

# NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

## NEWS FLASH

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#### **A. NEW MEXICAN TEEN PRESENTS AT NATIONAL CAMPAIGN'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

On September 14, 2005, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy celebrated its 10th anniversary with a dinner benefit to highlight the enormous progress that the nation has made in

reducing teen pregnancy. The evening underscored the on-going challenge of teen pregnancy, celebrated the nation's success, and outlined clearly how much work remains to be done. In addition, the National Campaign launched new initiatives, thanked long-time friends, and welcomed the participation of many high-profile corporations, members of Congress, celebrities, and, of course, teens themselves.

Teen, Albert Arocha of Chamberino, New Mexico, was on hand to present an award to Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CT) for her dedication to preventing teen pregnancy in Connecticut, particularly among the low-income Hispanic community in New Britain, and her steadfast support for the National Campaign.

"One of the best ways to help teenagers avoid pregnancy is to give us opportunities that are more attractive -- something to say "yes to," he remarked to an audience of over 500 people. "One person who is helping teens see a better future is Representative Nancy Johnson of Connecticut. Congresswoman Johnson has been a leading force in the fight to reduce teen pregnancy and a strong supporter of the National Campaign from the beginning."

Albert Arocha is a member of the National Campaign's 2005-2006 Youth Leadership Team. Now a high school senior, Albert cares deeply about the role of young men in preventing teen pregnancy. Albert is a member of the New Mexico Civic Engagement Group and is very active in other community groups and activities.

### **B Freeze Frame: A Snapshot of America's Teens**

Produced in conjunction with Child Trends, [Freeze Frame](#) presents data on a wide variety of topics, from teens' sexual behavior to their religious beliefs. The data are grouped into seven areas of influence---health, family, peers and partners, school, community, media and consumer behavior, and religious and spiritual beliefs. We hope the 112-page chart book will help correct many common misconceptions about teens as well as provide adults and those working directly with teens with a more textured understanding of teens. For the complete report [click here](#).

### **C. Media Consumption in America at Record High**

A new report from Nielsen Media Research says the average American home watches more than eight hours of television a day. Average individual viewing is now more than 4.5 hours a day. To read a *Variety* magazine article about the report, [click here](#).

### **D. New Teen Postcard Packet Available**

These striking black & white photos of the National Campaign's "Youth Leadership Team" make a great gift, and with their facts about teen pregnancy on the reverse side, serve to remind the recipient that teen pregnancy is still a problem. To purchase the postcards, visit the National Campaign's [online store](#).

### **E. Lifetime's "Mom at Sixteen" Available on DVD**

Lifetime's "Mom at Sixteen," starring Danielle Panabaker ("Empire Falls"), tells the story of Jacey Jeffries (Panabaker), a high school junior with a secret: her infant brother is really her son. Academy-Award® winning actress Mercedes Ruehl ("The Fisher King," "Married to the Mob") stars as Jacey's well-meaning mother and Jane Krakowski ("Ally McBeal") portrays Donna Cooper, the guidance counselor who discovers Jacey's secret and tries to help her.

The DVD hits stores on November 8th, 2005. [Click here to preorder it](#).

## **F. CDC Awards National Campaign New Three-Year Grant**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Unintended and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program announced that it will award the National Campaign a second, three-year grant. The grant will allow the Campaign to continue the work it began for the "Coalition Capacity Building for Teen Pregnancy Prevention" program that commenced in October, 2002. The National Campaign is thrilled to expand upon the programs that the first grant allowed it to develop throughout the past three years, including the effective, popular program "Putting What Works to Work."

The National Campaign looks forward to putting these additional resources and tools to good use, as well as to the opportunity to cooperate with the other grantees. To read more about "Putting What Works to Work", [click here](#).

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

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### **A. "Grandma, What's Syphilis?"**

#### **It's Time to Talk: Public Service Announcements**

Initiating conversations about the facts of life may be difficult for some because they did not grow up in an environment where the subject was discussed. Some parents may be afraid they do not know the right answers or feel confused about the proper amount of information to offer. Some youth are uncomfortable talking about sex with the adults they trust. So, in recognition of Let's Talk Month, celebrated each October, Advocates for Youth created two public service announcements (PSAs) to get people talking.

Online at <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/parents/movies.htm>

### **B. Advocates for Youth and SIECUS File Legal Complaint against Government for Spreading False and Misleading Sex Education**

This month, Advocates for Youth and the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) filed a challenge to the federal government's funding of inaccurate and ineffective abstinence-only-until-marriage programs. The challenge was filed with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the guidelines set forth by the Data Quality Act of 2000. Advocates for Youth and SIECUS issued the challenge to the quality of data and information disseminated through abstinence-only programs, sponsored by the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) under HHS.

To read more about this challenge, visit <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/press/091305.htm>

### **C. Let's Talk Month Planning Guidebook**

Advocates for Youth sponsors Let's Talk Month. Observed each October by states and communities throughout the country, Let's Talk Month emphasizes the importance of young people and the adults they trust talking about sex. Advocates for Youth recently updated its Let's Talk Month Planning Guidebook. The guidebook provides strategic tips and examples to help local communities plan and

implement activities for Let's Talk Month. It also includes fact sheets, guidance for involving youth and working with the media, and sample forms.

Online at <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/ltn.htm>

#### **D. Stop Government Censorship in Hollywood**

Take Positive Action for Responsible Television (Take P.A.R.T.) to support accurate sexual health information and positive images on television.

This month's Take P.A.R.T. alert recognizes the TNT original series The Closer for addressing the very difficult topic of sex trafficking of women and children in the United States. To send a letter in support of this program to TNT and the FCC, visit:

[www.capwiz.com/advofy/issues/alert/?alertid=8025656](http://www.capwiz.com/advofy/issues/alert/?alertid=8025656)

#### **E. Job Opportunity at Advocates for Youth: Manager of Internet Services**

The Manager of Internet Services works within the Department of Public Information Services and with Advocates for Youth's other departments to implement, manage, and coordinate systems to meet the organizational needs of Advocates' staff and clients. The Manager of Internet Services is responsible for day-to-day operations of two of Advocates' organizational Web sites, manages the creation and distribution of Advocates' e-mail newsletters, and oversees maintenance and growth of the organization's database.

For more information or to apply, visit [www.advocatesforyouth.org/about/employment.htm#Internet](http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/about/employment.htm#Internet)

### **[www.clasp.org](http://www.clasp.org)**

- A. CLASP Audio Conference
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#### **A. Sign up for CLASP Audio Conference: October 14, 2005, 12:30-1:30 ET**

Better Jobs: New Ways to Raise Income for Welfare Families.

Welfare-to-work programs have often taken a "work first" approach since the 1996 overhaul of the welfare program. However, new research and experience have led some work programs to focus not just on any job but on "better jobs" (i.e., jobs with higher wages, employer benefits, improved retention potential, career ladders). To achieve employment through better jobs, welfare programs are tackling a range of strategies, including reorienting how recipients search for jobs and broadening access to skills training or post-secondary education. What does recent research about better jobs reveal about welfare recipients' potential earnings gains over time? As a result of redesigned programs, how have employment, earnings, retention, and advancement outcomes changed for welfare leavers?

[www.clasp.org/confdescriptions.php#14](http://www.clasp.org/confdescriptions.php#14)

Guests: Harry Holzer, Visiting Fellow, Urban Institute; Shauna King-Simms, Kentucky Community and Technical College System

## **B. CLASP Welcomes Evelyn Ganzglass**

CLASP is delighted to welcome Evelyn Ganzglass as our new Director of Workforce Development. A recognized expert on U.S. workforce policies and practices, Ms. Ganzglass has devoted much of her 30-year career to strengthening connections among workforce development, education, economic development, and social services policies to help low-income families advance out of poverty. In addition to workforce development, her areas of expertise include youth development and employment, adult literacy, vocational education, and outcome-based accountability.

Prior to joining CLASP, Ms. Ganzglass led the Education Development Center's Global Workforce in Transition project, which provides workforce and economic development assistance to U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) missions and countries worldwide. Before that, she oversaw the Employment and Social Services Policy Studies for the National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices and served in numerous positions in the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration.

## **C. New Publications**

\* *New TANF Bill Provides Additional Funds for Katrina Relief*, by Mark Greenberg. The House and Senate have approved the TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005 (H.R. 3672), which gives states access to additional TANF funds to help families affected by Hurricane Katrina. This document describes provisions of the new legislation and discusses a pending bill that would further modify the H.R. 3672 structure. 7 pages. 9/22/2005

[www.clasp.org/publications/new\\_tanf\\_bill\\_and\\_katrina\\_relief\\_cj2.pdf](http://www.clasp.org/publications/new_tanf_bill_and_katrina_relief_cj2.pdf)

\* *The TANF Fiscal Structure: Trends, Implications of Reauthorization and Katrina*, by Mark Greenberg. This PowerPoint presentation to a regional meeting of the National Association of State Budget Officers highlights trends in the use of TANF funds, discusses the potential fiscal impact of reauthorization, and describes recent guidance and legislation relating to use of TANF funds for assisting families affected by Hurricane Katrina. 29 pages. 9/22/2005

[www.clasp.org/publications/nasbo\\_greenberg\\_9-19.pdf](http://www.clasp.org/publications/nasbo_greenberg_9-19.pdf)

\* *Campaign for Youth Issues Considerations for Youth and Communities Impacted by Hurricane*, by Linda Harris. This collective response from a coalition of national policy and advocacy organizations draws attention to the needs of the vulnerable youth impacted by Hurricane Katrina and makes a set of recommendations. 3 pages. 9/20/2005

[www.clasp.org/publications/cfy\\_katrina\\_final.pdf](http://www.clasp.org/publications/cfy_katrina_final.pdf)

\* *In Everybody's Best Interests: Why Reforming Child Support Distribution Makes Sense for Government and Families* by Vicki Turetsky. The public child support program serves more than 17 million children, but many never see the funds collected on their behalf. Instead, collections are used to recoup the public costs of families' welfare cash assistance. Although welfare cost recovery was one of the initial goals of the child support program, recent proposals to reform the policy would shift the primary emphasis to family support. This brief describes the regulations governing assignment and distribution of funds, and how families and government alike stand to benefit from the direct pass-through of child support payments to children. Pub No. 05-38. 8 pages. 9/16/2005

[www.clasp.org/publications/cs\\_brief\\_1\\_final.pdf](http://www.clasp.org/publications/cs_brief_1_final.pdf)

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), a national, nonprofit organization founded in 1968, conducts research, policy analysis, technical assistance, and advocacy on issues related to economic security for low-income families with children. For more information about CLASP, visit [www.clasp.org](http://www.clasp.org)

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#### [4. New from the NM Department of Health](#)

##### **Authors Explore Association Between Neighborhood Characteristics And Adolescent Sexual Behavior**

"Our results . . . suggest that neighborhood context may be positively or negatively associated with sexual initiation, depending on gender," state the authors of an article published in the September 2005 issue of Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health. Very few U.S. studies have focused on how both individual and neighborhood characteristics influence individual adolescents' initiation of sex or use of contraceptives. The study described in the article had two goals: (1) to determine whether neighborhood-level associations previously observed in multilevel cross-sectional studies were confirmed in cross-sectional analyses using a nationally representative data set of adolescent females and males and, (2) to explore a wider range of neighborhood factors, including potentially protective and harmful ones, in relation to sexual initiation and contraceptive use.

Data for the study were drawn from home surveys conducted in 1994-95 as part of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. The study sample included 14,151 students in grades 7 through 12 who lived in 2,100 census tracts throughout the United States. Three dependent variables were examined: (1) whether the student had ever had sexual intercourse (those who reported ever having had intercourse were then asked whether they or their partner had used any method of birth control), (2) the first time the student had intercourse, and (3) the most recent time the student had intercourse. Individual- and household-level variables included poverty status, parental education, race and ethnicity, age, and family structure.

Neighborhood-level variables included socioeconomic characteristics, norms and opportunity structures, social disorganization, and racial or ethnic composition. Gender-specific analyses assessed associations between both individual- and household-level characteristics and neighborhood-level characteristics and self-reported adolescent sexual behavior.

The authors found that all four dimensions of neighborhood context were independently associated with sexual initiation among students in grades 7-12. The neighborhood-level analysis varied by gender as follows:

\* Males living in neighborhoods in which more than 10% of households were below the poverty level had an elevated likelihood of reporting sexual initiation, compared with those in areas in which 5% or fewer households were below the poverty level. Conversely, males in neighborhoods in which more than 2% of households were affluent had decreased odds of having sexual experience compared with males in areas in which 2% or fewer households were affluent. No significant associations for these socioeconomic characteristics were found for females.

\* Both males and females in neighborhoods with any idle youth were more likely to report sexual

initiation, compared with their counterparts in areas with no idle youth.

\* A high concentration of women workers in neighborhoods was marginally associated with a reduced likelihood of sexual initiation for males. A high concentration of married-couple households in neighborhoods was associated with a reduced likelihood of sexual initiation for females.

\* For females, living in neighborhoods that were more than 33% black was marginally associated with an increased likelihood of sexual initiation, whereas living in neighborhoods that were more than 15% Hispanic was associated with decreased odds of being sexually experienced.

\* Females living in neighborhoods with the highest concentration of idle youth were more likely to report nonuse of contraceptives at first sex, compared with females in neighborhoods with the lowest concentration.

"Our results suggest that an exclusive focus on behavior and personal responsibility will have a limited effect on sexual initiation unless contextual influences at the neighborhood level are also addressed," conclude the authors.

Cubbin C, Santelli J, Brindis C, et al. 2005. *Neighborhood context and sexual behaviors among adolescents: Findings from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 37(3):125-134.

Available at [www.agi-sa.org/pubs/journals/3712505.html](http://www.agi-sa.org/pubs/journals/3712505.html)

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## **5. New from the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health**

### **MCH Alert: Tomorrow's Policy Today**

This and past issues of the MCH Alert are available at [www.mchlibrary.info/alert/archives.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/alert/archives.html)

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### **A. Program Designed To Help Families Be More Active**

Get Hip & Get Fit is a new national program that aims to help parents choose family activities that promote physical activity. Program tools, designed by Shape Up America, include a series of posters with physical activity ideas. The posters, which may be downloaded or ordered online, are intended

for use by parents, educators, and health professionals in promoting a healthy lifestyle for families that balances food intake with physical activity. The tools are available at [www.shapeup.org/fittips/download1.html](http://www.shapeup.org/fittips/download1.html)

### **B. Report Provides Broad Portrait Of What Adolescents Are Doing And Thinking**

Freeze Frame: A Snapshot of America's Teens presents data on a wide variety of topics, from adolescents' sexual behavior to their religious beliefs. The chartbook, produced by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy in conjunction with Child Trends, groups data into seven areas of influence -- health, family, peers and partners, school, community, media and consumer behavior, and religious and spiritual beliefs. The chartbook is intended to help correct many common misconceptions about adolescents as well as to provide adults and those working directly with adolescents with a more textured understanding of adolescents. The chartbook is available at [www.teenpregnancy.org/works/pdf/FreezeFrame.pdf](http://www.teenpregnancy.org/works/pdf/FreezeFrame.pdf)

### **C. Study Examines The Implications Of Social Support For Rural, Partnered African-American Women's Health Functioning**

"Overall, these findings imply that health functioning among rural, partnered African American women was significantly impacted by the perceived quality of their intimate relationships and their social relationships with neighbors, indicating that social connections provide unique benefits to this understudied subpopulation," state the authors of an article published in the September-October 2005 issue of Women's Health Issues. Few studies focus on rural women and even fewer on African-American rural women. In addition, most epidemiological surveys of health functioning are based primarily on samples of urban African-American women (most of whom are single mothers), clinical samples, or both. The article examines the ways in which interactions with significant individuals, particularly intimate partners and community residents, may influence the health functioning of African-American women living in rural communities.

Data were drawn from the Family and Community Health Study (FACHS), a multi-site, three-wave study of neighborhood and family effects on the health and development of African-American children and their caregivers residing in Iowa and Georgia. The current study included a subsample of 349 African-American women from the larger FACHS sample who were either married or cohabitating with a male partner. Measures were assessed via women's self-reports and included intimate-relationship quality (instability, relationship satisfaction, perceived warmth from partner, and perceived hostility from partner); health functioning (psychological and physical health); and community support (high and low perceived levels of social ties and collective socialization). The analysis determined the significance of the effects of intimate-relationship quality on health functioning, and whether the impact of intimate-relationship quality varied with community cohesion.

The authors found that:

\* Intimate-relationship quality was associated significantly and positively with women's physical and psychological health functioning.

\* The impact of the link between intimate-relationship quality and health functioning was stronger for women living in less cohesive communities.

"These benefits underscore the importance of community-level health promotion programs that enlist the support of community members," state the authors. They conclude that "recognition of the powerful effect that contextual factors can have on married African-American women's health should inform community-based programs designed to support connection, socialization, and cohesion."

Black AR, Cook JL, Murry VM, et al. 2005. *Ties that bind: Implications of social support for rural, partnered African American women's health functioning*. *Women's Health Issues* 15(5):216-223.

Abstract available at

[www.journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/whi/article/PIIS1049386705000526/abstract](http://www.journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/whi/article/PIIS1049386705000526/abstract)

Readers: The articles and editorials in the September-October 2005 issue of *Women's Health Issues* were inspired by the 2004 National Rural Women's Health Conference, the third in a series of programs intended to bring national visibility to the health problems facing women who live in rural communities in the United States. The content focuses on emerging trends and practices in rural health and mental health services research. The journal is available to subscribers at

[www.journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/whi/current](http://www.journals.elsevierhealth.com/periodicals/whi/current)

#### **D. Authors Investigate Women's Use Of Over-The-Counter Medications During Pregnancy**

"OTC [over-the-counter] medication use during pregnancy is extremely common," state the authors of an article published in the September 2005 issue of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. Although the availability of a medication as an OTC product may reflect the fact that it has been deemed safe for use by the non-pregnant population, such availability does not necessarily imply that the drug is safe for use during pregnancy. The article describes the extent of OTC medication use during pregnancy and discusses potential public health implications.

The study sample was drawn from participants in the Boston University Slone Epidemiology Center Birth Defects Study (BDS) and the National Birth Defect Prevention Study (NBDPS). As part of the larger studies, mothers of infants with and without birth defects were asked to recall medications taken during pregnancy for specific illnesses (e.g., a cold or the flu) as well as specific medications taken (e.g., Tylenol, Advil, Aleve). Both studies excluded vitamin, mineral, and herbal products.

An examination of recent rates of OTC medication use during pregnancy included data on 7,563 BDS participants who were interviewed between 1998 and 2004. An examination of secular trends in OTC medication use included data on 20,251 BDS participants who were interviewed between 1976 and 2004. An examination of demographic and regional patterns in OTC medication use included data on 2,970 NBDPS participants who delivered non-malformed live infants between October 1997 and June 2001.

The authors found that:

\* In both the BDS and NBDPS, acetaminophen was the most commonly taken medication, with at least 65.5% of women taking it at some point during pregnancy. The next most commonly taken medications were ibuprofen and pseudoephedrine (15%), cough medicines and antihistamines (7%), and aspirin and naproxen (4%).

\* Although use of some medications, such as aspirin and chlorpheniramine, has decreased over the years, the use of most has increased during the past two decades; use of ibuprofen, naproxen, diphenhydramine, dextromethorphan, and loratadine have continued to increase in recent years.

\* Rates of acetaminophen, pseudoephedrine, diphenhydramine, and guaifenesin use during the first, second, or third trimester of pregnancy were higher than rates during the 3 months before pregnancy.

\* Rates of analgesic and decongestant use were higher for white women (compared with African-American, Hispanic and Asian-American women), for women with some college (compared with

women with less education), and for women ages 20 and older (compared with younger women). Antihistamine use showed the same pattern in terms of women's education and age, but the rates were similar for white, African-American, and Asian-American women and lower for Hispanic women.

\* Adjusted rates of analgesic and antihistamine use were similar across states, whereas adjusted rates for decongestant use were more variable.

"The common use of OTC medications in pregnancy necessitates further studies to establish safety or to identify risk," state the authors. "In conclusion," they add, "it is imperative that we obtain empiric evidence of whether such exposures are safe."

Werler MM, Mitchell AA, Hernandez-Diaz S, et al. 2005. *Use of over-the-counter medications during pregnancy*. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Abstract available at [www.ajog.org/article/PIIS0002937805003467/abstract?browse\\_volume=193&issue\\_key=TOC%40%40JOURNALS%40YAJOG%400193%400003&issue\\_preview=no&select1=no&select1=no&start=&startpage=&vol=](http://www.ajog.org/article/PIIS0002937805003467/abstract?browse_volume=193&issue_key=TOC%40%40JOURNALS%40YAJOG%400193%400003&issue_preview=no&select1=no&select1=no&start=&startpage=&vol=)

### **E. Article Assesses Patient Advisories To Improve Safety In Health Care**

"The development and distribution of advisories to help patients help ensure their own safety in health care was probably well intended and might help to reduce errors and harms, but the possibility remains that the advisories may be ineffective or even have unwanted consequences," state the authors of an article published in the September 2005 issue of the Journal on Quality and Patient Safety. The article identifies a number of concerns about the development, content, and potential implications of currently distributed advisories about how patients and families could potentially contribute to their own safety in health care.

From September 2003 through August 2004, the authors examined five major advisories that inform patients about safety in the context of professionally delivered health services. The advisories were produced by high-profile national organizations and had been widely disseminated. The authors developed a critique, drawing on published literature and a series of discussions with key informants with particular expertise and interest in patient involvement and patient safety issues.

The authors found that

\* None of the advisories considered the nature of the relationship between health care errors, harms, and poor outcomes, and none specified current safety-related standards.

\* The advisories were optimistic about patients' ability to contribute to ensuring their own safety in health care; however, they varied in the extent to which they explained the basis for their recommendations.

\* The advisories were written from a health professional's perspective, with little input from patients. No systematic attempts were made during the advisories' development to ascertain patients' beliefs, concerns, and self-perceived information needs about health care safety and their own roles in promoting it.

\* None of the advisories were formally evaluated in practice before widespread distribution.

\* There is currently little empirical evidence about the effects of the distribution of safety tips on patients' perceptions of their safety and their inclination to adopt the recommended behaviors.

The authors conclude with three main recommendations for future efforts to involve patients in ensuring their own safety and in the promotion of health care safety more generally: (1) engage in rigorous research and debate to tackle the questions of what roles are appropriate for patients to play in efforts to enhance their safety and how health professionals should facilitate patients' contributions, (2) critically examine and periodically review the advice that is given to patients about their safety in the context of professionally delivered health care, and (3) take seriously the inherent limitations of giving advice to patients, and provide practical support for appropriate patient roles.

Entwistle VA, Mello MM, Brennan TA. 2005. *Advising patients about patient safety: Current initiatives risk shifting responsibility*. Journal on Quality and Patient Safety 31(9):483-494. The full text article and summary are available from the Commonwealth Fund at [www.cmwf.org/publications/publications\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=297152](http://www.cmwf.org/publications/publications_show.htm?doc_id=297152)

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## **6. New from the National Adoption Clearinghouse**

In preparation for National Adoption Month, the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse and the Collaboration to AdoptUsKids (both services of the Children's Bureau) have launched the 2005 National Adoption Month website: [naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/index.cfm](http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/index.cfm)

Highlights of the 2005 National Adoption Month website include:

\* November 2005 Calendar with suggested activities to celebrate adoption in November  
[naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/activities\\_calendar.cfm](http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/activities_calendar.cfm)

\* National Adoption Day, (Saturday, November 19, 2005), a day when hundreds of children around the country will have their adoptions finalized in local courts and jurisdictions throughout the nation  
[www.nationaladoptionday.org/2005/](http://www.nationaladoptionday.org/2005/)

\* Resources for Spanish-speaking families, which include fact sheets on various topics, as well as state by state contact information for Latino organizations in the adoption field.  
[naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/recursos\\_espanol.cfm](http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/recursos_espanol.cfm)

For additional information on adoption issues, visit the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse website at [naic.acf.hhs.gov](http://naic.acf.hhs.gov)

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## **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **A. OPPORTUNITY FOR FATHER AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT PRESENTERS**

The Arizona Fathers & Families Coalition, Inc, (AZFFC) seeks Conference Workshop Proposals for the 7th Annual Southwestern Fatherhood & Families Conference, February 21-24, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The September 30, 2005 submission deadline for the Conference Workshop Proposals has been extended by one week.

Pre-conference sessions will take place February 22 that includes partnerships with the Family & Corrections Network from Virginia and National Practitioners Network for Fathers & Families from Washington, DC.

In addition, National Head Start Association (NHSA) will offer its Enhanced Building Blocks for Father Involvement Training (EBBFI), February 21-22, 2006.

Visit [azffc.org/](http://azffc.org/) to learn more about the conference, exhibitor and advertisement opportunities and attendance

Visit [www.nhsa.org/training/enhanced/index.htm](http://www.nhsa.org/training/enhanced/index.htm) to learn more about EBBFI.

For more information, please contact AZFFC President and CEO. James Rodriguez by phone: 480/461-6135 or via e-mail: [jrodriguez@azffc.org](mailto:jrodriguez@azffc.org). Visit AZFFC's web site: [www.azffc.org](http://www.azffc.org) to download the Proposals and to register for both the EBBFI pre-conference training and the 7th Annual National Southwestern Fatherhood & Families Conference.

Hope to see you there!

### **B. NEXT YIPESHARE MEETING**

Friday, December 2, 2005  
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
Cooperative Education Services  
4216 Balloon Park Road NE  
Albuquerque, NM

(From I-25 take exit 229 to Jefferson, go one block north of Singer, turn west or left onto Balloon Park Road)

For any person or organization working to reduce risky sexual behavior among school-age youth

For More Information Contact:

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Please save the date and plan to join us then

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

The Therapeutic Visitation Program (TVP) of the Young Father's Project and the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition aims to put young fathers together with their children in a controlled and therapeutic setting, so that the fathers can develop parenting skills and bond with their children. We see this as a win-win situation. The young fathers learn valuable skills and attach to their children. The children gain access to their fathers and develop attachments to them. Society gains as fathers and children bond and fathers become more willing to take on the responsibilities of parenthood.

As an example, I worked with a young father at the Youth Diagnostic and Detention Center who had very limited contact with his daughter until she was one year old. He was present at his daughter's birth but then got himself locked up. The relationship between the young father and the mother of his child had been strained since his incarceration so his child grew to one year of age without having seen her father. We managed to persuade the mother to allow visits in a controlled setting between the father and daughter. Both father and daughter were apprehensive at first, but after a few months of twice-per-week visits they became very close. This relationship continued even after the young father's release. All situations don't go this well, but there is reason to believe that most of the time even limited contact between young fathers and their children is good for all concerned.

Larry Maxey  
Therapeutic Visitation Program

If you know of a young father who needs assistance with paternity issues, wants to learn to be a good father, or needs to talk to other young fathers for mutual support, please the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition (505) 254-8737 or go to the New Mexico Young Fathers Project web page – [www.youngfathers.org](http://www.youngfathers.org).

Services are being provided in the following cities: Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Springer, Las Cruces, Gadsden, and Silver City. Both individual and group services are available on a weekly basis to clients with an emphasis on helping these young men gain the tools to be responsible, dependable, competent fathers.

For information on the Project please call:

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## [Message from Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director](#)

Preparations for the NMTPC Conference on December 9, 2005 are well underway and brochures should be in the mail in the next month or so. The theme this year is Teen Pregnancy in New Mexico: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. This should be an exciting and informative day for all of us involved in teen pregnancy issues. We have lined up some excellent speakers, and there will be many opportunities to network and find out about all the good work being done in the State. Watch for more information as the date approaches, and please mark your calendars for Friday, December 9, 2005 as the Conference will be much better with your participation. Thanks to all of you for the hard work you do in support of New Mexico's teens.

Mil Gracias!  
Sylvia Ruiz, Executive Director  
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