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MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 20, 2011

A gift donation in honor of Marilyn Bowman's 70th birthday. In honor of her dedication to Public Health Nursing Services and Adolescent Teen Pregnancy Prevention the state of New Mexico. A gift in the amount of \$100.00 made by Margy Wienbar and Naomi Kisten.

Sylvia Ruiz
Executive Director
New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition

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

Youth Leadership Team Recruiting Home Stretch

The National Campaign is looking for bright, committed, and enthusiastic teens from across the nation to join our Youth Leadership Team (YLT). Do you know anyone who fits the bill? Recruiting ends on Wednesday, June 1, so get your applications for the 2011-2012 YLT in today!

- [Get more information and download an application form here.](#)
- Curious about what being a YLT member is like? Read firsthand accounts from one of some YLT alums [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Now Available: *Pocket Protector*

The Pocket Protector is a small (pocket sized) pamphlet for teens featuring the 8 most effective/popular methods of contraception; each page has a cartoon-style image and a brief description of the method. *The Pocket Protector* is available in shrink-wrapped packs of 25 for \$5 per pack.

- [Purchase copies of *Pocket Protector*](#)
- [Download copies of *Pocket Protector*](#)

The Public Costs of Unplanned Pregnancy

Unplanned pregnancy costs taxpayers approximately \$11 billion each year, according to [two new studies](#) from the [Guttmacher Institute](#) and [Brookings Institution](#). Additional new research provides the first-ever [state-by-state estimates](#) of unintended pregnancy. Among the headlines:

- Preventing unplanned pregnancy would yield substantial taxpayer savings. As [Adam Thomas](#) and Emily Monea of Brookings conclude, “The prevention of unintended pregnancy represents an important opportunity for the public to reap substantial savings, especially given the current fiscal climate. The enactment or expansion of cost-effective policies to prevent unintended pregnancies is therefore a timely and sensible strategy.”
- Fully 64% of births resulting from unplanned pregnancies were publicly funded in 2006--- compared with 48% of all births and 35% of births resulting from intended pregnancies.
- At least 38% of pregnancies are unintended in all 50 states---more than half are unintended in 29 states and D.C.
- The media state unintended pregnancy rate was 51 per 1,000 women aged 15-44.

9INE Is Up for a Telly Award!

9INE -- the dramatic new web series about teen pregnancy as told from the perspective of the young father-to-be -- is up for a Telly Award! The Tellys honor the very best in local, regional, and cable television as well as the finest video and film productions, and work created specifically for the web. You can vote as often as you like between now and June 10th by clicking here: <http://www.youtube.com/tellyawards?x=pjLkBPdHqCQ>.

Want to know more about 9INE? [Watch episodes and download discussion guides online.](#)

In Case You Missed It:

- [The High Price of Unplanned Pregnancy](#) May 19

- [16 and Pregnant: The Ol' School-Childcare Balancing Act](#) May 17
- [Divine Disconnect: Should Faith Leaders Be Talking to Their Congregations About Sex?](#) May 16
- [Down the Rabbit Hole: Family Planning Cuts Get Curiouser and Curiouser](#) May 13
- [16 and Pregnant: Relationships and Regrets](#) May 11
- [Happy National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#) May 4
- [16 and Pregnant: Tough Times for Jamie and Ryan](#) May 4
- [Dear Diary, How Do I Prevent Teen Pregnancy?](#) May 2
- [How Do YOU Score?](#) May 1

From the Healthy Teen Network

Call for Nominations for Healthy Teen Network's Annual Awards

Healthy Teen Network is now accepting nominations for its annual awards. The purpose of the Annual Awards Program is to recognize programs, groups and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to promote the health and well being of youth through their personal or professional efforts. Awards will be presented during [Bridging the Gender Divide: Toward a Balanced Approach to Promoting Healthy Youth and Young Families](#), October 11-14, 2011 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards:

Outstanding Teen Parent (Male or Female)

This award is presented to a former teen parent who has overcome the obstacles of very early parenting to achieve extraordinary personal and/or professional success. Typically, this person is at least 30 years old, self-sufficient, and demonstrates outstanding leadership in achieving community or career goals. This person may or may not be a Healthy Teen Network member. Former teen fathers are especially encouraged to apply.

Outstanding Emerging Innovation

This award is presented to a program in existence for less than three years. The award winning program will be comprehensive in scope, innovative, linked with other appropriate public or private agencies and could possibly be replicable in other areas.

The Carol Mendez Cassell Award for Excellence in Sexuality Education

This award recognizes sexuality educators who demonstrate commitment to the application of research in the practice of sexuality education policy and programs. Carol Mendez Cassell, a sexuality educator with more than three decades of directing educational research and prevention programs, offers this award in the belief that an evidence-based approach is essential in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of future sexual health policies and programs. (The recipient of this award will receive a plaque and a \$500 cash award along with free registration to the conference.)

Award nomination materials are available [online](#). Deadline for submissions is June 30, 2011.

Resource Locator

The [Resource Locator](#) is a website where users can quickly and easily find local resources to help them improve their lives. Users can enter their zip code and find links to local daycares, health providers, schools, family and marriage counselors, and much more.

For more information, or to have your organization listed please contact [Eric Lamoureux](#), Resource Database Manager at One Economy Corporation.

Healthy Teen Network Member Spotlight: Inwood House Helping Teens Take Charge of Their Lives

[Inwood House](#) was founded in New York City in 1830, originally in response to the spread of prostitution. The organization--at that time called The Magdalen Benevolent Society--worked to provide sexually exploited women "a means of establishing a more meaningful life." In 1917, the organization changed its name to Inwood House "to create privacy for their young women and a secular identity." Throughout their 181 years, Inwood House has consistently offered [innovative programs and services](#) to New York City's most vulnerable and disconnected young people.

Teen Choice is Inwood House's school and community-based, asset-building, mental health model of teen pregnancy and disease prevention. Teen Choice serves 1,700 New York City youth in five schools. Through classroom dialogues, small-group discussions, individual counseling parent outreach, and youth leadership initiatives, Teen Choice Masters level social workers help adolescents clarify their values and learn the benefits of delaying sexual activity and parenthood. Teens also learn comprehensive, up-to-date sexual health information.

Among other positive outcomes, independent research indicate that youth who attend Teen Choice schools demonstrate: increased knowledge of in comprehensive factual information about pregnancy, HIV/STIs, and the risks of sexual behavior; improved attitudes consistent with delaying sexual activity and avoiding teen pregnancy and parenthood and delaying the onset of sexual activity; and increased and improved communication about sex and other issues with parents, trusted adults, and in relationships.

The Inwood House Maternity Residence is a haven for pregnant teens in foster care, homeless or adjudicated, who have nowhere else to turn. In addition, since 1968, Inwood House has offered the Mother/Baby Foster Care Program, which places teenage mothers and their new babies in foster homes where both benefit from a safe, healthy family environment. Through this program, the young mother has the opportunity to nurture her baby while she continues her education and prepares for a career.

Another vital Inwood House program is Fathers Count, which helps young fathers take on their share of parental responsibilities and serve as positive role models for their children. Fathers enrolled in the program also learn the importance of having a close, life-long relationship with their child. Fathers Count provides parenting and family planning classes, educational and vocational referral and placement, recreational activities, counseling, a safe supportive atmosphere, and positive peer influence.

In 2009, Inwood House opened a state-of-the-art Teen Family Learning Center in Manhattan with corporate, private foundation, individual, and public support. The only one of its kind in New York City, the Inwood House Teen Family Learning Center serves as a national model of service for pregnant and parenting teens and as a training institute for the city's graduate schools of social work, public health, and early child development.

If you have any questions about the Healthy Teen Network Spotlight, please contact [Kelly Connelly](#).

Not yet a member of Healthy Teen Network? [Join today!](#)

NOTE: Healthy Teen Network does not endorse any item or organization listed in the Healthy Teen Network E-gram or Healthy Teen Network Spotlight.

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

National Report Shows Students Who Don't Read Well in Third Grade More Likely to Not Finish High School

A new report, [Double Jeopardy: How Poverty & Third-Grade Reading Skills Influence High School Graduation](#), released on April 8, 2011 finds that students who don't read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to leave without a diploma than proficient readers. The report, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is a longitudinal study of nearly 4,000 students and their parents. It is notable in breaking down for the first time the likelihood of graduation by different reading skill levels and poverty experiences.

Ensuring Stability for Children at Home and in School

The latest Voice newsletter from Casey Family Services highlights the importance of educational stability for youth in foster care. It also features a profile of Brenda Donald, vice president of the Center for Effective Family Services and Systems at the Annie E. Casey Foundation; a look at the gains made in foster care in the United States; and the story of Jimmy Wayne, a country music singer who went on a 1,700 mile trek to raise awareness of foster youth.

[From the Rutgers University, Answer Sex Ed, Honestly](#)



Dear Educators and Youth-Serving Professionals,

I'm excited to announce that Sexetc.org has launched a mobile Web site which can be viewed from any cell phone with a web browser. You can now access information from Sexetc.org day or night from your mobile device! Simply scan the image below with any mobile barcode

scanner and you'll instantly be directed to [Sexetc.org's](http://Sexetc.org) mobile Web site.



You can view Answer's official press release by clicking [here](#). If you'd like us to e-mail you the image (QR code) to give to your students or colleagues, click [here](#) to e-mail your request.

Also, don't forget to check out www.sexetc.org/subscribe to see a sample of the spring issue of the *Sex, Etc.* magazine!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Slawsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Slawsky, M.B.A., Ed.M.

Sex, Etc. Magazine

If you're thinking about subscribing to *Sex, Etc.* magazine don't hesitate! With tens of thousands of issues purchased annually, *Sex, Etc.* is great resource for introducing and teaching about sexuality. As an affordable resource written by teens and accompanied by lesson plans for educators, *Sex, Etc.* magazine is an educational tool that no educator should be without! *Sex, Etc.* is also a wonderful resource for clinics and libraries as well! For ordering information and a sneak peak at the latest issue, visit Sexetc.org/page/subscribe or see the attached order form. For more information contact Yasmin at 732-445-7929.

Online Professional Development: Webinar Recordings Available

If you missed our highly successful webinars this year, not to worry, you can purchase CD recordings with slides included. Topics included teens, technology and sexuality and teaching sex ed to students with developmental disabilities. For more information click [here](#) or view the attached order form.

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[From the State Bar of New Mexico](#)

The State Bar of New Mexico will be hosting our **Fourth Annual New Mexico Legal Service Provider Conference** on Thursday, June 2nd, and Friday June 3rd, 2011.

Attendees of the conference are primarily attorneys and support staff working for legal service provider agencies, whose clients are low-income New Mexicans. These legal service providers often have the need to refer clients to other agencies for assistance in areas of their lives other than the legal realm. In order to learn about referral opportunities across the state, we are holding a "Resource Fair" on both days. We expect over 75 attorneys and legal service provider staff at our conference.

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to set up and staff an exhibitor table at our fair. We ask that you bring information on what services are available through your organization so that our legal service providers may refer people to your organization. Also, we'd ask that you send a member of your organization to staff your table. You may choose either Thursday, June 2nd or Friday June 3rd to participate in the fair.

There is no charge for you to set up a table. We will provide a table (6'x 1.5') and a chair for each organization displaying materials at our Resource Fair. The tables are smaller than the normal exhibitor tables, but this allows us to have more exhibitors. We have no walls for hanging displays – all materials for display must fit on the table. (NOTE: SPACE IS LIMITED)

We would appreciate your attendance at our Resource Fair. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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[From Parents Reaching Out](#)

PRO in the News

7th Annual Family Leadership Conference

Legislative advocacy was the focus of the 7th Annual Family Leadership Action Network (FLAN) Conference held April 28th -29th. Johnny Wilson, Executive Director of Parents Reaching Out

opened the conference by encouraging the audience to engage in advocacy by sharing their stories. "Advocating is about educating," and educating through story telling is very powerful, he told the families and professionals that attended this year's conference. Systems change can be accomplished in a variety of ways, not just by going to the legislature.

Keynote speaker, Andy Lotrich informed and entertained the audience with his presentation, "It is all in the Numbers - Lobbying for Success." Andy demystified the idea of lobbying legislators - "Lobbying is giving information to the right people at the right time and in the right way." He shared with families that they have what it takes to advocate for change because they feel strongly about the issues they are advocating for. "When you speak from the heart there is no need to be nervous," he told the group. He stressed the importance of numbers when advocating for changes to systems since politicians pay a lot of attention to the numbers of calls, letters, and visits they receive from their constituents.

Breakout sessions were offered in six areas: Early Childhood, Fatherhood, General Education, Health, Health (in Spanish), and Special Education. The sessions were structured to provide the participants with information about effective advocacy and then give participants guidance in contextualizing their own stories to share with legislators.

On Friday, a remembrance of the late Polly Arango was offered by her daughter, Francesca Wilson. Polly was a co-founder of Parents Reaching Out and a strong advocate for children and families throughout her life. Many of the families at the conference had known and worked with Polly.

The conference culminated with a mock legislative session. Participants presented their proposals to NM State Senators Clinton Harden, Linda Lopez, and Michael Sanchez. Participants offered proposals on topics such as the development of highly qualified school leaders, mobile early childhood development centers for rural communities, and access to health services in rural areas. In addition, groups representing fathers and Spanish speakers shared their stories and struggles with the senators in order to highlight the difficulties that they have faced due to biases in the educational and health care systems. The senators offered positive and constructive feedback to the presenters. Several of the proposals may be introduced during the interim legislative session.

The 2011 FLAN Conference was attended by over 300 families and professionals. It was sponsored by Parents Reaching Out, the New Mexico Department of Health, and the Navajo Nation Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation.

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

New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition/Young Fathers Project Invite You to Attend: A Training on Resources for Young Fathers.

The New Mexico Young Fathers Project would like to invite you to attend a training on June 17, 2011 from 10-1pm. A collaborative effort will be made to increase understanding and resources for service providers working with young fathers. Join us in a discussion that will work to promote a clearer understanding in regards to navigating the legal Processes in Filing for Visitation through District Court, Establishing Legal Paternity, Compliance and Comprehension of Child Support Enforcement and utilization of the New Mexico Putative Fatherhood Registry.

Featured Presenters will be:

Jillian Goodmacher, Child Support Enforcement
Jessica Tafoya, NMTPC/NMYFP Community Liaison
Gilbert Ramirez, LISW, LCSW, NMYFP - Clinical Consultant
Rebecca Thomas, Paralegal, 2nd Judicial District Court Self Help Center

To ensure adequate resource packets and handouts, please RSVP by calling our office at 254-8737 or e-mail: comm-lia@nmtpc.org

Date: Friday June 17, 2011

**Location: United Way of Central New Mexico
2340 Alamo AV SE #200
Albuquerque, NM 87106**

Time: 10am-1pm

Light refreshments will be served.

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 Jessica Tafoya, Fax (505) 254-8741 or email to comm-lia@nmtpc.org, in the **Albuquerque Area**. If you are in the **Las Cruces area**, send the referral form to Gary Madrid, gj02madrid@yahoo.com or call (575) 532-1536

For information on the Young Fathers' Project please call:

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