. The facts tell us to stop funding programs that don’t work and start funding programs that do. It’s really quite simple.”***

Although teen pregnancy rates are decreasing, the United States still has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the industrialized world, with between 750,000 and 850,000 teen pregnancies a year. Each year, teens in the United States contract an estimated 9.1 million sexually transmitted infections and approximately 50 young people a day, an average of two young people every hour of every day, are infected with HIV.

“The constituency for scientifically accurate sex education is huge. Over 82 percent of Americans support comprehensive sex education. These folks include parents, teens, medical professionals, teachers and religious leaders who all believe that abstinence-only programs are a colossal waste of their money,” said James Wagoner, President of Advocates for Youth. ***“Over the next months, Democrats will hear from these people.”***

[3. New from the Center for Law and Social Policy \(CLASP\)](#)

[Improving TANF for Teens](#), by Jodie Levin-Epstein and Angie Schwartz, Skadden Fellow, Teens & TANF Project Director, National Center for Youth examines the capacity of the nation’s welfare program to assist adolescents, delineates the special rules of TANF for teen parents, and offers recommendations related to both populations. Tips on ways that Legal Aid organizations can work with teens who need help – and are often overlooked - are also provided. This article first appeared in “Our Commitment to Youth” a special issue of *Clearinghouse Review: Journal of Poverty Law and Policy*, published by the [Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law](#) in July-August 2005. Pub No. 05-39. 12 pages. 8/19/2005

[Targeting Poverty: Aim at a Bull’s Eye](#) by Jodie Levin-Epstein and Webb Lyons. Forty years after the war on poverty and a year after Katrina struck, commitments to tackle poverty are beginning to come back onto political and policy agendas. The report identifies efforts around the nation to set poverty targets -- numerical goals and timelines -- for the reduction or elimination of poverty. For example: In California, a 2006 bill calls for child poverty to be eliminated by 2026; in Connecticut, state law already establishes that child poverty is to be reduced by 50 percent by 2014. Among the reasons why poverty may be gaining attention is the increasing concern among many Americans that at some point they and their families may experience poverty. These and other issues are explored. 16 pages. 8/29/2006

[4. New from Kaiser Family Foundation](#)

NEWS RELEASE

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EMBARGOED UNTIL JUNE 19, 2007 at 9:30 am ET:

Parents Say They're Getting Control of Their Children's Exposure to Sex and Violence in the Media -- Even Online

But Concerns About Media Remain High, and Most Support Curbs on Television Content

Washington, D.C. -- Even as the media environment continues to change, 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, according to a new national survey of parents released today by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Sixty-five percent 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.

Parents are particularly confident in monitoring their children's online activities. Nearly three out of four parents (73%) say they know "a lot" about what their kids are doing online (among all parents with children 9 or older who use the Internet at home). Most parents whose children engage in these activities say they check their children's Instant Messaging (IM) "buddy lists" (87%), review their children's profiles on social networking sites (82%), and look to see what websites they've visited (76%) after they've gone online.

At the same time, parents continue to express significant concerns about children's exposure to inappropriate media content in general. Two-thirds (65%) of parents say they are "very" concerned that children in this country are exposed to too much inappropriate content in the media and a similar proportion (66%) favor government regulations to limit TV content during early evening hours. Minority parents express the most concern: African American and Hispanic parents are more likely than Whites to say they are "very concerned" about their children's exposure to sex, violence and adult language in the media (67% for African Americans and 57% for Hispanics vs. 45% for Whites for sexual content; 64% and 55% vs. 39% for violence; and 60% and 51% vs. 34% for coarse language).

"While parents are still concerned about a lot of what they see in the media, most are surprisingly confident that they've got a handle on what their own kids are seeing and doing - even when it comes to the Internet," said Vicky Rideout, vice president and director of Kaiser's Program for the Study of Entertainment Media and Health.

The report, *Parents, Children & Media: A Kaiser Family Foundation Survey*, is a national survey of 1,008 parents of children ages 2-17. It was released today at a forum that included a presentation of key findings by Kaiser vice president and lead researcher, Vicky Rideout, followed by a roundtable discussion. The panelists included Mike Angus, general counsel, Fox Interactive Media (MySpace); Jim Dyke, executive director, TV Watch; Victor Strasburger, program chair, Council on Communications and Media, American Academy of Pediatrics and chief, Adolescent Medicine, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, and Tim Winter,

president, Parents Television Council. A webcast of the event will be available after 5 p.m. ET today at <http://www.kff.org/entmedia/entmedia061907pkg.cfm> .

Additional findings:

Media Content

* About a quarter of parents (23%) say inappropriate media content is one of their "top" concerns as a parent, while another 51% say it's a "big" concern, but not one of the top concerns.

Media Ratings

* Parents' use of the TV and video game ratings has stayed virtually the same since 1998 at about 50%, while use of music advisories has gone up (from 41% to 52%), and use of movie ratings has declined (from 86% to 77%).

* Among parents who have used any of the media ratings, the proportion who say they find them "very" useful has increased over the years, from 43% to 58% for video game ratings, 45% to 56% for music advisories, and 42% to 49% for the TV ratings.

* Many parents still don't understand what the TV ratings mean. Among parents who have children ages 2-6, only three in 10 can name any of the ratings used for children's shows, including TV-G, or G, which means "general audience." Only 11% know that the rating FV indicates violence (it stands for "fantasy violence"), while 9% think it means "family viewing." And only 11% know that the rating EI means educational or informational programming. Among parents with any child ages 2-18, 61% know that TV-14 means the show may be inappropriate for children under age 14 and just over half (54%) know that TV-MA means for mature audiences.

V-Chip

* One in six parents (16%) say they have ever used the V-Chip to block specific TV content -- not a statistically significant change from 15% in 2004 (but up from 7% in 2001).

* Eight in 10 parents (82%) say they have purchased a new TV since January 2000, when the requirement that all TVs over 13" be equipped with a V-Chip went into effect. Among those parents, more than half (57%) aren't aware that they have a V-Chip.

* Among parents who have a V-Chip and are aware of it, 46% say they have used it.

* Among those who have used the V-Chip, 71% say they found it "very" useful.

Advertising

* One in three parents (34%) say they are "very" concerned that their children are exposed to too many ads in the TV programming they watch, while 35% say they're "somewhat" concerned, 18% say they are "not too" concerned and 11% are "not at all" concerned.

* Among parents who are concerned about advertising, ads for toys top the list (18%), followed by video games (17%), clothing (17%), alcohol/beer (11%) and food (10%).

Educational Media

* A majority of parents (59%) say it's true that children who watch educational TV have better verbal skills, and 41% say baby videos have a positive effect on early childhood development (17% say that's not true, while 35% say they're not sure).

* A majority of parents (56%) of younger children (ages 2-6) say baby videos positively affect development.

* The majority of parents with children ages 2-13 are at least somewhat satisfied with the number and quality of educational shows available for their children (16% are "very" satisfied, 50% "somewhat" satisfied), compared to 30% who say they are "not too"

(21%) or "not at all" (9%) satisfied.

Internet Monitoring

* Among parents with children age 9 or older who use the Internet at home, four in 10 (41%) say they use parental controls to block access to certain websites.

* Among those whose children use e-mail, four in 10 (39%) say they read their child's email or look in their inbox.

Methodology

The results presented here are based on a national random digit dial telephone survey of 1,008 parents of children ages 2-17, along with a series of six focus groups held with parents across the country. All quantitative findings are based on the results of the national survey.

The survey was designed and analyzed by staff at the Kaiser Family Foundation, in collaboration with Princeton Survey Research Associates International (PSRAI); fieldwork was conducted by PSRAI. The survey was conducted from October 2-27, 2006. The margin of error from sampling is plus or minus 4 percentage points. Trend data are from surveys conducted by the Foundation in August 2004 and in April 1998.

Focus groups were held in Irvine, California; Dallas, Texas; and Chicago, Illinois. Two groups were held in each city: one with mothers of children ages 9-11, and one with mothers of children ages 12-14. Participants were recruited for the groups by independent research firms, and the conversations were moderated by Foundation staff. Additional focus groups were held in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of making a videotape of parent comments.

The Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation dedicated to providing information and analysis on health care issues to policymakers, the media, the health care community and the general public. The Foundation is not associated with Kaiser Permanente or Kaiser Industries.

[5. New From SIECUS Public Policy Office](#)



Happenings in Washington, DC. . .

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From Around the Nation. . .

Recent Legislation in Iowa and Washington Advances Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Utah Legislation Restricts Them

Recent legislation in states across the country will have significant impact on adolescents' access to sexual and reproductive health information. In both Iowa and Washington, the state governments have moved to further comprehensive sexuality education, ensuring that young people have access to complete, medically accurate information. On April 20, Iowa Governor Chet Culver signed a bill (House File 611) into law mandating that sexuality education curricula use up-to-date, age-appropriate, research-based materials. Washington's *Healthy Youth Act* (House Bill 1855/ Senate Bill 5297) passed in the House on April 11 and in the Senate on March 7, it was signed into law by Governor Chris Gregoire on May 2. The law requires school districts that choose to offer sexuality education to teach medically accurate and comprehensive sexuality education. Conversely, Utah has restricted sexual and reproductive health and rights as Governor Jon Huntsman signed a bill (House Bill 236) into law on March 10 that allows schools to ban Gay-Straight Alliance clubs (GSAs) if they do not "maintain the boundaries of socially acceptable behavior." For more information about this recent legislation, click [here](#).



Seen and Heard in the Media. . .

U.S. Supreme Court Rules Federal Abortion Ban Constitutional

On April 18, 2007, the Supreme Court ruled in a 5–4 decision to reinstate a federal law banning so-called "partial-birth" abortion in the cases *Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood* and *Gonzales v. Carhart*. The decision, which overturned the rulings of three appeals courts, upheld the federal "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003," which prohibits a specific abortion procedure known medically as intact dilation and extraction. The ruling means that doctors who perform the prohibited abortion procedure may face criminal prosecution, fines, and up to two years in prison. While the legislation was signed into law by President Bush in 2003, lower court rulings had blocked it from ever taking effect. The ruling marks the first time since the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that the court agreed to a prohibition on specific abortion procedures with no exception for safeguarding women's health. For more information about the federal abortion ban, click [here](#).



Take Action...(New!)

Each month we will highlight a section of SIECUS' Community Action Kit that will help you take action on the local and state level, whether you are a student, parent, teacher, school administrator, health professional, youth-serving professional, policymaker, or concerned community member.

This Month...Getting Ready to Advocate

In order to be the most effective advocates for adolescent reproductive health and rights, Plain Talk sites must know who is making decisions about comprehensive sexuality in their communities, and be prepared to debunk the most common myths used by opponents of comprehensive sexuality education. In the [Getting Ready to Advocate](#) section of the [Community Action Kit](#) you'll find:

- [Sexuality Education Policy: Who Makes Decisions?](#)
- [Controversies Over Sexuality Education](#)
- [Debunking Myths: Comprehensive Sexuality Education](#)
- [Debunking Myths: Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs](#)
- [Debunking Myths: Condoms and Contraception](#)



Programmatic Ideas, Evaluations, and Resources. . .

Resources from the Healthy Teen Network

The [Center for Adolescent Health & the Law](#) partnered with [Healthy Teen Network](#) to produce a series of brochures for providers, parents, and teens about young people's right to receive confidential contraceptive services. For the full report of *Helping Teens Stay Healthy and Safe: Health Care, Birth Control and Confidential Services* and a description of these brochures, click [here](#).

Resources from the National Sexuality Resource Center

The [National Sexuality Resource Center](#) is a division of San Francisco State University that gathers and disseminates the latest information and research about sexual health, education, and rights. Check out their [Web Resources](#) page, with links to academic institutions and community-based organizations that specialize in sexuality information and advocacy throughout the United States.

Resources from the University Consortium for Sexuality Research and Training

The University Consortium for Sexuality Research and Training runs [Dialogues](#), a site that alerts members to grant and fellowship opportunities, and also provides access to working groups, researchers and experts in the field of sexuality. For more information about Dialogues or to become a member, click [here](#).



Funding Opportunities. . .

The following are announcements from colleague organizations with current funding opportunities.....

Do Something Grant for Young Social Entrepreneurs

Do Something, a non-profit that supports young social entrepreneurs and social activists, is teaming up with two other organizations to award multiple grants of \$500 each to people under the age of 25. Do Something and GameStop are awarding grants to young people who have an idea for a community-action project and need support in implementing it, and Do Something and Plum TV are awarding grants to young social entrepreneurs who have recently created a sustainable project, program, or organization and need funding to continue it. Both grants are awarded weekly, and the deadline for each is rolling. For more information, click [here](#).

Richard Riley Award

The KnowledgeWorks Foundation and the American Architectural Foundation will be awarding \$10,000 to recognize design and educational excellence in "schools as centers of community." All public schools, including charter schools, are eligible, and the deadline for entries is July 9, 2007. For more information, click [here](#).

Staples Foundation for Learning

The Staples Foundation is awarding funds to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, especially disadvantaged youth. Grants awarded are in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 range, and to be eligible, organizations must have nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c) (3) classification. The deadline for the grant application is August 3, 2007. For more information, click [here](#).

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[6. New from Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina](#)

ActionLine Monthly Alert

APPCNC's North Carolina Hispanic Symposium: Teen Pregnancy Prevention for Hispanic/Latino Youth

This year's conference will take place on July 26, 2007 at The Friday Center in Chapel Hill, NC, and will feature the following speakers:

- **Axel Lluch**, Office of the North Carolina Governor, Director of Hispanic/Latino Affairs
- **Abigail English**, Director for the Center of Adolescent Health and Law
- **Carlos Ugarte**, Senior Health Adviser to National Council of La Raza, the largest national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in U.S.

Tuition Fees:

Early registration (prior to June 26): \$80
After June 27, the fee is: \$95

To register [click here](#)

Contact Alejandra Zorrilla at azorrilla@appcnc.org or 919-932-9885, x.25 with any questions.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Group Homes (MGHs)**

Funded by the US Administration for Children and Families, this grant opportunity is designed to support TLPs for runaway and homeless youth and MGHs offering the same services, but also providing parenting instruction, child care and possibly transportation, family planning, abstinence education and pregnancy prevention services.

Deadline: July 30, 2007 Click [here](#) for more information.

Ludwick Family Foundation Grants to Support Purchase of Tangible Items

The Ludwick Family Foundation is accepting initial request forms for grants to assist a broad array of groups that are working to make a positive difference in the world. Grants are provided for tangible items that assist a program or project rather than funding the program itself.

Deadline: July 1-September 1, 2007 (Initial request forms accepted)
Click [here](#) for more information.

Local Initiative Funding Partners - Supporting Innovation in Health and Health Care

Local Initiative Funding Partners Program (LIFP) is a partnership program between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers to fund promising, original projects to significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities.

Deadline: July 10, 2007 Click [here](#) for more information.

RESOURCES**Handbook for Parenting Teens - Orange County**

Orange County School recently produced a handbook for parenting teens. It could also serve as a great guide if you would like to do something similar for the parenting teens in your community. For more information contact Donna Williams at 919-732-6133 x19500 or donna.williams@orange.k12.nc.us

Fatherhood Mentoring Program

The National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) recently launched "Double Duty Dad" - a new program designed to give fathers a chance to mentor children and inexperienced dads. Click [here](#) for more information.

Resource for HIV/AIDS Information Now Available in French, Spanish, Russian, Hindi and Chinese

Updated daily with the latest information on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria, GlobalHealthReporting.org, a free Web site for global health news, reports and data, is now available in French, Spanish, Russian, Hindi and simplified Chinese. Click [here](#) for more information.

Report of the APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls

The American Academy of Pediatrics convened a group of six psychologists to study the impact of friends, parents and media on the sexual development of girls and young women. Click [here](#) to view the report.

Financing for Youth in or Transitioning from Foster Care

The Finance Project's Vulnerable Children and Youth Practice Group has three publications that examine the landscape of players, funding sources, and strategies that can help support asset-building, financial education, entrepreneurship, and training for youth in or leaving foster care. Click [here](#) for more information.

Youth Resources on HIV/AIDS

The Interagency Youth Working Group hosts a Web site for resources on youth reproductive health and HIV/AIDS, including a searchable database of research and resources. Click [here](#) for more information.

Guide to Adopting and Sustaining EBP in Out-of- School Time Programs

The aim of this brief is to describe evidence-based practices (EBP) for out-of-school time practitioners, and provide valuable resources to incorporate EBP into "on the ground" practice in out-of-school time programs. Click [here](#) for more information.

SCIENCE MATTERS

No Link to Promiscuity Found in Youths Using Condoms

A new study has found that adolescents who use condoms the first time they have intercourse do not go on to have more sexual partners than others, and that they have lower rates of sexually transmitted diseases than those who do not use condoms the first time. Click here to read the abstract: <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/content/abstract/97/6/1090>.

Who Is Influencing Our Teenage Boys' Sexual Behavior?

If you have teenage boys and are unsure about what topics to cover when discussing 'the birds and bees' with them, it may be worth reading [the latest piece of research about sexual communication and teenage boys](#) by Marina Epstein and L. Monique Ward from The University of Michigan.

Risk Taking in Adolescence: New Perspectives From Brain and Behavioral Science

According to this study, an underdeveloped mechanism in the brain increases the chance that teens will engage in risky behaviors. The study also indicates that communities can have a much greater effect on reducing risky adolescent behaviors by implementing interventions focused on environmental change rather than concentrating on information-driven prevention programs. (Steinberg, L. (2007). **Risk Taking in Adolescence: New Perspectives From Brain and Behavioral Science**. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 16(2), 55).

Reasons for Unprotected Intercourse: Analysis of the PRAMS Survey

This study, recently published in the journal *Contraception*, was conducted to identify reasons why women had unprotected intercourse that led to an unintended pregnancy.

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 RESOURCES

Dear New Mexico Colleagues and Partners,

As you may know, the Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office is pursuing a number of Federal Initiatives to create enabling policies and financing mechanisms for local Nurse-Family Partnership programs.

Right now, we're promoting the Healthy Children and Families Act of 2007 (S.1052), introduced by Ken Salazar (D-CO) and Arlen Specter (R-PA), which provides states with an option to include evidence-based, nurse home visitation services in their Medicaid and State Child Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP).

Congresswoman Dianna DeGette (D-CO) will be introducing the house version of this legislation in the coming days – and we'd very much so like to court Congresswoman Wilson as an original co-sponsor of the Healthy Children and Families Act.

As such, **we'd appreciate it if you, and others from New Mexico, you might reach out to (e.g., health collaborative, community leaders, corporate partners, etc.) can review and send the attached letter to Congresswoman Wilson.** The letter requests that she sign on as a co-sponsor of the Healthy Children and Families Act of 2007. You can feel free to customize or edit the letter; we'd just like these letters (or phone calls, if easier) to be sent out, via fax.

For our records, we'd also appreciate it if you could fax a copy to Tamar Bauer at 303-951-3884.

To support the efforts of anyone who has the opportunity to advocate for this bill, attached are:

- S.1052: Healthy Children and Families Act of 2007 [click here](#)
- Letter to Representative Wilson requesting her support
- Q&A on S.1052
- Summary of Potential Cost Savings to Medicaid and SCHIP (prepared for Congressional Budget Office)
- Analysis of Projected Impact by Julia Isaacs, First Focus Fellow, Brookings Institution
- General NFP Overview and Cost-Benefit Analysis

Through our efforts at the national level, and with continued interest from you, we can see NFP grow in New Mexico! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments!

Kind regards,

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Message from the Young Fathers' Project

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

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