

**Background Information on Presenters at 2007  
Teen Pregnancy Institute Scheduled for Holy Cross College**

**Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy:** (Sponsor of 2007 Teen Pregnancy Institute at Holy Cross College)

This Boston based organization focuses on teen pregnancy prevention by ensuring “...Massachusetts’ youth have access to comprehensive pregnancy-prevention services and that pregnant and parenting teens and their children have the resources and support they need to thrive.”<sup>1</sup> To support their mission, the Alliance has opposed since 2002 Federal funding of abstinence-until-marriage programs. The Alliance considers the programs “...not only inadequate, but in fact detrimental to the health of sexually active youth and the majority of young people...”<sup>2</sup>

**Dr. Douglas Kirby:** (Keynote Presenter)

Dr. Kirby is a Senior Research Scientist on the staff of ETR Associates who focuses on adolescent sexuality. He has directed many studies on adolescent sexual behavior and published over 100 publications on the topic. He co-authored research on two ETR publications *Reducing the Risk* and *Safer Choices 1 & 2*.<sup>3</sup> Project Reality, a leader in abstinence education, reviewed both publications and found a total of 90 references to abstinence and 183 mentions of condoms in *Reducing the Risk* and a total of 10 mentions of the word abstinence and 772 mentions of the word condom in *Safer Choices 1 & 2*.<sup>4</sup>

ETR Associates is a leading publisher of comprehensive sex education materials as well as other materials on abstinence, STDs, and addictive substances. ETR’s mission is to “...enhance the well being of individuals, families...by providing leadership, educational resources...with an emphasis on sexuality and health education. Its catalog of pamphlets includes titles on condoms such as *Incredible Condoms Facts*, *Condom Basics*, and *5 Smart Steps to Condom..*

**Workshops with Speakers/Organizations**

***A1. Depo-Provera: A Critical Look***

Amy Cronin, MPA

The topic Depo-Provera is about a hormone injection taken every three months to prevent pregnancy. The drug has known risks such as a loss of bone density.<sup>5</sup> There is no information on Amy Cronin other than she received her B.A. and MPA from UMASS-Amherst since 2002.

***A2. Secrets of Writing Successful Grant Proposals***

Diane Gedeon-Martin, The Write Source

Not researched.

**A3. Teen Dating Violence: Understanding and Effectively Responding to Clients**

Julie Kahn, LICSW, Transition House

Transition House is an organization involved in preventing or stopping domestic violence and operates a number of battered women's shelters. It also sponsors a program for school age children on domestic and dating violence. Julie Kahn is the Program Director for its *Dating Violence Intervention Program*.

**A4. Teaching Pregnancy Prevention to At-Risk Boys**

Megara Bell, Partners in Sex Education

Megara Bell says she is a sex therapist and has appeared at various Massachusetts colleges. The notice posted for her appearance at Boston University billed it as a "Sex Toy Party."<sup>6</sup> Her appearances at Harvard involved explicit female sexual content and a Fox News article on her appearance in 2001 referred to her as an employee of a Brookline, Massachusetts sex shop.<sup>7</sup>

**A5. Depression and Adolescent Parents**

Joanne Cox, MD, Children's Hospital

Not researched.

**A6. Breaking the Ice: Getting Teens to Open Up and Share**

Tammy Tai, Independent Youth Consultant

No information available.

**A7. Supporting Parents as Primary Sexuality Educators of their Children**

Amy Cody, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

The Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts offers abortion services at three locations including its center in Worcester.<sup>8</sup> In 2005, Planned Parenthood performed over 260,000 abortion procedures throughout the country.<sup>9</sup>

Amy Cody is the Parent Education Manager for PPLM.

**A8. Beyond Pregnancy Prevention: How to Talk to Teens about HIV and STI Protection**

Maria Popek, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

See comments for A7.

**A9. Shifting the Narrative: Opening Doors for Teen Mothers**

Anne Teschner, Amy Leos, and Ana Rodriguez, The Care Center

The Care Center provides an alternative day school and GED program for pregnant and parenting teens in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Anne Teschner is the Executive Director.<sup>10</sup>

**A10. *Beyond the Birds and Bees: Developing Healthy Sexuality in Adolescent Girls***

Lisa Goldblatt Grace, The My Life My Choice Project

The My Life My Choice Project is a program of The Home for Little Wanderers. Its purpose is to provide prevention programming to girls most at risk of being prostituted and to educate those who work with girls about the sexual exploitation of teens.<sup>11</sup>

Lisa Grace is a licensed clinical social worker and directs the program.

**A11. *17 Characteristics of Effective Programs***

Dr. Douglas Kirby, ETR Associates

See comments about Dr. Douglas Kirby and ETR Associates in section above on Keynote Speaker.

**B1. *Vicarious Trauma: Building Our Protective Layers***

Karen Johnson, Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund

The Children's Trust Fund targets the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It supports this mission by providing funding to over 100 agencies to ensure parents have the information and skills to raise safe, happy, and healthy children.<sup>12</sup>

No information on Karen Johnson.

**B2. *Dating Violence as a Context for Adolescent Pregnancy***

Jay Silverman, Ph.D, Harvard School for Public Health

Not researched.

**B3. *What's New in Family Planning?***

Stacie Garnett, NARAL Pro Choice Massachusetts  
Lenore Tsikitas, MA Department of Public Health

NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts' mission is to "...guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices, including...accessible abortion (emphasis added)."<sup>13</sup>

Stacie Garnett is the Director of Access and Outreach programs at NARAL Pro-Choice.

**B4. *Talking to Teens About Sex: Communication Skills for Youth Serving Providers***

Sarah Kennedy, Health Quarters

Health Quarters provides reproductive health care, prevention, and education to low income residents in northeast Massachusetts. This includes birth control and emergency contraception as well as gynecological exams.<sup>14</sup>

No information on Sarah Kennedy other than she is an employee of Health Quarters.

**B5. *Risk Taking in Adolescence***

Faina Smith, Parent 411

No information on Faina Smith or Parent 411.

**B6. *Dads Can Make a Difference***

Richard Claytor, Massachusetts Fatherhood Initiative

The Fatherhood Initiative is funded by the Children's Trust Fund and supports activities to assist fathers to provide a more nurturing and positive relationship with their children. The Initiative works with fathers, families and professionals who work with them.<sup>15</sup>

No specific information on Richard Claytor other than he has been involved with this program for a number of years.

**B7. *Proving Your Work Makes a Difference: An Introduction to Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evaluation***

Lauri Turkovsky, Western Massachusetts Center for Healthy Communities

The WMC for Healthy Communities mission is to improve health in western Massachusetts using effective programs, policies, and systems. Their focus is on alcohol, tobacco, violence and other drug prevention.<sup>16</sup>

Lauri Turkovsky, Ed. D is the Senior Prevention Science Coordinator for Healthy communities.

**B8. *Managing Difficult Behaviors***

Kimberly Hirsh, Management Sciences for Health

Management Sciences for Health is a major provider of services to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of health services. It does this by improving management systems, promote access to services and influence public policy.<sup>17</sup>

Kimberly Hirsh is an employee of the organization.

**B9. *Eliminating the Disparity in Teen Birth Rate***

Dr. Sarah Perez McAdoo, Wesson Women's Clinic, Baystate Medical Center

The Clinic provides health services, social services, nutrition therapy, and OB/GYN counseling especially to teens and Hispanic women in the Springfield, MA area.<sup>18</sup>

Dr. MaAdoo is an OB/GYN clinician on the Medical Center's staff.

**B10. *Understanding Victims of Prostitution and Other Forms of Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Dispelling Myths and Breaking Down Barriers***

Lisa Goldblatt/Grace and Audrey Morrissey, My Life My Choice Project

See comments for A10.

**C1. *Myths and Facts: Understanding Sexual Urban Legends***

Megara Bell, Partners in Sex Education

See comments for A4.

**C2. *A Peek Into a Child's Mind: How Infants and Young Children Learn*  
Faina Smith, Parent 411**

No information on Faina Smith or Parent 411.

**C3. *Adolescents and Sexual Violence***

Amanda Donovan and Jane Weiner, North Shore Rape Crisis Center

The North Shore Rape Crisis Center operates in Beverly, MA and provides hotline services, counseling, education workshops, and support groups for adolescent and adult victims of sexual assault and rape.<sup>19</sup>

Jane Weiner is the Assistant Director and Amanda Donovan is a Teen Intervention Counselor at the Center.

**C4. *How Do I Protect Thee: Let Me Count the ways***

Maria Popek, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

See comments for A7.

**C5. *Co-ed Group Sex Education for Psychiatrically Hospitalized Adolescents***

Kathleen Sasonoff. Children's Hospital

Not researched.

**C6. *Engaging and Encouraging Fathers as Partners in Parenting***

Richard Muzzy and Bennie Ashley, Catholic Charities North

Not researched.

**C7. *Can you Hear Me Now? Delivering Feedback to Staff***

Gordon Gottlieb, TDC Training

TDC provides training to improve business and management skills for non-profit organizations and agencies.<sup>20</sup>

Gordon Gootlieb is a Program Director at TDC.

### **C8. Teens and Medical Care-Confidentiality, Privacy and Consent**

Jamie Ann Sabino, J.D., Judicial Consent for Minors Lawyer Referral Panel

Jamie Ann Sabino assists teenagers in getting judicial authorization for an abortion. The Performance Standards “Governing the Representation of Minors Seeking Judicial Consent for Abortion” states in Section 14 that should a minor’s petition for authorization for an abortion be denied, the attorney should contact a member of the Judicial Consent for Minors Lawyer Referral Panel steering committee.<sup>21</sup>

Jamie Sabino is an attorney and past president of the Women’s Bar Foundation.

### **C9. Social Norms Marketing: Perceptions to Reality**

Shari Sprong, Greater Boston Center for Healthy Communities

The Center works with communities to identify health priorities and design new initiatives to respond to individual community health needs.<sup>22</sup>

Shari Sprong is a Community Health Associate.

### **C10. Overview of ABC’s of Immigration**

Eva Millona, Massachusetts Immigrants and Refugee Advocacy Coalition

The Coalition is an advocacy group for immigrant rights that provides extensive information about programs for immigrants.<sup>23</sup>

Eva Millona is the Policy Director for the Coalition.

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpts from Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy web site:

<http://www.massteenpregnancy.org/about/who.html>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Excerpts from Ohio State University website: <http://hec.osu.edu/eseminars/teens/Kirby.htm>

<sup>4</sup> Excerpts from Project Reality website: <http://projectreality.org/news/index.php?newsid=57>

<sup>5</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.depoprovera.com>

<sup>6</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.bu.edu/phpbin/calendar/event.php?id=8572&cid=17&oid=0>

<sup>7</sup> *Students Shake Up Harvard*, Alisyn Camerota, May 4, 2001.

<sup>8</sup> Excerpts from Planned Parenthood’s web site: <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/findCenterProcess.asp>

<sup>9</sup> *Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. Annual Report 2005-2006.*

<sup>10</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.carecenterholyokey.org>

<sup>11</sup> Excerpts from web site [http://www.thehome.org/site/content/prostitution\\_prevention/mylife\\_mychoice.asp](http://www.thehome.org/site/content/prostitution_prevention/mylife_mychoice.asp)

<sup>12</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://mctf.org>

<sup>13</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.prochoicemass.org>

<sup>14</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.healthq.org/index.asp>

<sup>15</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.mctf.org/sp.aspx?id=68>

<sup>16</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.westernmasshealthycommunities.org>

<sup>17</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.msh.org>

- <sup>18</sup> Excerpts from web site  
[http://baystatehealth.com/eConsumer/bhs\\_chan\\_index.jsp?chID=1496c7aec33df00VgnVCM1000000f0c19acRCD](http://baystatehealth.com/eConsumer/bhs_chan_index.jsp?chID=1496c7aec33df00VgnVCM1000000f0c19acRCD)
- <sup>19</sup> Excerpts from web site [http://www.hes-inc.org/scp\\_nsrcc.htm](http://www.hes-inc.org/scp_nsrcc.htm)
- <sup>20</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.tdcorp.org>
- <sup>21</sup> Excerpts from web sites <http://www.womensbar.org/WBF/pastpresidents.aspx> and  
<http://www.bu.edu/dbin/womenstudies/faculty.php?name=Sabino>
- <sup>22</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://www.masspreventioncenter.org>
- <sup>23</sup> Excerpts from web site <http://miracoalition.org>