

NEW MEXICO TEEN PREGNANCY COALITION

NEWS FLASH

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Welcome to the October issue of the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition's
NEWS FLASH

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MESSAGE FROM SYLVIA RUIZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We need your Help!

Funding Bills passed by the legislature are now in the Governor's office for signatures.

The Department of Health, the Human Services Department, and the Children, Youth and Families Department proposed budgets contain cuts in funding for prevention programs for youth and impoverished families, our most vulnerable populations! Community-based programs stand to see a significant decrease in contracted funding for programs and activities during the next year with these cuts in place. The potential for negative impacts to our communities and our youth are great, particularly in the areas of child poverty, higher youth incarceration rates, and the devastating, life-long impacts of an increase in risky behaviors.

This population has no voice and needs you to be their voice. Please call the Governor at (505) 476-2210 or email to the office of the Governor and urge him not to cut CYFD, HSD and DOH budgets.

Thank you for all you do for the youth of New Mexico. You are a valuable asset for the State.

Hasta Luego,

Sylvia

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1. New from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Let's Talk Month

October is "Let's Talk Month," a time when parents are encouraged to talk to their kids about relationships, sex, contraception, and pregnancy. Decades of social science research makes clear that parents matter more than they think on these topics and public opinion surveys show that teens say their parents most influence their decisions about relationships and sex – more than peers, popular culture, or the media.

Here are some resources for parents to help get the conversation started during Let's Talk Month and in the future:

- [Ten Tips for Parents](#)
- [The Talk: It's More than Just Sex](#)
- [Aunt Sarah's List: Things We All Need to Say to Teens and Young Adults](#)
- [Resources for Parents](#)
- [The National Campaign Parents Portal](#)
- [Pregnant Pause blog post: Parents: Talking is Job #2](#)

The National Campaign Statement on Senate Finance Committee Vote

The National Campaign applauds the Senate Finance Committee for passing Chairman Baucus' amendment to its health reform bill that would make a substantial and much-needed investment in evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs. [Read more about the recent Committee vote and where things stand on Capitol Hill regarding teen pregnancy prevention.](#)

Now Available: 2 New Case Studies

The National Campaign is pleased to present two new case studies in the *Promoting Science Based Approaches-Getting to Outcomes (PSBA-GTO) Case Study* series. The

purpose of the PSBA-GTO series is to showcase real-life narratives of CDC grantees' successes and challenges in working through the PSBA-GTO steps with local partners. The case studies provide concrete examples of how the PSBA-GTO process can be successfully implemented.

- [Health Care Education and Training, Inc. \(HCET\)](#)

[The Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy \(PCPTP\)](#)

Get your Greek On!

Tune in to ABC Family's *Greek* this Monday at 9pm ET/ 8pm C and overhear two fraternity brothers talk about unplanned pregnancy. Stay tuned until the end of the show and see a new PSA about the topic! This is all part of our on-going partnership with [ABC Family](#) and we couldn't be more excited. If you want to catch up on previous episodes, check out the [ABC Family Greek page](#)

2. New from Healthy Teen Network

Healthy Teen Network's weekly E-gram is just one of the many membership benefits we offer. **Not a member?** [Join Today!](#)

[Headlines of the Week](#)

Giving Gardasil to Boys Not Cost Effective

Vaccinating boys against the virus that causes cervical cancer and genital warts does not appear to be cost-effective, U.S. researchers found in this [study](#). Assuming all girls get the shot, adding boys to a national vaccination program may not be worth the expense, they said. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is weighing whether to approve Gardasil, Merck & Co's vaccine against human papillomavirus, for use in boys and men ages 9 to 26 to protect them from genital warts and prevent them from spreading the virus to their sexual partners. ([Reuters](#), 10/9/2009)

NIH Launches 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Trial in HIV-Infected Pregnant Women

The first clinical trials to test whether the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine can safely elicit a protective immune response in pregnant women launched last week, and a trial to conduct the same test in HIV-infected children and youth will begin this week. "These studies are important because HIV infection and pregnancy both increase the risk for a poor immune response to the normal 15-microgram dose of seasonal influenza vaccine given to the general population," says National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. "Moreover, children, young people and pregnant women are at higher risk for more severe illness from the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus than other groups, and HIV-infected individuals in these populations may be particularly vulnerable." ([NIH News](#), 10/9/2009)

State News

CALIFORNIA

Learn How to be an 'Askable' Parent

In this article, Susanne Reno of Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties

discusses how parents can talk to teens about sex. She shares how to use situations that might arise in everyday life as "askable moments" to talk about sexuality. ([The Desert Sun](#), 10/8/2009)

FLORIDA

Teens Seeking Abortions Can Get Judge's Permission

When pregnant minors decide to have an abortion, but don't want to tell their parents, they can ask a judge. In 2007, 610 petitions were filed by girls younger than age 18; 587 bypass requests were approved by Florida judges. In 2006, 94 percent of the 557 petitions were approved. Florida is among 35 states that require parental notice or consent before a child has an abortion. All 35 provide judicial bypass, critical to the law's constitutionality, according to the [Guttmacher Institute](#). ([Highlands Today](#), 10/11/2009)

NEW JERSEY

Coming to N.J.: A 'Top Tier' Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

According to this article, there is a strong chance that New Jersey will become a replication site for the successful [Children's Aid Society Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program](#). The goal of the Program is to help young people growing up in poverty improve their life's chances and avoid the rough seas of teen pregnancy. Recently, it was designated a "Top Tier Youth Program" by The Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy's "Top Tier Evidence Initiative," which was started by Congress. The Carrera program is only one of two national programs to receive this accolade and it now stands to receive a sizable infusion of federal funds set aside to help communities lower their stubbornly high rates of adolescent pregnancy. ([Newsroom Jersey](#), 10/9/2009)

Dr. Michael A. Carrera will be speaking at Healthy Teen Network's conference [Celebrating Healthy Teens and Young Families: 30 Years of Making a Difference](#) next week.

NEW YORK

Health Officials Help Parents Deal With 'The Talk'

In response to the increasing teen pregnancy rates in the Albany region, area officials are aiming to help parents address it. "The Talk Now," a program designed to give parents the knowledge and skills to talk to their children about sexual matters, will be offered twice this month by the Dougherty County Health Department's Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program. Such a program could be an eye opener to parents who might not necessarily know that they are the best teachers on sex issues, officials say. The program is being hosted in conjunction with the Taking Time for Teens Coalition. ([Albany Herald](#), 10/13/2009)

NORTH CAROLINA

Student Health Services Reaches Out to Teens

Student Health Services, a school-based health program run by Greene County Health Care Inc., provided prompt injury treatment, physical examinations, immunizations, nutrition counseling, mental health counseling and substance abuse prevention to almost 400 students last year. Student Health Services director Helen Hill said since its inception in 1983, the program's primary focus has been teen pregnancy prevention. Although the goal of the program is to urge students to postpone sexual activity, Hill said students do receive a comprehensive approach that teaches them how to be safe if they are sexually active. Student Health Services also offers an Adolescent Parenting Program for teens who do become pregnant while attending school. Hill said the program provides students advocacy to help them stay in school and avoid a repeat pregnancy. ([ENC Today](#),

10/14/2009)

Not Pregnant? Earn a Dollar a Day

[College Bound Sisters](#) is a program co-founded by Dr Hazel Brown and Dr Rebecca Saunders at UNC, Greensboro, and is designed to help girls achieve three goals: avoiding pregnancy, graduating from high school, and enrolling in college. It focuses on girls in two age groups: 12 to 14 years and 15 to 18 years. Program participants are required to have a sister who had a baby before age 18; they must never have been pregnant; they should demonstrate a desire to attend college; and they must be committed to attending the weekly meetings. Each member who attends meetings, is not pregnant, and is still in school has \$7.00 placed in her college fund weekly, which is released upon enrollment in college. ([News Blaze](#), 10/13/2009)

WISCONSIN

Human Growth Education Bill Creates Divisions

Concerned about rising teen birth rates and skyrocketing infections from sexually transmitted diseases across the state, legislators have introduced a proposal to provide students with comprehensive, medically accurate, and age appropriate sex education. However, opponents of the proposal argue the legislation - if approved - could have the opposite effect on teens, resulting in a growing number of STDs, pregnancies and abortions. The future of the Assembly bill, AB458, is uncertain. It was referred to the Assembly Education Committee Sept. 30; a public hearing was held after, but a formal committee vote on the proposal hasn't been scheduled yet. The bill provides that a school board may offer an instructional program in human growth and development, and, if it does, that program must provide medically accurate information and, when age appropriate, address a number of issues, including the benefits of abstinence and reasons for it. ([Leader Telegram](#), 10/11/2009)

Advocacy

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This month, show your solidarity with victims of domestic violence and help end abuse. [National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth \(NCFY\)](#) recommends the following ways to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

- Listen to NCFY's podcast on [dating violence](#) and read their articles on [family and relationship violence among runaway and homeless youth](#)
- Find out about [national](#) and [local](#) domestic violence prevention events
- Contact your state's [domestic violence coalition](#)
- Tell someone about the [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#), 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- [Spread the word](#) about domestic violence
- Learn about the Family and Youth Services Bureau's [Family Violence Prevention & Services Program](#)

Healthy Teen Network's report, [Interpersonal Violence and Adolescent Pregnancy](#), examines the links between interpersonal violence and teen pregnancy. It also explores the implications for practice and programs and offers possible next steps for the field.

Strip the Hatch Amendment from Health Care Reform

Tell your Senators it's time to stop abstinence-only programs. By a razor-thin vote of 12-11, the Senators on the Finance Committee gave conservative ideology a victory over science and common sense. We are too close to finally ending federal funding for failed abstinence-only programs. Tell your Senators it's time to stop these programs once and for all. [Click here](#) to send the email from Advocates for Youth to your senator.

Funding & Other Opportunities

The Lawrence Foundation - Community Development Grant

[The Lawrence Foundation](#) is a private family foundation focused on making grants to support the environment, education and human services. The Foundation awards [grants](#) twice a year to organizations that are trying to make the world a better place.

Deadline: 10/31/2009

BJ's Charitable Foundation - Community Support Grant

[BJ's Charitable Foundation](#) is accepting [grant applications](#) from non-profit organizations that improve their community by helping children and families. Grants will be awarded to community programs that promote the safety, security, and well-being of children and families; deliver education and health programs; provide community service opportunities; or aid in hunger and disaster relief.

Deadline: 11/6/2009

Pilot Intervention and Services Research Grants

The purpose of this [Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)](#) is to encourage research on (1) the development and/or pilot testing of new or adapted interventions, (2) the adaptation and/or pilot testing of interventions with demonstrated efficacy for use in broader scale effectiveness trials, or (3) innovative services research directions that require preliminary testing or development, as detailed in the sub-headed sections that follow. The R34 award mechanism provides resources for evaluating the feasibility, tolerability, acceptability, and safety of novel approaches to improving mental health and modifying health risk behavior, and for obtaining the preliminary data needed as a pre-requisite to a larger-scale intervention (efficacy or effectiveness) or services study.

Deadline: 11/16/2009

The Protective Life Foundation - Enhancing the Quality of Life Grants

[The Protective Life Foundation](#) offers grants to non-profit organizations that improve the welfare and quality of life of a local community. Grants are also awarded to programs that collaborate with other organizations, corporations and individuals in order to better serve the needs of their communities. Two of the Foundation's areas of interest are youth services and education.

Deadline: 11/20/2009

Other Opportunities

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Evidence Review Call for Studies

[Mathematica Policy Research](#) seeks studies for a comprehensive review of the evidence base for programs to prevent teen pregnancy. The review is being conducted for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services (DHHS) by Mathematica Policy Research and will be used to help inform policy and new initiatives and program directions at the federal level.

Deadline: 10/31/2009

2010 Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program

[The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program](#) brings talented college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they are placed in congressional offices and learn about health policy issues, with a focus on issues affecting racial and ethnic minority and underserved communities. Through the ten-week program (May 17-July 24, 2010), scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to gaining experience in a congressional office, scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of health care issues, and write and present a health policy research memo that addresses a problem of concern to disadvantaged populations.

Application Due Date: 12/4/2009

Resources

1. Teen Pregnancy: Help Your Teen Handle Pregnancy
2. Health IT for Children Toolbox
3. Audience Insights: Communicating to Teens
4. Meeting the Needs of Pregnant and Parenting Teens: Local Health Department Programs and Services
5. NHPI Health Brain Trust on Data and Research
6. Delayed Childbearing: More Women Are Having Their First Child Later in Life
7. How Health Care Reform Can Benefit Children and Adolescents
8. Positive Youth Development: An Introduction

Teen Pregnancy: Help Your Teen Handle Pregnancy

This [resource](#) from the Mayo Clinic teaches parents how to help their teen understand the options, health risks, and challenges of becoming pregnant as a teenager.

Health IT for Children Toolbox

The US Department of Health and Human Services has created this [toolbox](#), with information on promoting children's health and well-being through health information technology (IT). This resource is designed to provide concrete health IT tools to families, public and private organizations and clinicians who provide services to children and their families.

Audience Insights: Communicating to Teens

Today's teens are the most marketing savvy and brand-conscious generation to date. Their health behaviors and outcomes reflect their economic, racial, gender, and geographic disparities. These [Audience Insights](#), from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

are designed to help capture the attention of the 25 million teens in the United States.

Meeting the Needs of Pregnant and Parenting Teens: Local Health Department Programs and Services

This [report](#), published by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO), discusses the importance of addressing the special needs of pregnant and parenting adolescents to improve their own and their children's health and life outcomes. The report provides background information on the impact of adolescent childbearing and services and programs for pregnant and parenting adolescents.

NHPI Health Brain Trust on Data and Research

[A Call to Action: More Data Collection and Reporting on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health to Eliminate Health Disparities](#) summarizes the recommendations from the very first national convening of the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Brain Trust on Data & Research held in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 14-16, 2009.

Delayed Childbearing: More Women Are Having Their First Child Later in Life

This [data brief](#) from the National Center for Health Statistics shows statistics about the ages at which women have their first child. The brief shows that, from 1970 to present, women's average age at first birth has been steadily increasing. State and international statistics are also included in the brief.

How Health Care Reform Can Benefit Children and Adolescents

Medical and scientific advances have reduced the rates of acute childhood illnesses and childhood mortality and increased the positive outcomes of a wide variety of serious childhood illnesses; nevertheless, children's health in the United States currently falls short. U.S. infant mortality rate is higher than that of 29 other countries, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) ranks the United States last among 21 developed countries in terms of children's health and safety. In this [Perspective](#), *The New England Journal of Medicine* discusses child health care disparities in the United States, and what needs to be done to ensure all children have access to health care.

Positive Youth Development: An Introduction

This [publication](#) from the [National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth](#) gives an introduction to what positive youth development is and how to get started empowering youth.

Research

1. Sexual Intercourse among Adolescents Maltreated Before Age 12: A Prospective Investigation
2. When Two Isn't Better Than One: Predictors of Early Sexual Activity in Adolescence Using a Cumulative Risk Model
3. Efficacy of Abstinence Promotion Media Messages: Findings from an Online Randomized Trial

Sexual Intercourse among Adolescents Maltreated Before Age 12: A Prospective Investigation

Maltreatment (regardless of type) predicts sexual intercourse by 14 and 16, this [study](#) finds. Emotional distress explains the relationship by 14. By 16, other factors likely contribute to intercourse. Maltreated children are at risk for early initiation of sexual intercourse and sexually active adolescents should be evaluated for possible maltreatment. (Black, M.M., Oberlander, S.E., Lewis, T., Knight, E.D., Zolotor, A.J., Litrownik, A.J., Thompson, R., Dubowitz, H., & English, D.E. (2009). Sexual intercourse among adolescents maltreated before age 12: A prospective investigation. *Pediatrics*, 124(3), 941-949.)

When Two Isn't Better Than One: Predictors of Early Sexual Activity in Adolescence Using a Cumulative Risk Model

This [study](#) explored factors that may be associated with early initiation of sexual activity among adolescents. The results indicate that, for girls, increased television viewing, low self-esteem, poor parental relationships, living in a non-intact household, higher levels of externalizing behavior (ADHD symptomology), low academic achievement, and parents with low education levels were associated with earlier sexual debut. For boys, advanced pubertal development, increased television viewing, higher rates of externalizing behaviors (ADHD and ODD symptoms), and poor parental relationships were associated with earlier sexual debut. (Price, M.N., & Hyde, J.S. (2008). When two isn't better than one: Predictors of early sexual activity in adolescence using a cumulative risk model. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 38(8), 1059-1071.)

Efficacy of Abstinence Promotion Media Messages: Findings from an Online Randomized Trial

Researchers conducted an [online randomized experiment](#) to evaluate the efficacy of messages from the Parents Speak Up National Campaign (PSUNC) to promote parent-child communication about sex. Fathers who had exposure to the PSUNC website were more likely to initiate conversations about sex at four weeks into the study, and fathers and mothers were more likely at six months to recommend that their children wait to have sex. Using new media methods, this study shows that PSUNC messages are efficacious in promoting parent-child communication about sex and abstinence. (Evans, W.D., Davis, K.C., Ashley, O.S., Blitstein, J., Koo, H., & Zhang, Y. (2009). Efficacy of abstinence promotion media messages: Findings from an online randomized trial. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 45(4), 409-416.)

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

[Doug Nelson to Retire in 2010](#)

Douglas W. Nelson, president and chief executive officer of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, will retire in April 2010 after two decades as head of the leading American philanthropy serving the nation's disadvantaged children and their families.

[Foundation Leaders to States: Youth in Foster Care Can't Wait](#)

October 7, 2009 was the one-year anniversary of the Fostering Connections Act, the most comprehensive federal reforms to child welfare policy in over a decade. To mark this important date, Casey has joined a coalition of child welfare leaders to create a [Fostering Connections Resource Center](#) to provide nonpartisan information to states as they

implement the Act.

New Resources

[Making Sure New Policies Benefit Vulnerable Families](#)

The fall 2009 issue of Casey's newsletter explores how the Foundation is working with grantees and partners to ensure that new funding opportunities available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act improve the outlook for job opportunities and the health and well-being of vulnerable children and families. Profiles include a Baltimore healthy-homes program, a Philadelphia foreclosure prevention program, and a successful effort by Arizona advocates to use stimulus dollars for child care.

[New Data Available in the KIDS COUNT Data Center](#)

The [KIDS COUNT Data Center](#) has been updated with new data from the U.S. Census Bureau, including indicators of child well-being from the American Community Survey and the Current Population Survey. Topics include children under five in poverty and children in single-parent families. See [Data Across](#)

4. From the Centers for Disease Control

CDC is pleased to announce the release of School Health Profiles: Characteristics of Health Programs Among Secondary Schools (Profiles 2008). This report provides state, local, and territorial school-level data from the 2008 School Health Profiles on school health education; physical education; **school health policies related to HIV/AIDS prevention**, tobacco-use prevention, and competitive foods; asthma management activities; and family and community involvement in school health programs.

The 47 states, 20 cities, and 4 territories with weighted Profiles results will receive hard copies of the 2008 Profiles report as soon as they are available. Other DASH Funded Partners can download copies of the report from the newly enhanced Profiles Web site (www.cdc.gov/schoolhealthprofiles). This Web site also includes several new Profiles products, including:

- A 2008 Profiles overview fact sheet, which includes a participation map, selected results, and uses of the data
- State, local, and territorial Profiles Fact Sheets featuring chronic disease prevention and other selected topic areas, that allow comparison of 2008 state, local, or territorial results with participating states, cities, or territories that conducted Profiles in 2008 and had weighted results
- State, local, and territorial fact sheets on childhood obesity, the HIV epidemic, and tobacco use that combine School Health Profiles data with Youth Risk Behavior Survey

data

-A PowerPoint presentation containing state and local Profiles results illustrated on a series of United States maps. Some states and cities with weighted Profiles data already have shared their data widely. For those sites that have not yet done so, this release is an excellent opportunity to educate decision makers and members of your media about the current status of school health policies and programs in your state, city, or territory.

If you have any questions about Profiles, please contact Dr. Nancy Brener. Her contact information appears below.

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5. New from the Center for Law and Social Policy

Tracking American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

CLASP is tracking how much each state has drawn down in Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funds made available through the recovery act. The measure provided \$2 billion in CCDBG funds, which states can access through Sept. 30, 2010. As of Sept. 18, 2009, states, territories, and tribes had drawn down \$183.6 million, or 9 percent of available funds. Visit <http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/documents/files/ARRA-tracking.pdf> to view total and state-by-state outlays. CLASP will regularly update this table.

Earning and Learning: Options under the Workforce Investment Act

Adults with limited work experience, low education and skill levels and other barriers to employment face the greatest challenges, especially at a time of rising unemployment. Strategies that combine work and learning are critical to help these individuals to enter or regain employment. *Earning and Learning: Options under the Workforce Investment Act* focuses on two program strategies that combine work and learning: on-the-job training and paid work experience combined with skill development.

Recommendations for Addressing Poverty in Tough Economic Times

The recession has meant less revenue for states at just the time when even more

resources are needed to help families and individuals. While there is no simple solution for addressing poverty during a recession, there are some low-cost policy changes (including options made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) states can make to help those who are struggling most.

6. New from the Welfare Peer TA Network

Interactive Question and Answer Forum

The Welfare Peer TA Network provides the Question and Answer forum to facilitate the process of information sharing within and among States on important topics to welfare assistance programs and low-income families. This page enables you to submit questions to your peers regarding TANF and other welfare-related issues. We also strongly encourage you to respond to questions posted by your peers, which can be found under each topic in Welfare Resources. New questions have been posted to the Welfare Peer TA Web site:

- The Colorado Department of Human Services has awarded grants to local domestic violence agencies to collaborate with local TANF offices. With the goal of initiating sustainable system change to enhance the quality and quantity of services to survivors of DV who are receiving or eligible for TANF, the DV program will co-locate an advocate in the TANF office. Both entities will provide cross training and collaborate. Colorado would like information about best practices: 1) generally for this type of collaboration, 2) MOUs (would like a sample), 3) confidentiality, 4) goals / objectives, 5) evaluation, 6) anything else that is important to a successful initiative. To submit an answer to this question, please: [Click Here](#).
- Philadelphia has been asked by the state to look into re-structuring the contracts for their subcontractors that provide job readiness, placement and retention services to TANF recipients so that they are "fee for service." Before they do, they want to see if this contracting model is being used by TANF fiscal agents in other states for their contracts. If you have a fee for service contracting model, could you please respond to share how it is set up and how it is working? To submit an answer to this question, please: [Click Here](#).

To submit a question to your peers, please: [Click Here](#).

TANF Initiatives

Technical Assistance Teleconference Summary Report: San Antonio Non-Custodial Court Initiative, August 2009

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance (OFA) and Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) and the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA) hosted a technical assistance teleconference for Newark, New Jersey's Workforce Investment Administration. As an outgrowth of the OFA-sponsored Collaboration Initiative, Newark requested additional technical assistance on an innovative non-custodial parent initiative being integrated into the child support

enforcement and workforce administrations in San Antonio, Texas.

Welfare Resources

Rural America At A Glance, 2009

This resource is from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service and is an update of the annual series on rural America. Researchers provide the state of rural areas with a focus on the effect of the recession on rural families. For rural areas, even before the recession, unemployment was increasing in manufacturing other major employment sectors, and the poverty rate in rural areas has continued to be higher than the national average since 2001. The nonmetro population has continued to increase, but from a rise in births and not migration from metro into nonmetro areas.

The Role of Religiosity in the Lives of the Low-Income Population: A Comprehensive Review of the Evidence, July 2009

This report is from the Assistant Secretary for Planning, Research, and Evaluation. Religion and spirituality play a significant role in the lives of Americans, and this report is focused on how religiosity and spirituality affect outcomes for low-income families. Researchers provide an overview of the role of religiosity for low-income families in the areas of marriage and relationships, parenting, youth outcomes, mental and physical health, substance abuse, and crime and violence, homelessness, and employment.

Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2008, September 2009

From the U.S. Census Bureau, this report offers the latest statistics on income, poverty, and health insurance in the United States. The real median household income in the United States fell 3.6 percent between 2007 and 2008, from \$52,163 to \$50,303. Additionally, the nation's official poverty rate in 2008 was 13.2 percent, which is up from 12.5 percent in 2007. The number of people without health insurance coverage rose from 45.7 million in 2007 to 46.3 million in 2008.

Did you know that the Welfare Peer TA Network now provides RSS Feeds?

RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. RSS is a tool to help you keep up with news and information that is important to you, and help you avoid the conventional methods of browsing or searching for information on Web sites. The use of RSS feeds has greatly expanded over the years and is now also used for distributing and publishing frequently updated content such as news, information, and other types of digital content, including pictures, video, Podcasts, and other audio (usually in MP3 format) which you can listen to on your computer or MP3 player.

Please see our [RSS Feeds Page](#) for more information.

Welfare Peer TA Interventions

Do you want to request Technical Assistance? The Welfare Peer TA Network can provide Technical Assistance to States, counties, Tribes, localities, and community-based organizations operating a TANF program or providing services to TANF participants. Prior Technical Assistance events have helped participants identify effective practices for providing services, implement interagency service coordination, build linkages within and across State's agencies, and address other welfare-related topics. For more information or to request TA from the Welfare Peer TA Network, please see:

<http://peerta.acf.hhs.gov/tarequest/index.cfm>.

Each month the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition provides a review of the research and policy reports distributed by National and Local Resources for your information only. The information, and comments expressed in this News Flash as well as any of the information distributed do not necessarily reflect the position of the NMTPC or its funders. Therefore, NMTPC assumes no responsibility for the concepts expressed in this [NEWS FLASH](#).

Local Events & Notices

[From the New Mexico Men's Council for Boys and Young Men](#)

The New Mexico Men's Council for Boys and Young Men is now registering for the conference, Boys' Education and Learning in NM. To register please go to the www.nmboys.org website and click on "Register Now! button." This takes you to the home page of the registration site. Again click on "Register Now" in the upper right corner.

Register online at www.nmboys.org!

Also attached is a copy of the brochure of the conference. If you have any questions, please contact the conference management office at (505) 508-2999 or e-mail NMMC2009@mgr-events.com.

"The New Mexico Men's Council for Boys and Young Men promotes positive male development through forums that inform and advocate for policy, practice and research to support integrated systems change in areas of health, education, and social well-being."

[From the Center for Non-Profit Excellence](#)

**Center for Nonprofit Excellence to receive the President's Award
at National Philanthropy Day!**

AFP National Philanthropy Day

November 18, 2009 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

National Philanthropy Day awards program honors individuals and groups who, through

their hard work and dedication, have enhanced philanthropy and their communities. The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is honored to be the recipient of the President's Award. Please join us!

Register

Nonprofit News

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is a training and resource center--we're here for you--please let us know what you need to be stronger. Any nonprofit staff or volunteer in New Mexico can access our diverse programs and services.

New Mexico Nonprofit Directory will launch in November

We are excited to have received such a great response to our first request for nonprofits to get listed in the New Mexico Nonprofit Directory; an online, searchable directory of any nonprofit in our state. Over 300 of you have submitted your info in the first week - Thank You.

In preparation for the November launch, we are doing a lot of marketing in the Albuquerque metro area--you may receive emails from some of our partners asking you to Get Listed. We all know how busy everyone is so we want to make sure you have a few gentle nudges and reminders to submit your nonprofit info. You can check to see if your organization has already submitted the form by going to [Nonprofit Forms Submitted](#). If you don't show up on that list, please fill out the [New Mexico Nonprofit Directory form](#).

Nonprofit Career Month

October is Nonprofit Career Month promoting the number and diversity of career prospects in the nation's nonprofit sector. Check out the website: www.nonprofitcareermonth.org. Join a nonprofit and work and live your values. Looking for work in the nonprofit sector? Check out the [openings](#) on the Center for Nonprofit Excellence website. Listings were viewed 9,493 times in the past year. [Post your next opening](#) on the Center for Nonprofit Excellence website for high visibility and to attract quality applicants.

Greater Albuquerque MOVE UP Awards Nominations

Next Deadline for Nominations: October 16, 2009

The Mayor's Office of Volunteerism and Engagement (MOVE) announces an ongoing non-competitive volunteer recognition program to honor outstanding volunteers for their service to others and the community. The "MOVE UP" award is established to acknowledge and recognize volunteers in the City of Albuquerque and surrounding communities.

For more information and nomination criteria, go to the [MOVE website](#).

Stay competitive, build your skills, attend these workshops:

Employee Benefits

October 27, 2009 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

How can your organization get the most out of your employee benefits line item in your budget? Learn about the different types of coverage that are available and how to strategically plan for employee benefits including tips and steps to reduce cost and improve employees' satisfaction.

[Register](#)

Strategic Online Communication

October 29, 2009 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Learn about the fundamental components of a comprehensive and integrated online strategy that can help your nonprofit effectively tap into these ever growing resources.

[Register](#)

Preventing & Detecting Fraud in Nonprofit Organizations

November 4, 2009 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

This session will provide an understanding of why nonprofits are more susceptible to frauds and will provide strategies to help prevent and detect frauds.

[Register](#)

The SPEED of Trust Workshop with highly acclaimed author Stephen Covey

November 19, 2009 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

This engaging workshop dramatically reveals why trust is the hidden variable that always affects two outcomes: speed and cost. Presented by the New Mexico Ethics Alliance.

[Register](#)

Mark Your Calendars

Nov 17: [Online Strategies to Increase Your Revenues & Expand Your Impact](#)

Emerge from this workshop with an online communication plan to increase your organization's impact. You will be helped to envision and plan realistic strategies to increase fundraising and better reach stakeholders.

Nov 18: [AFP Luncheon, National Philanthropy Day](#)

National Philanthropy Day is celebrated to acknowledge the entire spectrum of services provided by the nonprofit community and the profound impact that philanthropy has. The awards program honors individuals and groups who, through their hard work and dedication, have enhanced philanthropy and their communities. The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is honored to be the recipient of the President's Award. Please join us at this celebration!

Nov 19: [The SPEED of Trust Workshop](#) with highly acclaimed author **Stephen M.R. Covey**

This engaging workshop dramatically reveals why trust is the hidden variable that always affects two outcomes: speed and cost. For leaders, teams and individuals at any level in government, nonprofit and business, who want to establish, grow, extend and restore trust. Presented by the New Mexico Ethics Alliance.

Go to our website www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org for more information and resources

[Capacity Building Trainings](#)

2009 Financial Management Training Series:

November 19: [Year End Planning](#)-Albuquerque

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is a training and resource center. Any nonprofit staff or volunteer in New Mexico can access our diverse programs and services. The Center's newsletter and monthly updates list all nonprofit capacity building trainings and events throughout the state.

Getting Started with Grant Research

We are all constantly evaluating how we use our time these days. What is the best use of time when doing grant research? How do you sort through information online, how updated are your sources, are you chasing a funder that doesn't accept unsolicited proposals? To make the best use of your grant research time use the [New Mexico Grantmakers Directory](#). The Center for Nonprofit Excellence created the Directory in partnership with the New Mexico Association of Grantmakers as a service for you. The Directory contains 270 funders that give in New Mexico; you can search by program area, geography, and population served.

Greater Albuquerque MOVE UP Awards Nominations

Quarterly Deadlines for Nominations: September 30 - December 31, 2009.

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[From the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women](#)

The NM Commission on the Status of Women hosted 300 girls from around New Mexico for the **4th Annual Believe in NM Girls SLAM Conference (Sensational Leaders, Amazing Me!)** at the University of New Mexico. The Commission's nationally-recognized NM Girls Institute's conference has become an event that NM girls look forward to year after year.

This year's theme, *Sensational Leaders, Amazing Me!*, was chosen by the girls who attended last year's conference. In addition, girls from around the state gave feedback on the type of workshops they would most be interested in at the conference.

"At the top of the list was stress management and planning for college," said Mary Molina Mescall, Executive Director for the Commission. "The girls also said they were interested in improving their communication skills, learning how to write a resume, and talking about body image issues."

The annual *Believe in NM Girls* conference is the first state-sponsored event of its kind in the nation. The conference includes:

- Keynote speaker Mary McDonough, actress and women’s health activist
- Workshops on topics that include leadership skills, public speaking, self-esteem building activities, and preparing for college
- Mentoring luncheon on Saturday will also feature 30 business and professional women who will share lunch with the girls
- Exhibit booths from colleges, universities, non-profit organizations and trade schools that promote post-secondary education and non-traditional careers
- *A Valentines Anytime Party* on Friday evening for the girls to celebrate healthy relationships and raise awareness about dating violence.

NMTPC had a booth at the Conference and was able to share information with girls about teen pregnancy prevention and health issues.

For more information on the NM Girls Institute or other Commission programs, please call 222-6600 or visit the website at www.womenscommission.state.nm.us

[Message from the Young Fathers’ Project](#)

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 Cathy Ahiyite, Fax (505) 254-8741 or email to outreach@nmtpc.org, in the **Albuquerque Area**. If you are in the **Las Cruces area**, send the referral form to Gary Madrid, DA-YFP@nmtpc.org or call (575) 532-1536. If you are in the **Santa Fe area**, send to Mr. Barry McIntosh, kbmac@cybermesa.com or call (505) 428-1412.

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