PURE & SIMPLE HEALTH EDUCATION, INC. ALERT

SEPTEMBER

NEWS, INFORMATION AND COMMENTARY FROM THE WORLD OF ABSTINENCE EDUCATION

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A Countdown to…???

A Message from Executive Director Sandy Pickert

If you received our summer newsletter recently in your mailbox, you already know big changes are coming very soon. Federal funding for Pure & Simple Health Education, Inc. is being eliminated as of September 30, 2010. Because much of our budget is made up of dollars awarded through this federally-funded Community-based Abstinence Education (CBAE) grant, there will be a profound impact on our ability to fulfill our mission. The depth of that impact is yet to be determined, but change is surely coming.

And we aren't alone. Click here to learn more about the two MILLION other students served by 176 abstinence programs who are about to lose this valuable instruction. All this comes despite a recent study conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that shows widespread support for abstinence education among parents and young people who believe it reflects their own values.

We are doing our very best to keep our staff informed about what happens next, as best as we can determine. Much of our fall schedule of programs is also in a state of limbo, In short, there are many questions but few answers.

I want you to know that no matters what happens, we are not going away!

That being said, if we are going to continue impacting teens to make healthy decisions and avoid high risk behaviors, we need your support. Our most urgent need is financial support. We are a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization and your financial contributions are tax deductible. But we also need other forms of support: volunteers to help with mailings, building and grounds maintenance and other tasks, and donations of snacks for the teens we serve. We also need your prayers!

We are proud of our record of achievement in bringing the very best abstinence education to the young people of Kansas. We shall continue to do all that we can to be a voice of reason in what seems to be a culture spinning out of control. Won't you come join us? —Sandy

TIME OUT!

Give us an hour and we'll give you a vision for our mission that no other organization can claim. Take "time out" from your busy schedule to discover what's happening at Pure & Simple Health Education, Inc. Enjoy lunch or refreshments while "taking a tour" of our mission, vision and services. Please contact Rhonda at (316) 688-0840 or by e-mail: rhonda@abstainpureandsimple.org so we can prepare for your arrival.

The September TIME OUT TOUR schedule is:

Tuesday, September 14 from noon to 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 30, 5 to 6 p.m.

We also offer portable "tour in a box" opportunities where we will come to your home, local community, civic, or faith-based group—ideal over lunch or anytime!

Once again we will be at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Look for us in the Meadowlark Building in the booth with the bright yellow yardsticks. Not only is this fun, it provides us a chance to meet Kansans face-to-face and explain our mission. It is always worthwhile to be able to tell people that abstinence is much more than simply "say no to sex." When they find out that we empower young people to make the healthy decision when it comes to other risky behaviors like drugs, alcohol, gang activity and more, we nearly always win over a new friend. See you at the fair!

"CHANGE ISN'T BY CHANCE"

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010 • NOON TO 1:30 P.M.

DUGAN CONFERENCE CENTER NEWMAN UNIVERSITY RSVP TO RHONDA AT (316) 688-0840

"Sextortion" schemes target vulnerable teen girls

Nearly every cell phone today comes with a camera and the ability to send photos to a friend—or onto the Internet where they are quickly exposed to the world. Teenage girls are increasing falling victim to extortion schemes where they are forced to "pay off" someone to prevent racy, embarrassing images from becoming screen saver material. We urge you to read the article below, then warn your teen and anyone else you know about this troubling digital-age trend.

Feds, experts: Racy photos on cell phones, computers leads to rise in teen 'sextortion'

New Ella Abortion Drug Coming to a Store Near You— Unfortunately

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced approval of a new prescription abortion drug called "ella" , allowing the manufacturer HRA Pharma to market this drug in the U.S. as an emergency contraceptive (EC). Proponents of ella claim that it is more effective than the so-called "morning-after pill," Plan B, because it can be taken up to 5 days after unprotected sex, vs. the 3-day approved time frame for Plan B.

Plan B is dangerous to the health of women who use it. It prevents ovulation and fertilization, and it can also work as an abortifacient by preventing the implantation of a conceived embryo, thereby causing the embryo's death. But ella can also destroy an implanted embryo.

Ella is similar in its chemical make-up to the FDA approved abortion drug, RU-486. Until now the FDA has drawn the line between EC and abortion based on whether a drug prevents or ends an established pregnancy. Therefore, approving ella as an EC, even under their own definition of an abortifacient, is doubly misleading.
To educate the public about this new abortion drug and shed light on its dangers, we urge you to watch the video below (CONTROL + click) and learn more about this deceptively dangerous new drug. And tell your friends to also go to:

www.ellacausesabortions.com

Watch a video detailing the dangers of a deceptive new abortion drug

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