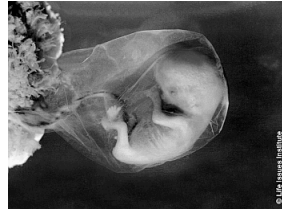


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GOOD NEWS FROM OPERATION RESCUE COLORADO

Why our work is essential

Even though teen pregnancy rates may have gone down, sexually transmitted disease has become epidemic. Did you know that you can get cancer from sex?

Did you know that the HPV virus infects 46% of teenage girls after their *first sexual intercourse*? This virus causes cervical cancer.

Did you know that even *curable* STDs could leave lasting damage and future difficulty in getting pregnant?

Did you know that 25% of sexually active teens are living with an STD?

I have been involved in the prolife movement for many years and I thought I had a good handle on the consequences of teenage sex. For ten years, I have stood on the sidewalk in front of local high schools and told the students about Jesus, abortion and sex. An essential part of our message is abstinence. I knew things were bad but I didn't know how bad.

I recently read a book that was both fascinating and horrifying. Written by Meg Meeker, M.D., the book *Epidemic* shows how teen sex is killing our kids. Dr. Meeker practices pediatric and adolescent medicine. On a daily basis, one-third of the teenage patients she sees have a sexually transmitted disease. Does that blow your mind like it does mine?

Look at these statistics:

- Nearly 50% of African-American teenagers have genital herpes.
- Although teenagers make up just 10% percent of the population, they acquire between 20 and 25% of all STDs.

- Herpes has skyrocketed 500% in the past 20 years among white American teenagers.

- Nearly one out of ten teenage girls has chlamydia, and half of all new chlamydia cases are diagnosed in girls 15 to 19 years old.

In the 1960's the two known STDs, syphilis and gonorrhea could be cured with a shot of penicillin. Today, the simple cures are gone and in many cases there are no cures at all. Many STDs are lifelong and life threatening. Even *curable* STDs can cause significant damage such as pelvic inflammatory disease before they are caught.

Do you think kids are being taught these facts in public school sex-ed classes? That sure doesn't sound like safe sex to me.

So what about condoms? Aren't they supposed to make teen sex safe? Let's look at the facts. The conclusion of one study was that while male latex condoms could reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS, there was *not enough evidence to determine that they were effective in reducing the risk of most other sexually transmitted diseases.*

Another study showed that "condoms have *no impact* on the risk of sexual transmission of Human Papilloma virus (HPV) in women."

Understanding the facts shows that condoms provide very little protection from STDs. It makes me upset to realize how teens are being lied to. They are given false assurance that is leaving many of them scarred for life.

So what are the roots of this epidemic? Here are some:

- **Easy availability of birth control.** Kids can have sex with less worry about pregnancy. However, birth control is not disease control.

- **Lack of knowledge.** Kids are not informed of the facts regarding STDs. Four out of five, for example, didn't know that most people who get an STD never develop symptoms.

- **Starting sex earlier.** Statistics show that the earlier a teen starts, the more partners he or she will have. The more partners, the more chance of infection.

- **Confusion of what sex is.** Many teens think that anything short of penetration is not sex. Oral sex and mutual masturbation are viewed as not "real" sex. Some teens engage in these activities and think they are practicing abstinence. What they don't know is that avoiding penetration is not avoiding disease.

- **Teenage anatomy.** A teenage girl's cervix is more vulnerable to infection than an adult woman's cervix.

Another increase is in the varieties of STDs. We went from two in the 1960's to around eighty today. The sexual revolution had a high price.

Aside from the physical problems, there are also the emotional. Dr. Meeker speaks of emotional STDs. There are skyrocketing rates of depression in teens and much of it can be traced to the fallout from sexual activity and its consequences.

I am convinced more than ever how important it is for us to be at the high schools. Join us if you can. Consider making a donation to cover the cost of the literature we pass out and pray that God will give us an open door.

School Schedule

Here's the schedule for the upcoming *God is Going Back to School Campaign* for Spring 2008 at area high schools. Make sure you're on the Life Connection calling list for continuing information.

Alameda

1255 S Wadsworth Blvd
SW side of property
April 8 2:30 p.m.

Cherry Creek

9300 E Union
Park at park, east of school
April 17 2:45 p.m.

Chatfield

7277 S Simms
Park at shopping center south of school
April 22 2:05 p.m.

Englewood

3800 S Logan
Park 1 block south of school
May 1 2:50 p.m.

Kennedy

2855 S Lamar
May 6 2:40 p.m.

Green Mountain

13175 W Green Mountain Dr
May 15 2:20 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson

3950 S Holly
May 20 2:40 p.m.

George Washington

655 S Monaco Pkwy
May 27 2:55 p.m.

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You are invited to help support this ministry as we stand at the abortion clinic, hospital, at the schools and with the banner.

Each time we go to one of the high schools we pass out about \$60.00 of literature. Thanks to generous donors we are able to do this.

Would you consider a donation to this lifesaving work?

Life Connection Information Line

303-237-4146

24 hours a day you can access recorded information on life issues.

Information available to help those in a crisis pregnancy and those who have been hurt by abortion. Much also available to help you in your prolife witness.

Call now and be prepared



Make sure we have your current phone number so you can receive the InfoLine alerts.

Fill out the enclosed coupon!

Banner Display



This summer will mark many opportunities to witness for life. The City of Denver outlawed the banner on the overpass so we will be taking it to other locations. Thousands of cars pass by during these times as the banner proclaims:

ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

THE COHEN / WOMACK PROJECT

If we are going to have an impact on our society regarding abortion, we must show that we care. We must put feet to our prayers. Over 40 children in the womb are killed every working day in Colorado.

**PICKET THE ABORTION MILL
255 Union Blvd.**

**Our present schedule is as follows:
Every Monday - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

BEHAVIOR

Act as Jesus would. Pray and ask God to convict by His Holy Spirit. Be repentant and have an attitude of humility; this holocaust resulted from our apathy. Be peaceful and nonviolent in word and deed.

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