



Sexuality Education for Life Minnesota Coalition (SEFL) February 2006 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.

Precinct Caucuses are March 7!

Precinct caucuses are where community members come together to build an agenda of the issues most important to each community and to support candidates to run for elected office. Minnesota Council of Nonprofits is offering non-partisan precinct caucus trainings. For more information, check out <http://www.mncn.org/mpp/index.htm>.

At your precinct caucus, you can introduce a resolution to be added to your party's platform. For a resolution on comprehensive sex education, click [here](#). Many coalition members have introduced this resolution in the past and it helps raise awareness among our community members.

The League of Women Voters has an excellent page on precinct caucuses:
www.lwvmn.org/EdFund/caucus.asp.

For questions about the precinct caucuses, you can also contact the Secretary of State's Office: 651-296-2803.

Save the Date for Upcoming Events

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

This event is for girls ages 13-18 and it will be held at the Minnesota Women's Consortium. This event will help educate girls more about the legislative process and about issues that affect them. They will also get to visit the capitol so they can become more comfortable as advocates. Space is limited so register early! For more information, contact Bonnie Watkins bonnie@mnwomen.org.

SEFL Capitol Lab March 17, 2006 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Capitol building. You will have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the capitol. Make an appointment to visit with your elected officials in the afternoon. To find out who represents you, go to:
<http://geo.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/districts/start.html>

Please e-mail Leah@moapp.org to register for this event.

An Advocacy Lesson with Shelby Knox May 5, 2006 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. cost \$15.00. Earle Brown Heritage Center. This dynamic session follows the MOAPPP conference and is open to all teens interested in learning more about advocacy for comprehensive sexuality education. Shelby Knox and Rebecca Fox of SIECUS will lead this interactive program. This program is for youth only. Please see the MOAPPP Conference brochure for registration.

SEFL Youth Lobby Day at the Capitol May 10, 2006

Teens will learn more about the legislative process and issues around adolescent health. For more information, contact Kate at MAP at publicpolicy@mnaidsproject.org.

Watch the “Education of Shelby Knox” Video

Thursday, February 23, 2006 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Minnesota AIDS Project, 1400 Park Ave S., Minneapolis. To register, e-mail: Leah@moapp.org

Wednesday, March 22, 2006 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. at the Hamline Midway Library, 1558 W Minnehaha Ave, St. Paul. To register, e-mail: Leah@moapp.org

Monday, April 24, 2006 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Lutheran Social Services, 2414 Park Ave, Minneapolis. To register, e-mail: Leah@moapp.org

In the News

- The President proposed increasing **abstinence-only-until-marriage programs** to \$204 million. This includes increasing the **Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE)** account by \$27 million to \$141 million, which includes a continuation of \$4.5 million for the **national evaluation** of abstinence-only programs and up to \$10 million, which will be available to fund a national abstinence-only awareness campaign. As in past years, the President’s request includes flat funding of \$50 million for **Title V** (authorized under welfare reform) and \$13 million within the **Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA)** that is explicitly tied to the same definition of “abstinence education” as the other two programs. The Budget also expresses support for increasing funding for abstinence-only programs to \$270 million by 2009, and continuing providing \$4.5 million for abstinence program evaluations each year. For more information on the President’s budget, click [here](#).
- In Kansas, a district attorney favors requiring health care providers to report teens’ sexual activity. For more information, click [here](#).

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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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