



Teen Pregnancy & Prevention *Partnership*

Partnership E-News

**Mark your calendar!
Professional Training Dates:**

**SIECUS on
Midwestern Sex
Education**

Kansas City
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Thurs, Nov 11, 2010
At Plaza Library

St. Louis
9:00 - 11:00 am
Fri, Nov 12, 2010
At Vision for Children
at Risk (VCR)

\$10 for Non-members

*Hold the Date for
our **2011 Conference**
Friday, **May 13, 2011**
in St. Louis*

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October 2010

Yes We Can Have Comprehensive Sex Education in the Midwest!

Mark your calendars to join TPPP in November!
Jen Heitel Yakush, Director of Public Policy at SIECUS (Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.), will explore what Missourians can do to begin supporting comprehensive sex education across the state and in their communities.

Join us to learn about:

- **the content of comprehensive sex education**
- **the support it has received in other Midwestern communities**
- **the evidence proving comprehensive sex education effective**
- **and the efforts and results of community members across the country to support comprehensive sex education.**

In Collaboration with the **Metropolitan Coalition for Responsible Sex Education:**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., **Thursday 11/11/2010**

Kansas City Plaza Library

4801 Main Street

Kansas City, MO 64112

(<http://www.kclibrary.org/?q=plaza>)

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., **Friday 11/12/2010**

Vision for Children at Risk

2433 North Grand, St. Louis, MO

Questions: 314.884-8275 or

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(No reservation required, \$10 at door for non-members, Free to TPPP members)

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2011 TPPP Conference News

Mark your calendars for the most exciting, informative, and enjoyable conference around on adolescent sexual health issues!



The next TPPP conference will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011, at Kirkwood Baptist Church in St. Louis! Come to learn more and network with peers and professionals about **"Complete Information. Better Choices."**

We already have two extraordinary keynote speakers confirmed: **James Wagoner**, Executive Director of [Advocates for Youth](#), and **Katy Suellentrop**, Assistant Director of Research at [The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy](#).

If you would like to be a part of the 2011 conference, there are plenty of opportunities to help out! You could **be a part of the conference committee, help your organization be a conference sponsor, or even apply to be a breakout speaker!** Visit the [TPPP website](#) or e-mail executivedirector@teenpregnancy-Mo.org to learn more!

OCTOBER IS LET'S TALK MONTH!

Resources for Talking to Teens

Let's Talk Month is a national public education campaign celebrated in October and coordinated by Advocates for Youth. Let's Talk Month provides various organizations, businesses, schools, media, parents, and health providers information and resources to plan programs and activities which encourage parent/child communication about sexuality. Click on a link below to learn more about Let's Talk Month, or for helpful resources to begin the discussion:



- [Let's Talk Month page](#) at Advocates for Youth, which includes a free downloadable guidebook to help plan activities and events, and helpful hints for parents.
- [Sexuality, Contraception, and the Media Policy Statement](#) from the American Academy of Pediatrics, which states that

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 Lutheran Family & Children's Services
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 Maternal Child and Family Health Coalition
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 MO Dept. of Health & Senior Services
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 Molina Healthcare of Missouri
 Nurses for Newborns
 Parent/Infant Interaction Program of St. Louis Public Schools
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 Project ARK
 Ruskin High School, Kansas City
 St. Louis Arc
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the media can be a "super peer" when it comes to influencing teens' sexual beliefs, attitudes, and even behaviors; it offers frank analysis and recommendations.

- [Healthy Adolescent Sexual Development](#) from ACT for Youth, which is a narrated presentation by Richard Kreipe, MD, Professor of Pediatrics at University of Rochester Medical Center. This multimedia presentation discusses the biological, psychological, social, and behavioral components of adolescent sexual development.
- [Talking Back: What Teens Want Adults to Know About Teen Pregnancy](#), from the National Campaign, provides those who work with adolescents with valuable insight about what teens want - and need - to know about teen pregnancy - from teens themselves.

RESEARCH NEWS

Girls Inc. Study Findings

The *Girls Shape the Future* study, conducted by Girls Inc. in collaboration with Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR), from 2001 to 2006, surveyed more than 800 adolescent girls over a three-year period from approximately sixth through ninth grades. **The data presented focus on sexual behavior and attitudes, and challenge common perceptions about girls whose futures are considered at risk** because of factors over which they have no control, such as their race, their family configuration, or their family's economic status. The report also sheds important new light on risk and protective factors for girls' early sexual activity.



[Click here](#) to learn more about the study and its results.

MISSION

The Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership brings together individuals and private and public organizations to improve communication and education so that youth make choices that decrease the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies.



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