

MOAPPP Monitor

MOAPPP promotes strategies that work

In 2002, MOAPPP and the National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center (PRC) at the University of Minnesota, received a Centers for Disease and Prevention Control grant to promote and provide training, technical assistance, and resources on evidence-based strategies to prevent teen pregnancy and promote adolescent health.

In addition to working at the state level, this grant offers MOAPPP an opportunity to work and share resources with four other pregnancy prevention coalitions across the country: South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy, Arizona Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting and the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina.

Three national organizations were also awarded CDC funding to enhance the efforts of the 5 state level coalitions: National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Advocates for Youth and the National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention.

This grant allows MOAPPP the opportunity to provide statewide outreach and technical

assistance to aid in the implementation of evidence-based strategies.

To determine what resources and technical assistance communities need, MOAPPP and the PRC have worked with Minnesota Department of Health staff to summarize needs identified by MDH grantees working on teen pregnancy prevention. The top six technical assistance needs were: training on science-based and evidence-based strategies to prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; training on how youth development prevents teen pregnancy and promotes adolescent health; regional networking opportunities where coalitions can share successes, challenges and ideas; training for coalition members and community partners on risk and protective factors and proven risk reduction strategies; current and local data on teen pregnancy, birth and STD

rates and training and concrete tools for assessing community needs and evaluating program efforts.

Using the information detailed in the needs assessment and considering feedback from community professionals, we will provide trainings to targeted communities throughout the state. Communities will be selected based on rates of teen birth and STDs as well as interest and readiness to incorporate evidence-based strategies. These trainings will offer an opportunity to showcase national and local programs that have demonstrated a positive effect on preventing teen pregnancy.

The new website for the State Plan is now a reality: www.mnstateplan.org. This website will promote the finding and recommendations of the State Plan and disseminate information on strategies that work to prevent teen pregnancy and promote adolescent health. •



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Teen advocacy group builds skills

As a SPRCTPP teen advocate (I) will strive to take our message farther than this room, to press this issue in front of the politicians and make it relevant to their own lives. I will dedicate my time and effort to helping other teens be heard . . .and hopefully soon enough, both youth and adults can find a common goal. I will also support the other individuals working around me whether or not we have the same beliefs on these issues and try to learn from them.

In November, twenty Ramsey County youth gathered at Wilder Forest for an all-day retreat to kick-off the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Teen Pregnancy Project (SPRCTPP) Teen Advocate group. The goal of the teen advocate group is to address teen pregnancy in Ramsey County by advocating for teen pregnancy prevention programs and policies at the state and local levels. To support the issues around teen pregnancy prevention, the youth will be trained in the areas of policy and media advocacy and

Personal mission statement, Yael Silverman gain skills in leadership and public speaking.

The SPRCTPP teen advocates are girls and boys ranging in age from 14 to 18 years old and represent the diverse ethnic communities in Ramsey County. Personal experiences were the motivating factors that drew many of the youth to the advocacy group. "The things that made me interested in learning about teen pregnancy are that I'm a teenager myself and of the

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Dear Friends,

The current economic downturn and budget deficits equal real threats of reducing funding for youth development programs, family planning services, and initiatives to address the disparities in teen pregnancy rates, and services for teen parents.

You know what teens need and you know your efforts are making a difference. Take the next step and actively participate in the policy and funding conversations taking place at the county and state level.

Tell your commissioners and legislators about the differences that are being made in your community with the tobacco endowment, Youth Risk Behavior and health disparities dollars. Tell them how you use these dollars, how you count on these dollars to leverage financial support from private foundations and local government, tell them how these state dollars can actually reduce the deficit in the cost of health care and education by planning future expenditures.

Tough decisions will have to be made. Your stories about the success of teens who are benefiting from your work or the unmet needs of teens you are unable to serve will make a difference. But if the stories go untold, decisions will be made that will mean fewer teens have access to the services they need.

Please write, call or set up a visit with at least one policy maker today. Let's do our part to keep the teen pregnancy rates heading in the right direction by investing in programs and policies that have proven outcomes.



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Legislative Issues At A Glance

Comprehensive Sexuality Education

We know 9 out of 10 Minnesotans support comprehensive sex ed in the schools. Research has shown that comprehensive sexuality education is effective in providing adolescents with the tools – the knowledge, the skills, the attitudes and values to make responsible choices about their sexual health. In contrast no research has shown that abstinence-only education effectively delays the onset of sexual intercourse. Research has shown that balanced programs – that discuss both abstinence and contraception including condoms does delay sexual activity among teens.

Minor's Access to Confidential Health Care

Health care providers require all relevant patient information in order to deliver an accurate diagnosis and treatment. Without the assurance of confidentiality, adolescents may not divulge all necessary health information, thus adversely affecting their health status and how their care is delivered. The confidentiality assured by this right to consent is a basic principle of adolescent health care that is essential in promoting the health of adolescents. Research indicates that adolescents may not access health services without the guarantee of confidentiality and has also shown that mandatory parental consent laws are unlikely to convince adolescents who would not otherwise discuss their health concerns with their

parents to do so. Rather than promoting parental involvement, mandatory notification laws appear to have the unintended effects of increasing health risks to the adolescents.

"I think that participating in the Youth Capitol Lab helped bring up the idea that teen pregnancy is a big issue and it causes a lot of other problems in society and for the individual involved. So learning about the processes at the Capitol helped me to advocate for ways to prevent teen pregnancy, stop the negative problems of teen pregnancy and take action."

Lyncy Yang, Teen Advocate

2003 Legislative Session Forecast

Budget deficits, new legislators, new leadership, increased needs for nonprofit services and programs. Minnesota's nonprofits need to be ready to have an impact on the policy decisions made by the 2003 legislature.

Many nonprofits will be affected by the projected budget cuts during the next legislative session. Critical services for children, youth and families are in danger of being eliminated as a result. We know that community agencies are vital to the health of teens

Why not visit your local newspaper and emphasize the importance of including teen services in discussions about the \$5.2 billion deficit that legislators face. Invite a reporter or your legislator to your organization to learn about how your program benefits your community. **Nonprofits need to act NOW to seize this opportunity to preserve our public-private partnerships!** •

Teen Parent Support

There are more than 10,000 adolescent mothers under the age of 19 in Minnesota and an unknown number of adolescent fathers. It is essential that these young parents stay in school to ensure their long-term self-sufficiency and the healthy development and learning readiness of their children.

"I brought twenty teens to the Youth Capitol Lab because I want teens to be empowered in sharing their concerns with policy makers who make decisions that affect the lives of youth."

Brenda Felling, Saint Paul-Ramsey County
Teen Pregnancy Project

Without support services, teen mothers and fathers do not finish school. Research indicates that 70% of teen mothers drop out of high school; 30% of teen mothers earn a high school diploma by age 30 compared with 76% of women who delay childbearing until age 20 or more. Only 39% of teen fathers receive high school certification by age 20 compared with 86% of male teens who did not father a child.

Children of teen parents are at greater risk. Children growing up with teenage parents are more likely to suffer from lower academic achievement, behavioral disorders, and are at a much higher risk for becoming teen parents themselves. Quality early childhood experiences and supportive academic, parenting and career opportunities for the young parents make a positive difference in the children's development. •



Brenda Felling, Lee Vang, Joy Miciano, Lorrena Perez, Lyncy Yang and Katie Lee brainstorming advocacy methods. SPRCTPP Teen Advocate Retreat at Wilder Forest, November 2002.

Learn more about Sex Ed for Life – Minnesota

The Sex Ed for Life – Minnesota coalition, numbering over 40 organizations, promotes lifelong healthy sexuality by advocating for policies on comprehensive sexuality education and access to confidential health care services. Coalition members believe that parents, primary caregivers and other trusted adults are the most important role models for their children regarding sexuality. To learn more, go to our website at www.moapp.org and click on the Projects link.

Your voice is needed at the 2003 legislature

Make sure your voice is heard at the State Capitol! This month is a prime opportunity for you to call your new legislators or reconnect with your reelected legislators to talk about the status of teen pregnancy and the needs of teen parents in your community. Find your county's teen pregnancy and birth data by clicking on your county on our website.

Don't know the name, address, phone or e-mail of your legislator?

- Call House Information at 651-296-2146 for your State Representative
- Call Senate Information at 651-296-0504 for your State Senator
- Find your legislator on the Internet at www.house.leg.state.mn.us and www.senate.leg.state.mn.us

Sign up to be on the MOAPPP Action Alert network! Call or email MOAPPP TODAY and we'll add you to our list of active voices!

To write or call the Governor:

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To write or call your Senator:

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SEX ED 4 LIFE'S YOUTH CAPITOL LAB

SPRCTPP Teen Advocates Yael Rich Silverman, Vashondra Harris, Rondell Patterson, Brentaya Hill and Camille Roland, December 2002.



Deborah Roffman, author of *Sex and Sensibility* at Let's Talk MO' event, October 2002.

Teen pregnancy named Hennepin County's number one health priority for 2003

The following is an excerpt from the State of the County address, October 21, 2002, Michael Opat, Chair of the Hennepin County Board

Teen pregnancy destroys the full potential of our girls and their children. It is a road map to sustained and perhaps lifelong poverty. This is unacceptable.

I'm happy to report that in the last year much progress has been made. However, in my estimation, teen pregnancy still remains the No. 1 priority of both the county's public health and social welfare agendas.

With that in mind, I am announcing a new two-track strategy to prevent teen pregnancy in Hennepin County — an initiative with broad youth development activities that is aimed at preventing first teen pregnancies; and targeted efforts to prevent second teen pregnancies as well.

This year, we will partner with the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Public Schools, the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting, and other community organizations. Together we will develop a central agreement to send a broad message that teen pregnancy is unacceptable. Then we will work together to develop and expand youth development activities in high-risk neighborhoods . . . and make sure that young girls — especially the girls — are connected with them.

The second track is preventing repeat teen pregnancies, primarily by connecting teen parents to school and parenting-support programs . . . and by connecting their children to quality early-childhood experiences. At the same time, we must ensure that all programs deliver consistent teen pregnancy prevention messages to families, teens and teen-parent clients. •

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New This Year... Pre-conference Training Opportunity

Myth Busters and Facts: Lessons Learned Through Research and Practice About What Really Works for Latino and African American Youth

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003

8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

EARLE BROWN HERITAGE CENTER,
BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA

Myth Busters and Facts is designed to combine the best of research with lessons learned from practice. Leading researchers and practitioners

from around the country review recent research findings on programs for African American and Latino youth, and their application to practice. The session highlights "Plain Talk" a community-based, parent engagement strategy to reduce teen pregnancy that has been successfully implemented in African American and Latino communities.

Participants may register for the pre-conference training as a supplement to their 12th Annual Conference registration or may sign up for it individually.

12th Annual MOAPPP Conference

Building Hope. Building Lives.

MAY 1-2, 2003

8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. THURSDAY

8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. FRIDAY

EARLE BROWN HERITAGE CENTER,
BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) will convene over 400 social service and health care providers, educators, advocates, program directors, volunteers, and youth who work to prevent adolescent pregnancy and support pregnant and parenting adolescents. The conference theme "**Building Hope: Building Lives**" highlights the key role "HOPE" plays in shaping the lives of our youth and in sustaining the commitment of those who work with them.

Conference Goals:

Participants in the MOAPPP conference will:

- Learn about new research, promising strategies, and innovative program ideas;
- Develop skills in program implementation, coalition building and policy advocacy;
- Identify strategies and policies that comprise a comprehensive approach to adolescent pregnancy prevention and support services for adolescent parents;
- Learn how to integrate diverse cultural values, experiences and knowledge into program practice;
- Network with other youth serving professionals from around the state.

Keynote Presentations:

Male Involvement: Where are the Boys?

Wayne Pawlowski, Director of Training, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Wayne Pawlowski, L.I.C.S.W., is a nationally and internationally recognized trainer and educator on



reproductive health care, family planning and sexuality. For over 15 years, Mr. Pawlowski's has spoken to local and national organizations, public institutions and businesses throughout the U.S. and abroad. Prior to joining PPFA in 1996, he served as the Director of Training for Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington D.C. In his keynote address, Mr. Pawlowski will examine the complexity of male socialization; explore what male "involvement" and "responsibility" really mean; and challenge us to provide programs and services that better respond to the needs of young men and boys.

Tailoring Best Practice to Meet the Cultural Needs of Your Community

Barbara W. Sugland, MPH, ScD, Executive Director, CARTA, Inc., Baltimore, MD



Barbara Sugland has dedicated the past 15 years to ensuring that what we know from research guides the development of effective programs and policies for vulnerable youth and youth of color. Ms. Sugland brings a passion for young people, as well as an appreciation and respect for the emotional, financial, and political realities experienced by those who work in youth programs on a daily basis. Prior to co-founding CARTA, Ms. Sugland served as a Senior Research Associate and Area Director at Child Trends in Washington, DC. Ms. Sugland joins us to explore the economic, geographic and social factors that impact the disparities in teen pregnancy rates in Minnesota, and to pose a comprehensive approach to teen pregnancy prevention and youth development.

Workshops:

The conference will offer thirty-five workshops that support "HOPE" through Health, Opportunity, Partnerships and Education. Specific areas of focus include:

- Reducing Health Disparities
- Involving Boys and Men
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- Teen Parent Programs
- Parent Engagement
- Positive Youth Development and Pregnancy Prevention Strategies
- Faith and Sexuality

Entertainment:**“Let’s Talk About It”**

Central Touring Theater, St. Paul Central Senior High School
Jan Mandell, Artistic Director

Using a variety of art forms - drama, dance, visual arts - this diverse, talented group of students create original theater dealing with issues facing youth today. “Let’s Talk About It” shares the voices of youth on issues related to sexuality, decision making, sexual identity, and abuse. This powerful performance has been met with critical acclaim from audiences around the twin cities. People walk away from the show with a deeper understanding of the realities teens face everyday and a renewed commitment to improving the lives of the youth and families they serve.

Any Questions?

Registration materials will be mailed in mid-February. Conference information and registration forms will also be listed on our web site www.moapppp.org. For other questions or information, please call Marilyn Colby Rivkin 651-644-1447 or send an e-mail to marilyn@moapppp.org.

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Teen Advocacy Group

stereotyping I get from others. They assume that I’m pregnant or will be soon. The only way to prevent it is to learn about it.” Others were motivated to join the group because they know many pregnant or parenting teens and see how this affects their lives. “About 20% of the teens I go to school with are pregnant. [I want to serve as a teen advocate] because so many of my friends had a baby or will and I’ve seen what happens to their life.”

During the November retreat, the teens discussed what they viewed as important issues regarding teen pregnancy prevention and how, as advocates, they could voice their concerns. The issues that teens expressed as most important in preventing teen pregnancy included parent and adult involvement; community collaboration and support; comprehensive sexuality education; economic security; and youth development. The advocates decided they could voice their concerns for these issues by calling, visiting and writing their legislators, and conducting a media campaign including a television public service announcement.

MOAPPP staff member, Brenda Felling, and adult leaders from Leadership Saint Paul coordinate the teen advocate group meetings. Leadership Saint Paul is an eight-month adult leadership program sponsored by the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. As part of the program, Leadership Saint Paul members participate in a community service project. The seven adult leaders that selected the teen advocate group as their community service project come from a variety of business and non-profit backgrounds. The Leadership Saint Paul members bring leadership expertise and positive role modeling to the teen advocate group.

The Saint Paul-Ramsey County Teen Pregnancy Project is coordinated by MOAPPP and is a county-wide effort to address the disparities in teen pregnancy rates and prevent and reduce the incidence of teen pregnancies. SPRCTPP is supported by Youth Risk Behavior/TANF funding provided by the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health. •

Plan ahead for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

The month of May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and it is never too early to plan your community activities! Designed to draw attention to the issue of teen pregnancy, the month emphasizes strong partnerships between the community and families in helping young people develop responsible and healthy attitudes about sexuality. MOAPPP staff can help you plan your activities. Call us at 651-644-1447 or start planning one of these ideas:

- ask your mayor to proclaim May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
- hold a community forum on teen pregnancy and prevention efforts
- recruit area churches and faith organizations to include information about teen pregnancy in their newsletters
- make contacts with local reporters or write an editorial highlighting effective programs in your community
- invite area elected officials to visit teen programs and meet with teen
- offer a workshop for parents and teens on sexuality, communication and adolescent development •

News and Notes***Promoting African American and Latino Teen Health through Family and Community Involvement***

On Tuesday, December 10 over 130 service providers and community leaders attended MOAPPP’s Vive Tu Juventud and African American Teen Health forums to increase understanding about the reproductive health behaviors of African American and Latino adolescents.

Debra Delgado, Senior Associate at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, shared that while national teen pregnancy rates are decreasing there is an increase in STD rates for African American and Latino youth. For example, the reported rate of gonorrhea for African American teens is 24 times greater than their white peers and HIV/AIDS is on the rise for these young adults.

In light of these disturbing trends, there are promising interventions working within African American and Latino communities. Ms. Delgado shared information on the Annie E. Casey program, Plain Talk. This innovative and evidence-based approach for reducing teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and STDs engages families and the community to promote adolescent health. Participants at the forum were excited about the Plain Talk model and the focus on addressing teen health within the context of their families and communities.

MOAPPP is excited to announce that the *Plain Talk* program will be featured this year at the MOAPPP pre-conference, April 30th 2003.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Bush Foundation, Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Health and the Hennepin County Community Health Department sponsored the events.

Latest Issue of the Resource Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Newsletter Online

The latest issue of the ReCAPP newsletter examines the subject of ‘parent-child connectedness’ and includes skill-building for educators, a learning activity and a summary of a study of mothers’ influence on teen sexual behavior.

The educator skill, “Sharing Values about Sexuality,” is designed to help parents identify and clarify their values and practice communicating those values to their children. The learning activity consists of three family

activities taken from the “Wait for Sex” curriculum, an after-school program for middle-school youth. These short assignments explore the topics of goal-setting, puberty and abstinence and are designed for youth and parents to complete together.

The current research section is a reprint of a summary that appeared in the Kaiser Daily Reproductive Report of a journal article entitled, “Mothers’ Influence on Teen Sex: Connections That Promote Postponing Sexual Intercourse.”

To learn more about each of these items, go to on the following links:
<http://www.etr.org/recapp/practice/edskillsindex.htm>
<http://www.etr.org/recapp/freebies/index.htm>
<http://www.etr.org/recapp/research/index.htm>

Building a Better Teenager: A Summary of “What Works” in Adolescent Development

In the American Teens series, Child Trends reviewed more than 1,100 rigorous research studies to help determine what parents, policymakers and program staff need to know about raising healthy, productive adolescents. The final research brief in this series, **Building a Better Teenager: A Summary of “What Works” in Adolescent Development**, pulls together the key findings across this research to determine the factors, programs, and approaches that contribute to positive adolescent development.

The Child Trends’ American Teens series summarizes and ‘translates’ key research and evaluation studies on preventing teen pregnancy, encouraging better eating and exercise habits, promoting mental and emotional health, motivating teens in school, promoting positive social skills and encouraging responsible citizenship.

To view and download the Building A Better Teenager brief, go to www.childtrends.org/PDF/K7/Brief.pdf. To view the rest of the American Teens series, go to www.childtrends.org/youthdevelopment_intro.asp

New publications available from The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

A series of new publications is now available on the CLASP website at www.clasp.org. A summary of each publication is listed below

Families on the Edge: Homeless Young Parents and Their Welfare Experiences. A Survey of Homeless Youth and Service Providers by Bob Reeg, Christine Grisham, and Annie Shepard. Despite being almost universally eligible for welfare, many homeless young parents are not receiving needed services, and many aren’t even aware that the welfare program exists, according to this new report released by the National Network for Youth and CLASP. Even when homeless youth know about Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), they have trouble accessing or keeping benefits. This report also discusses how the TANF living arrangement rule for minors may be operating as a barrier to TANF services rather than as an opportunity to help homeless young parents find safe housing. It concludes with recommendations for federal and state policymakers.

To access the full report, click on http://www.clasp.org/Pubs/DMS/Documents/1037307545.54/edge_report.pdf

To access the policy brief, click on http://www.clasp.org/Pubs/DMS/Documents/1037307884.75/edge_brief.pdf

Child Support: An Important But Often Overlooked Issue for Low-Income Clients by Paula Roberts. Many legal services programs assist neither custodial nor noncustodial parents in basic child support matters. Since the many local child support enforcement agencies that are left with this work struggle to provide adequate and timely service, a good argument can be made for more legal services program involvement in this area. This article, published in the Poverty Law Manual for the New Lawyer, describes the child support enforcement system and highlights two public-benefit-related topics: child support assignment and cooperation requirements for families receiving public assistance and distribution of collected support.

To learn more, go to:

<http://www.clasp.org/DMS/Documents/1037221063.49/child%2520support.pdf>

New Resources...

The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel (MSERRP) reviews and recommends sexuality and HIV/AIDS education curricula and resources for use in schools and communities. MSERRP members have expertise in sexuality education and represent community-based and statewide organizations, including teachers, public health professionals, health educators, parents, youth workers, and religious leaders. MSERRP is sponsored by Coordinated School, a collaboration between the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning and the Minnesota Department of Health. MSERRP is coordinated by MOAPPP.

A detailed description of the materials reviewed by MSERRP are available on-line at: www.moapppp.org

The following materials have been added to the MSERRP list of recommended resources.

The Truth About Sex (1999)
 Video, AIMS Multi Media

Making A Difference: An Abstinence Based Approach to HIV/STD and Teen Pregnancy Prevention (2002)
 Curriculum, Select Media, Inc.

Making Proud Choices: A Safer-Sex Approach to HIV/STD and Teen Pregnancy Prevention (2002), Curriculum, Select Media, Inc.

Wise Guys: Male Responsibility Program Training (2001)
 Curriculum, The Family Life Council of Greater Greensboro, Inc.

Scenarios USA: The Monster (2001), Video, Scenarios USA

AIDS Awareness and Dawn’s Gift (1998), Video - (2 parts)
 L Schwitters- Dawns Gift

NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE!

Awards to honor individuals, agencies, policy makers and programs that are making outstanding contributions in the areas of adolescent pregnancy, prevention or adolescent parenting in Minnesota will be presented at the 12th Annual MOAPPP conference. To complete a nomination form, go to our website at www.moapppp.org

MOAPPP CALENDAR

February

Girls Come to the Capitol will be held on Monday, February 17, 2002 and is sponsored by the Minnesota Women's Consortium. Call 651-228-0338 for more information or go to www.mnwomen.org

Minnesota AIDS Project AIDS Action Day, Monday, February 24, 2002, www.mnaidsproject.org

Advocates for Youth National Day of Action on Sex Ed, Tuesday, February 25, 2002. For more information contact Jonathon Stacks at Advocates for Youth, 202-347-5700, ext. 49 or go to www.advocatesforyouth.org

March

Speak Up! Speak Out! Women's Action Day: Women Come to the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 and is sponsored by the Minnesota Women's Consortium. Call 651-228-0338 for more information or go to www.mnwomen.org

April

Sex Ed For Life at the Capitol will be held on Monday, April 7, 2003. Join together with our coalition of educators and health providers to ensure that the legislature does not undermine effective and fair policies around sexual health and HIV prevention. For more information go to www.mnaidsproject.org

MOAPPP Pre-Conference Institute will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2003. Please refer to the details in this Monitor.

May

12th Annual MOAPPP Conference to be held May 1-2, 2003 with a pre-conference session on April 30 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center

in Brooklyn Center. The conference theme, "Building Hope: Building Lives" highlights the key role "HOPE" plays in shaping the lives of our youth and in sustaining the commitment of those who work with them. For more information contact Marilyn at 651-644-1447 or at marilyn@moapp.org

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2nd Annual National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy will be held on May 7, 2003. For more information, go to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy at www.teenpregnancy.org

July

The National Institute on Media and the Family will offer a day long training in the Twin Cities on July 11, 2003. The training is for teachers, mentors and leaders who work with teen parents and will discuss the media's effect on children. The training is free and each participant will receive the MediaWise Teen Parent Program materials. To receive a registration form send your contact information by email to: information@mediafamily.org or by fax to: 612-672-4113.