

PREVENTION

Newsletter for the Teen Video Study at Carnegie Mellon University and West Virginia University

TVS Partners with Planned Parenthood on New OAH-Funded Intervention

The TVS team is partnering with Planned Parenthood affiliates around the US to implement and evaluate the curriculum-based intervention we are developing to reduce unplanned pregnancy and STIs in adolescent girls. Bill Taverner at the Center for Sex Education at Planned Parenthood Central and Greater Northern New Jersey is collaborating with us to develop and pilot test the curriculum. Planned Parenthoods St. Louis Region, Central and Western New York, Metropolitan New Jersey, Delaware, and Western Pennsylvania are partnering with us to implement the intervention through the community-based organizations they serve. We are currently discussing potential partnerships with several other Planned Parenthood affiliates and are excited about our work together.

Seventeen Days at Healthy Teen Network Conference

We will have an exhibit table for *Seventeen Days* at the Healthy Teen Network Conference Oct. 13-16 in Baltimore. Stop by and say hello to Dr. Amie Ashcraft.

“The goals of comprehensive sex education are to help young people gain a positive view of sexuality and to provide them with developmentally appropriate knowledge and skills so that they can make healthy decisions about their sex lives now and in the future.”

Planned Parenthood on “Why is Sex Education Necessary?”



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Team Member Spotlight



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Karin Coyle, PhD, is a Senior Research Scientist with ETR (<http://www.etr.org>) who specializes in developing and evaluating health promotion and education programs, particularly those in the area of HIV, STI, and pregnancy prevention. Karin will be working with the TVS team as the lead program evaluator of our new curriculum-based intervention under development.



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Jill Glassman, PhD, MSW, is a Senior Research Associate and has worked as a statistician and co-investigator on many health risk prevention projects with ETR. She will be working with the TVS team as statistician and program evaluator on the randomized controlled trial of our new intervention under development.

Current Event Spotlight: Governor Jerry Brown signs bill mandating sex ed in schools across CA

Beginning January 1, 2016, California school districts will be required to implement a comprehensive sex education curriculum to teach “everything from abstinence to emergency contraception” to middle and high school students. Individual parents may choose to opt out of the instruction, but schools cannot.

Source: SFGate, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015



Facts About Teens and Sex in the US:

- In 2013, 34% of high school students had sex in the previous 3 months. 15% reported having 4 or more lifetime sexual partners.
- Every year, 1 million US teen girls become pregnant, more than half a million have a child, and 3 million teen men and women acquire an STI.
- In 2013, 59% of sexually active high school students reporting use of a condom at last sexual intercourse.

(Source: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy)

Contact Us

Is there anything you'd like to see included in the next newsletter? Do you have questions about items in this newsletter? Let us know by emailing Dr. Amie Ashcraft at amashcraft@hsc.wvu.edu

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