



# Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership

## Partnership E-News

### 2009 Professional Training Dates

#### **Location: VCR**

Vision for Children at Risk

**2433 N Grand**  
(314) 534-6015

**9:00 - 11:00**  
**Fri., Mar 13, 2009**

#### **Legal Issues in Serving Teens**

TPPP Conference:

**"What's the Buzz: Evidence Based Approaches to Teen Sexual Health"**

**Fri May 8, 2009 at**

Kirkwood Baptist Church

9:00 - 11:00

**Fri Sep., 11, 2009**

Speaking Comfortably About Sexuality

9:00 - 11:00

**Fri, Nov 13, 2008**

Speaker from Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health

### Partnership Board

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### New Female Condom

#### FC2 Recommended for Approval

An FDA advisory panel voted 15-0 to recommend approval of the new, less costly version of the female condom developed by the Chicago based [Female Health Company](#). The new condom --called FC2-- could attract more users and help curb the spread of STIs. This new nitrile-based (a non-latex synthetic polymer) female condom is not only less costly, but also less noisy (!) than the original polyurethane introduced in the US in 1993. FC2 should be available in the US within a year.



### HPV Education Bill

#### Hearing Tues, Feb 10 at 8:15 in SCR 1

#### (In the Capitol Building in Jefferson City)

Senator Jolie Justistice from Kansas City, MO has introduced [SB 104](#) which would provide information to the parents of all girls entering 6th grade in Missouri on the link between HPV and cervical cancer and the availability of the HPV vaccine. This is information only, not a mandatory shot!

Please attend the hearing if you can!

### You're Invited

#### to the Teen Pregnancy Center's 10th Birthday Celebration!

Where: Teen Pregnancy Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (1st Floor of the Maternity Building)

When: Monday, February 16th from 1:00 - 5:00

Who to Call: Kate, the TPC Coordinator at 314.454.8091 to reserve your spot! (She needs to be sure there is cake for everyone!)

There will be education sessions, information and assistance from local organizations, and of course, birthday

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## 2009 Partnership Members

### Accepting 2009 Dues Now!

#### Organizational

Adolescent Center -  
Children's Hospital

BJC Hlthcare Sch Outreach &  
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Maplewood Richmond Hgts  
School District

St. Louis County  
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May 6, 2009  
**National Day**  
to Prevent Teen Pregnancy  
**Quiz**

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy is hosting its annual day to prevent teen pregnancy. Last year

more than 300,000 people took the National Day Quiz.

Mark your calendars and remind teens to [take the quiz](#)

(in English or

En Español)

on May 6th!

cake and presents for all participants.

Visit St. Louis' premier prenatal health care provider for adolescents and see what they've been doing these past 10 years! Please pass this information on to any client who has been served by TPC in the past so they can be invited to attend.

## Republicans and Independents Polled

The results of a new national public opinion survey conducted on behalf of the [National Women's Law Center](#) and the [YWCA-USA](#) of 1,000 Republican and Independent voters are in. The survey, conducted by [Public Strategies, Inc.](#), found that Republicans, and to an even greater degree Independents, support a number of key legislative proposals to make contraception more affordable and accessible. The survey also found that **Republicans and Independents strongly support comprehensive sex education**, particularly as compared to abstinence-only programs. This support exists not only among more moderate Republicans and Independents, but extends to more conservative "strong" Republicans as well.

#### Contraception:

Nearly three-quarters (72%) of Republicans and Independents favor legislation that would make it easier for people at all income levels to obtain contraception, and 70 percent favor legislation that would help make birth control more affordable.

Sex Education: A strong majority of Independents (76%) and Republicans (62%) believe the government should support comprehensive sex education programs that include information about abstinence, as well as information about contraception and sexually transmitted diseases.

Pharmacy Refusals: Overall, more than half (51%) of Republicans and Independents strongly favor legislation that requires pharmacies to ensure patients access to contraception at their pharmacy of choice, even if a particular pharmacist has a moral objection to contraceptives and refuses to provide it.

## MISSION

The Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership is a coalition of individuals and private and public organizations working together to improve communication and education so that youth in the St. Louis Metropolitan area make choices that decrease the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies.



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