

NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

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Welcome to the November issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's
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1. Conference Update

It's less than 3 weeks away!! [Caminos Nuevos in Teen Pregnancy Prevention](#) will be held in Las Cruces on [Wednesday, December 3](#). The Holiday Inn de Las Cruces has extended the discounted room rate (\$60 single/double) until November 19.

Conference highlights include:

- A special guest presentation by Senator Cynthia Nava
- The School's Role in Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Family and Cultural Issues in the Latino/Hispanic Community Family Issues in Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Hands-on Skills for Working with Teens
- Adolescent Development – The Vulnerable Years
- Mental Health Issues of Adolescents
- Male Involvement in Teen Pregnancy
- Sexuality in the Media
- What's In the Medical Tool Bag to Prevent Teen Pregnancy?
- Can We Talk? Parent/Child Communication
- A Youth Perspective on Teen Pregnancy
- An early evening program on the latest research on poverty in New Mexico. [Bare Bones Budget: The Real Cost of Living in New Mexico](#) will be presented by Kay Monaco, Executive Director of New Mexico Voices for Children.

If you did not received a conference brochure, you can access it online at

www.nmtpc.org

or contact the Kesselman-Jones conference coordination
at [266-0552](tel:266-0552) or conferenceinfo@KessJones.com

2. New Data on Teen Pregnancy

According to new data released by the National Center for Health Statistics, the U.S. teen pregnancy rate for girls 15-19 declined 25% between 1990 and 1999. (Note: that this is pregnancy rate – not birth rate) Other highlights from the report include:

- The overall pregnancy rate for girls 15-19 in 1999 was 86.7 per 1,000
- The teen pregnancy rate for girls 10-14 was 2.2 per 1,000. Rates for girls 15-17 was 55.9 per 1,000, and the rate for 18-19 year olds was 131.9 per 1,000.
- Rates for girls 10-14 decreased 37.1 %, rates for girls 15-17 decreased 30.4%, and rates for girls 18-19 decreased 18.8 % between 1990 and 1999.
- The 1999 pregnancy rate for non-Hispanic White girls aged 15-19 was 59.7 per 1,000, the rate for non-Hispanic Black girls was 153.8 per 1,000, the rate for Hispanic girls was 133.1 per 1,000. The three groups saw decreases of 31.9%, 30.5% and 14.6% respectively (between 1990 and 1999).
- Non-Hispanic Black girls have the highest pregnancy rate, however, Hispanic girls have the highest birth rate.
- According to these rates, it is estimated that 25% of non-Hispanic White, 57% of non-Hispanic Black, and 51% of Hispanic teen become pregnancy at least once before age 20.

The report also indicated that teen birth rate (as distinguished from pregnancy rate) dropped 19% between 1990 and 1999. The abortion rate was also down 39%.

For more details, go to

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/03facts/pregbirths.htm>

3. Meeting Announcement: YIPES and SHARE Invite You To A Meeting

You are invited to attend a meeting with two NM groups who are working to reduce risky sexual behavior among school-age youth. In case you're not familiar with these groups, **YIPES** stands for **Youth Intervention, Prevention Education in Schools**. **NM SHARE** stands for **Sexual Health And Risk Education**.

The meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 5 (10 AM – Noon) at the Cooperative Education Services Building at 4216 Balloon Park Rd. NE in Albuquerque. To RSVP, please contact Linda Brooks at 505-286-5366 or at share@nmtpc.org

4. Message from Maria Otero, Hispanic Community Liaison

If you work with Hispanic youth, this month's ReCAPP web site will be of interest to you. It includes an interesting article on [Racial/Ethnic Disparities & Cultural Competency in Teen Pregnancy, STD, & HIV Prevention](#). Also, their Skills For Educators section has a segment on [Meeting the Needs of Diverse Youth](#).

To access these and other useful resources, go to the Resource Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention at www.etr.org/recapp and explore the New Content For the Month section.

If you have questions or ideas about addressing New Mexico's high Hispanic teen pregnancy rate, please contact me at (505) 254-8737 or maria@nmtpc.org

5. Message From Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director

NMTPC wants you to know that we are serious about reducing teen pregnancy in our state!

Watch for future issues of [NEWS FLASH](#) to get details about our new plans and activities, such as:

- NMTPC is developing a "Parent Agenda" designed to support the role of parents in teen pregnancy prevention.
- We will be approaching teen pregnancy prevention from a statewide perspective but are also developing regional interventions.
- A social marketing campaign will send messages to teens and adults about the value of avoiding a teen pregnancy.
- NMTPC will sponsor trainings on "best practice" curriculum that have science-based evidence of effectiveness.
- Our web site will continue to expand in order to bring you the latest and best research and resources.

By the way, if you're a new reader of [NEWS FLASH](#), you can view back issues of at our web site, www.nmtpc.org

Mil Gracias!
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