



Sexuality Education for Life Minnesota Coalition (SEFL) March 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.

Sex Ed for Life Capitol Lab is March 17!

Want to become more involved with the legislative process but feel intimidated? Come to the Sex Ed for Life Capitol Lab on Friday, March 17 and learn more about the legislative process, how to become more involved and what you can do to protect minors' access to confidential health care and to promote comprehensive sexuality education.

The Capitol Lab begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 17. To RSVP, contact Leah at MOAPPP at 651-644-1447, ext 12 or leah@moapp.org.

Comprehensive Sexuality Education Bill

This year we are re-introducing the Comprehensive Sexuality Education Bill as SF 2977. In the Senate, the authors are Senators Pappas, Kelley, Marko, Kiscaden and Kierlin and the House version will be introduced soon. To track the bill online, go to [SF 2977](#). Stay tuned for more information on how this legislation progresses.

Save the Date for Upcoming Events

Youth Engagement & Voter Registration Rally April 8, 2006, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sateran Auditorium at Augsburg College – Minneapolis. The rally is for urban, suburban, multi-cultural, immigrant and underrepresented youth from across the state. For more information call Deborah at 763-476-8677 or e-mail Emmett_till_legacy@yahoo.com.

YOUTH SPREADIN' THE TRUTH April 19, 2006, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Neighborhood House, 179 Robie Street East—St. Paul

Minnesota Teens for AIDS Prevention (MN-TAP) is sponsoring this community forum on comprehensive sexuality education. The forum is open to youth, parents, educators and concerned citizens. To register, click [here](#).

Advocacy Lessons with Shelby Knox May 5, 2006, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive – Brooklyn Center. sponsored by the Sex Ed for Life Coalition, 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, **youth only** program. The cost is \$15 per youth. To download the registration form, click [here](#).

SEFL Youth Lobby Day at the Capitol May 10, 2006

Teens will learn more about the legislative process and issues surrounding comprehensive sexuality education and minors' consent. For more information, contact Kate at MAP at publicpolicy@mnaidsproject.org.

Watch the “Education of Shelby Knox” Video

This documentary chronicles the high school years of Shelby Knox, a smart, independent high school girl and proponent of comprehensive sex education in Lubbock, Texas.

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.

The film will also be shown during National Public Health week on Friday, April 7 2006, 5:30 p.m. at Mayo Memorial Auditorium at the University of Minnesota. Find more information at www.sph.umn.edu/filmfestival.

In the News

The Federal Government is Tightening Guidance for Community-Based Abstinence Education Funding. To read a report about these changes by SIECUS, click [here](#).

The Society for Adolescent Medicine Released a Research Study and a Position Paper About the Potential Dangers of Abstinence-Only Until Marriage Programs. The January 2006 issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health* includes these articles which carefully examine the evidence about these programs and also outline the potential dangers of ineffective programming. To read the research study, click [here](#). To read the position paper, click [here](#).

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. Sexuality Education for Life-Minnesota is coordinated by the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) www.moapp.org and the Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) www.mnaidsproject.org.

Sex Ed for Life is supported by the Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation, the Minneapolis Foundation and the Ms. Foundation.

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.

To unsubscribe from Sex Ed for Life, email Leah@moapp.org, Subject line: unsubscribe Sex Ed for Life