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Congress Approves Funding for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

On Sunday, December 13, the United States Senate passed its package of FY 2010 Appropriations bills, including the Labor HHS appropriations bill, which contains funding for a new teen pregnancy prevention initiative. President Obama is expected to sign these bills into law by December 18th, at which point \$100 million will be available for competitive grants to organizations in states and communities for evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs!

This is an exciting step forward in providing much-needed funding to states and communities for these critical programs, especially in light of the recent rise in the teen birth rate. This initiative is the first and only large scale federal investment dedicated to preventing teen pregnancy through proven, effective efforts. For more information about the initiative, and to read The National Campaign's statement on this important legislation, click here

http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/policymakers/budget_statement.aspx).

Many thanks to those of you around the country who made your voices heard and expressed your support to your Members of Congress for funding for evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs. The National Campaign will continue to provide regular updates as this funding becomes available and to serve as a resource if you have questions or need information. For information on funding for other programs included in the spending package, please check the National Campaign's funding chart (http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/Briefly_FY2010_Budget.pdf), which we will update in the coming days.

Community Benefit Report 2008-2009

Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has released our first Community

Benefit Report

(<http://www.acptp.org/uploadedFiles/Community%20Benefit%20Report%202009.pdf>), highlighting some of our activities during the past year. We will continue to work in the coming months and years to reduce the incidence of teen pregnancy in Alabama by creating a climate that ensures young people in Alabama receive the knowledge and skills they need to enter adulthood free from unintended pregnancy.

A Tool to Assess the Characteristics of Effective Sex and STD/HIV Education Programs - Now Available in Spanish

Healthy Teen Network

Healthy Teen Network is very pleased to offer a newly-translated version of the Tool to Assess the Characteristics of Effective Sex and STD/HIV Education Programs (TAC)(http://healthyteennetwork.org/index.asp?Type=B_PR&SEC=%7B2AE1D600-4FC6-4B4D-8822-F1D5F072ED7B%7D&DE=%7BB3E92693-FE7D-4248-965F-6AC3471B1E28%7D), based on Dr. Douglas Kirby's research on common characteristics of rigorously evaluated HIV, STD and teen pregnancy prevention curricula.

The TAC is a user-friendly program assessment tool that guides practitioners on program selection, improvements, adaptations, and development. Healthy Teen Network provides training on the characteristics of effective programs and facilitation of the TAC process in both English and Spanish. This tool is especially useful to guide assessments of programs that have not been evaluated and could be considered "promising" if program components align with the TAC.

The 2008 State and County Teen Pregnancy Information for Alabama is now available!

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Visit our website (<http://www.acptp.org/fact-sheets/>) for a complete list of the 2008 teen pregnancy information!

Kaiser Issues Two Reports on State Medicaid Coverage of Family Planning and Perinatal Services

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The Kaiser Family Foundation has released two related issue briefs that document coverage of family planning services and perinatal services in state Medicaid programs. Both papers highlight selected findings from the 2007/2008 State Survey of Reproductive Health Services Under Medicaid, conducted jointly by the Kaiser Family Foundation and George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services.

The first brief, *State Medicaid Coverage of Family Planning Services* (<http://www.kff.org/womenshealth/8015.cfm>), presents state-by-state policies on coverage of key areas in reproductive health for low-income women including contraception, preconception care, screenings for sexually transmitted diseases and coverage within special state Medicaid family planning programs.

The second brief, *State Medicaid Coverage of Perinatal Services* (<http://www.kff.org/womenshealth/8014.cfm>), examines state Medicaid program policies regarding coverage of pregnancy-related services.

Get more information about women's healthcare and coverage in the Women's Health Policy section of the Foundation's Website (<http://www.kff.org/womenshealth/index.cfm>).

Parents Matter: The Role of Parents in Teens' Decisions about Sex *Child Trends*

Positive parent-teen relationships, high parental awareness and monitoring of whom their children are with, and family dinner routines are all linked to delayed sex among teens, according to a new Child Trends research brief. The brief, **Parents Matter: The Role of Parents in Teens' Decisions about Sex** (http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child_Trends-2009_11_11_RB_Parents&TeenSex.pdf), explores how parenting practices that occur before adolescents have had sexual intercourse are associated with the probability of first sex by age 16.

Estimated Pregnancy Rates for the United States, 1990–2005: An Update *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

This *National Vital Statistics Report* (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_04.pdf) presents pregnancy rates for 1990–2005, by age, race and Hispanic origin, and by marital status. The data in this report, together with previously published pregnancy rates for earlier years, provide a consistent series of rates for the United States for 1976–2005 (1,2). This update contains new data on pregnancy rates for the year 2005, the most recent year for which detailed national estimates for abortions are available.

Can You Hear Me Now?

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Many organizations have been providing technical assistance and training to encourage the adoption of science-based approaches to preventing teen pregnancy. While there is

no "cookbook approach" to evaluating technical assistance, evaluation strategies are needed to document the adequacy of this approach.

Authored by Susan Philliber, Ph.D., and a colleague, the purpose of *Can Your Hear Me Now? Evaluating Your Technical Assistance*

(<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/pubs/canyouhearmenow.pdf>) is to outline the strategies of technical assistance, the barriers to effective evaluation of this work, and to offer guidelines for improving evaluations of technical assistance efforts.

Connecting Youth through Community

Healthy Teen Network

This publication (<http://healthyteennetwork.org/vertical/Sites/%7BB4D0CC76-CF78-4784-BA7C-5D0436F6040C%7D/uploads/%7B3EE4600A-02E4-47B5-AC27-0A1B2CB543D3%7D.PDF>) from Healthy Teen Network focuses on how adolescent health professionals can utilize creative approaches to engaging youth in positive youth development. The publication highlights six examples of programs that reach out to youth in non-traditional communities through parental engagement, athletics, service-learning, art, mentoring, and youth empowerment approaches. The publication provides some next steps for professionals to develop or adapt creative approaches like those described here in existing programs for youth.

Evidence-Based Programs Offered For Review by the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has recently added to their Resource Library and now has over ten evidence-based programs that are available for review! Some of these programs include: Be Proud! Be Responsible!, Reducing the Risk, SiHLE, and Teen Outreach Program (TOP). For more information on evidence-based programs and to view the complete list of programs available for review from the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy visit us on our website (<http://acptp.org/pages/?pageID=97>).

OPA Clearinghouse

Office of Population Affairs Clearinghouse

The OPA Clearinghouse is sponsored by the Office of Population Affairs, Office of Public Health and Science, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The OPA Clearinghouse collects, develops, and distributes free publications on family planning, including information on contraception (abstinence, sterilization, etc.), reproductive health (cervical cancer, pap tests, etc.), and sexual health (sexually transmitted infection

and disease, etc.). For more information visit the OPA Clearinghouse website (<http://www.opaclearinghouse.org>).

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