



# Teen Pregnancy & Prevention *Partnership*

## TPPP Quick Update

### 2008 Meetings

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Location: VCR**

Vision for Children  
at Risk

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

Friday Sep 12th

Friday Nov 14th

New 2008 TPPP  
Members

### Organizational

Barnes-Jewish  
Hospital:  
Ob/Gyn Clinic /  
Teen Pregnancy  
Center

Community Action  
Agency of  
St. Louis County

Epworth Children and  
Family Services

Healthcare USA  
Ob/Disease  
Case Managers

Lutheran Family and  
Children's Services

Planned Parenthood  
of the St. Louis

May 2008

### TPPP on the RADIO

**"St. Louis on the Air"**

**11:00 - Noon Tues., May 20th**

**KWMU, 90.7 FM**

Board President, Lorien Carter, and Interim Director, Allison Hile will represent **TPPP** on a live **call-in program on teen pregnancy**. To call in during the 11am broadcast call (314) 382-TALK (8255) or email [talk@kwmu.org](mailto:talk@kwmu.org).

### FELICIA GAYLE YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Two young women, **Allison Haungs** and **Lauren Grzina**, were chosen, based on the strength of their essays and their excellent letters of recommendation. Both girls are active in their community: Allison as a member of Planned Parenthood's Teen Advocates for Sexual Health (TASH) program and Lauren as a member of the Girl Scouts.

The awards were followed by a lively **youth panel** that included this year's winners, **Stacy Massey** (2007 FGYLE winner & TASH), **Erica Simpson** from TASH and **Feedell Griggs, DeJuan Griggs**, and **Terrone Washington, Jr.** from St. Louis City DOH Youth Empowerment Services.

They openly shared their varying perspectives on a number of issues related to teen pregnancy -- including questions they answer accurately for peers and the fact that a number of very young women want to have a baby and put lots of pressure on young men to have sex. All adults present learned a great deal from the panel.

Check the [TPPP website](#) soon for excerpts from the essays.

### ARTICLE OF INTEREST

**[Experts say US sex abstinence program](#)**

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and Outreach

St. Louis Children's  
Hospital -  
Adolescent Center

St. Louis Maternal,  
Child and Family  
Health Coalition

Wyman Center

### Individual

Barb Anderson

Lorien Carter

Allison Hile

Aileen McMurrer

Cami Weber

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## doesn't work

By Will Dunham

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Reuters) - **Programs teaching U.S. schoolchildren to abstain from sex have not cut teen pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases or delayed the age at which sex begins, health groups told Congress on Wednesday.**

**The Bush administration, however, voiced continuing support for such programs** during a hearing before a House of Representatives panel even as many Democrats called for cutting off federal money for so-called abstinence-only instruction.

"Vast sums of federal monies continue to be directed toward these programs. And, in fact, there is evidence to suggest that some of these programs are even harmful and have negative consequences by not providing adequate information for those teens who do become sexually active," Dr. Margaret Blythe of the American Academy of Pediatrics told the committee.

These programs, backed by many social conservatives who oppose the teaching of contraception methods to teenagers in schools, have received about \$1.3 billion in federal funds since the late 1990s. Currently, 17 of the 50 U.S. states refuse to accept federal funds for such programs. [more...](#)

### GREAT NEW WEBSITE AND BOOK FOR TEEN GIRLS

[Girls With Dreams](#) is on a mission to help teen girls empower each other to build their lives and they are looking for more teen girls to get involved to write behind the scenes, give ideas on their advisory board, share a special talent, or speak at one of their workshops.

The site's author, Carrie Silver-Stock, MSW, LCSW, wrote *The Powder Box Secrets: Seven Tips to Help Teen Girls Achieve Success*, which has won several awards. You can also find her on [My Space](#) and [Facebook](#).

### 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.



