



eNewsletter (Text)

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6th Annual Teen Pregnancy Prevention Conference

Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Mark your calendars and register now for the Alabama Campaign's Sixth Annual Conference to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

([http://www.acptp.org/uploadedFiles/2009%20Conference%20Brochure\(1\).pdf](http://www.acptp.org/uploadedFiles/2009%20Conference%20Brochure(1).pdf)) The conference will be held on April 28, 2009 at the Children's Hospital in Birmingham, AL. During the conference participants will learn about reframing the issues of (1) teen pregnancy prevention and (2) support of pregnant and parenting teens in a way that will generate public interest and support for these critical issues. For more information or to register visit us online at www.acptp.org. (<http://acptp.org/training/>)

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Time Magazine

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(<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1886558.html>) was published by Time Magazine on March 19th and discusses an innovative relationship and sex-education curriculum in Anderson, South Carolina. According to the article, "South Carolina is the only state in the country that mandates a certain number of hours that schools must devote to sexuality education. In 2004, a school district in Anderson County decided to do even more. The district partnered with a local teen-pregnancy-prevention organization to implement an innovative relationship and sex-education curriculum that runs through all three years of middle school and into high school, as well as an after-school program for at-risk kids."

With One Voice (lite)

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Results from a new public opinion survey of teens and adults—*With One Voice (lite) 2009*—(http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/pubs/WOV_Lite_2009.pdf) provides some guidance on what might help to reverse the recent increase in the teen birth rate. (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/birthdata/default.aspx>)

Results from the nationally-representative survey make clear that (1) when it comes to

teens' decisions about sex, parents are more influential than they think, and (2) adults and teens view efforts that encourage teens to delay sex and that encourage sexually active teens to use contraception as complimentary not contradictory strategies.

Ten Reasons to Still Keep the Focus on Teen Childbearing

Child Trends

Seven years ago, Child Trends drew on statistics and research findings to produce a report called Ten Reasons to Keep the Focus on Teen Childbearing. That report took note of the steady decline in the nation's teenage pregnancy and childbearing rates, beginning in 1991. But the report also acknowledged that "this good news isn't good enough news," citing multiple reasons to continue to be worried about teen childbearing. These reasons have taken on greater urgency in light of data showing that the teen birth rate in the United States increased in 2006 and 2007. This reversal has spurred renewed concerns about the problem of "kids having kids" on the part of parents, policy makers, service providers, researchers, and others—for good reason. The new report Ten Reasons to Still Keep the Focus on Teen Childbearing (http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2009_04_01_RB_KeepingFocus.pdf) was released March 2009.

Sexting and Safety

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

In December 2008, The National Campaign and CosmoGirl.com released the results of a national survey on "sexting." (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/sextech/>) Sexting, which is a combination of the words sex and texting, is the act of sending sexually explicit messages and/or photos electronically, primarily between cell phones.

A new tool designed to help young people think about cell phone safety is now available thanks to the Web Wise Kids, a nonprofit organization based in California. Based on true stories, It's Your Call

(http://www.webwisekids.org/our_software.asp?page=itsyourcall)

is an online, interactive game for middle school children that allows users to play out difficult situations in cyberspace. Players become a live action character in an interactive movie and are presented with a series of difficult decisions that they have to make.

The *Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's eNewsletter* provides links to articles and websites with information on current events, research, funding opportunities and other items related to teen pregnancy prevention. The inclusion of this information does not imply endorsement by the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (ACPTP) and the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the official position, policies or views of ACPTP.