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Teen Pregnancy & Prevention *Partnership*

Partnership E-News

2011 Professional Training Dates:

Fri, Jan 13, 2012
"Benefits of Social Networking in Improving Adolescent Sexual Health"

Rachel Komeshak
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9 - 11 am
Vision for Children at Risk
St. Louis

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Happy Holidays!
December 2011

2012 Conference News!

If TPPP could have one wish this holiday season, it would be for a great conference in 2012!

If you have been busy wrapping up things at work, shopping, baking, or decorating, you might not have gotten a chance to write up your proposal for a breakout session for TPPP's upcoming annual conference....

Good news! You still have time - breakout session proposals are due by December 31st!

If you are a creative and engaging presenter and have the latest news or research on a particular part of adolescent sexual health, and would like to be a part of the 2012 conference, please **contact Conference Chair Kate Barbier at kmb3749@bjc.org with questions or for an application packet.**

If speaking in front of an audience isn't for you, there are plenty of other opportunities to help out! **You could be a part of the conference committee, help your organization be a conference sponsor, or work behind the scenes!** E-mail Allison Hile. TPPP Executive Director.

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at ExecutiveDirector@teenpregnancy-mo.org or Kate Barbier, Conference Chair, at kmb3749@bjc.org to volunteer for this fun and informative event!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Looking for the perfect holiday gift?

If TPPP could have two wishes this holiday season, the first would be for a great conference in 2012, and the second would be for you to **join or renew your membership OR make a tax-deductible donation!**



TPPP membership is for a calendar year. **Renew your organizational or individual membership now to take advantage of discounts on our bi-monthly professional development trainings and our conference in May!**

Topics for 2012 trainings include:

- The Benefits of Social Networking in Improving Adolescent Sexual Health
- Things to Know Before You Go (to Prom)
- Engaging Parents
- Adolescent Sexual Health 101
- Working with Teen Fathers

You can also make a tax-deductible donation to TPPP so we can continue our mission to promote adolescent sexual health and prevent teen pregnancy in Missouri! For more information on how to donate, contact Allison Hile, Executive Director, at executivedirector@teenpregnancy-mo.org.

For more information on membership to TPPP, [click here](#).

IN THE NEWS

Sharp Decline in Teen Births

The U.S. teen birth rate declined 9% between 2009 and 2010 to a record low of 34 births per 1,000 teens aged 15-19. This marks the third straight year in which birth rates declined for this age-group, according to new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics.

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Young adults saw similar declines in birthrates, with a 6% decline from 2009 to 2010 among women in their early twenties. Meanwhile, newly released 2008 abortion data from the CDC show that **the decline in births is accompanied by a decline in abortions, suggesting that the overall teen pregnancy rate is going down, as well.**

This good news can be linked almost exclusively to improvements in teens' contraceptive use, according to new data from another major government study, the CDC's National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). For more information about these findings, take a look at the Guttmacher Institute's analysis [here](#).

RESEARCH NEWS

Postpartum Contraceptive Use in Teens

Researchers at RTI International examined contraceptive use before and after pregnancy among a sample of 21 adolescent mothers. They also conducted interviews with 18 professionals who work closely with teen mothers.



The researchers found that teens' contraceptive use increased postpartum because of stronger intentions to avoid pregnancy and improved contraceptive education and support after delivery. However, improved contraceptive access was short-lived, and switching methods was common because of factors such as loss of Medicaid coverage and decreasing contact with providers.

Ensuring teens mothers' consistent use of contraception requires a concerted effort from health care providers, social service organizations and parents, the researchers said.

For more on this article, recently published in *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, [click here](#).

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