



Sexuality Education for Life Coalition Minnesota (SEFL) December 2005 E-Newsletter

Sexuality Education for Life Minnesota is a coalition of educational, religious, health, social service, and advocacy organizations, as well as concerned individuals that promotes lifelong healthy sexuality by advocating for policies on comprehensive sexuality education and access to confidential health care services.

SEFL Welcomes New Staff!

Amy Brugh became the Public Policy Manager at the Minnesota AIDS project this September. She will co-convene the Sex Ed for Life Coalition with the newest MOAPPP staff member, Leah Sweet. Leah also joined the staff in September.

SEFL E-Alerts

Along with the monthly SEFL E-Newsletter, look forward to receiving [SEFL E-Alerts](#) during the upcoming 2006 legislative session. [SEFL E-Alerts](#) will be sent out when important legislative issues regarding comprehensive sexuality education and minors' consent arise and contacting legislators in a timely manner is important.

Now is the Time to Meet with Your Legislators

The Minnesota State legislature will re-convene on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Now is the perfect time to meet with State Representatives and State Senators to talk with them about supporting [Comprehensive Sexuality Education](#) and upholding the [Minors' Consent](#) law. Also, legislators have more time to read the paper so make your voice heard and submit a letter to the editor. If your letter gets published, be sure to let us know! To find out who your legislators are go to: <http://www.leg.state.mn.es/leg/Districtfinder.asp> For more information on talking points check out our website at www.sexedforlife.org or contact Leah Sweet at 651-644-1447. Ext 12 or Leah@moapp.org

SEFL Survey Results

Fifty-two people responded to the survey and of those less than 1% attended the Capital Lab or Youth Capital Lab. Most people indicated that they read the Action Alerts and most people use e-mail as the preferred way to contact their legislators. Ninety-two percent of respondents attended Brown Bag discussions and only half of those attending found them to be useful. Most people felt that we should continue to focus solely on Minors' Consent and Comprehensive Sexuality Education. Some felt we should add GLBT issues, general healthcare and emergency contraception to our issues.

In The News

States Reject Abstinence Only Money

[First California, then Pennsylvania now Maine](#)

Save the Date for Upcoming Events

Sex Ed for Life Membership Gathering January 24, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This event will get SEFL energized for the 2006 legislative session. Join us for a review of our history and a discussion about where we are headed. To register, please contact Leah at Leah@moapp.org

Making Sense of Abstinence February 8, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This training will be held at the Minnesota Department of Education in Roseville and the cost is \$50.00. This is a comprehensive sexual health curriculum that has been approved by MSERRP.

To register, [click here.](#)

Girls Rock the Capital March 6, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This event is for girls age 13-18 and it will be held at the Minnesota Women's Consortium. Space is limited so register early! For more information, contact Bonnie Watkins bonnie@mnwomen.org

SEFL Capital Lab March 17, 2006 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for more information.

An Advocacy Lesson with Shelby Knox May 6, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This event is for youth only and the location is to be determined.

SEFL Coffeehouse Series in the works

If you live outside of the metro area and would like SEFL to come to your neighborhood, please let us know! Plans are underway for an SEFL coffeehouse series where we bring the issues to your local coffee shop for discussion and awareness raising among you, your neighbors and colleagues. Let us know if you are interested.

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For more information on the Sexuality Education for Life Coalition go to www.SexEdforLife.org.

Please feel free to forward to others interested in supporting the health of Minnesota youth or tell them to sign up for Sex Ed for Life at www.SexEdforLife.org.

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