

WARNING: The information below contains sexually explicit, graphic material, as quoted from the material reviewed.

I am including two pdf files. The one titled 20060906 Children's Services Council Notes.pdf is the one I used in my presentation last night. I made copies of these available to the council members, though I don't know of any that took them. The other file is a more extensive list of quotes from the local PP site. The quotes in both documents were copied and pasted from the Planned Parenthood of Greater Miami, Palm Beach, and Treasure Coast Inc., the sponsor of Teen Time. The quotes show the graphic and explicit information handed out to teens without their parent's knowledge or consent. Some quotes on the Planned Parenthood pdf show the effectiveness, or lack thereof of various birth control methods. Please note that even Planned Parenthood acknowledges that abstinence is 100% effective at preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The other methods vary in effectiveness, or lack thereof.

Teen Time includes information leading teens to call FactFONE at 1.866.338.FACT (3228). After entering the FactFONE menu, keying in 121 will play the "Condoms and Safer Sex" message. In this message, Planned Parenthood advises teens that "some people find sexual pleasure in mutual masturbation, kissing, fanaticizing, caressing, hugging, or body massages. . . Condoms come in different colors, flavors and styles." Planned Parenthood has been known to pass out lollipop flavored condoms. The tobacco and alcohol companies used to use the same tactics to hook young people but the law no longer permits such advertising. Planned Parenthood has even paid teens to influence other teens and lured teens with movie tickets and iPods.

One point I made at the council meeting is that Planned Parenthood's site claims that having sex without a condom is like playing Russian roulette. The odds of getting shot playing Russian roulette are 16.333%. According to Planned Parenthood's own data, "of 100 women whose partners use condoms, about 15 will become pregnant during the first year of typical use." (Pasted from: <http://66.151.111.132/pp2/qmpbtc/files/portal/medicalinfo/birthcontrol/pub-condom.xml>.) Using Planned Parenthood's own statistics, one can readily see that having sex with condoms *is playing Russian roulette!* And one thing that Planned Parenthood doesn't tell young people is that HVP and Herpes can still be transmitted, even with the use of a condom. In addition, not even Planned Parenthood claims that promiscuous sex with condoms is safe: They now call it safer sex.

Concerning results from abstinence programs in St. Lucie County, their presently are no results because St. Lucie County has not had an abstinence program in place in the schools. Consequently, teen pregnancy rates have stayed about the same while HIV rates have risen. This is changing though. Project Elevate to Wait recently brought in the Choosing the Best. Choosing the Best is abstinence based program approved by the Florida Dept. of Health. Since the program is new here, we don't have results yet, but other communities that have adopted this program have seen positive results. Mitchell County, GA has seen a reduction in teen pregnancies from 49 per year to 19 in their first year (http://www.choosingthebest.com/success_stories/index.htm).

Tucson, AZ saw a 9% drop in teen pregnancy and went from 2nd to 4th in the state (http://www.choosingthebest.com/success_stories/teen_abstinence_6.html). This was the first drop in the teen pregnancy rate on record. And Waco, Tx, which ranked number 1 in their state for the combined risk factors of out of wedlock pregnancy and STDs. Since starting the Choosing the Best Curriculum, they have seen a 5% drop in out-of-wedlock teen pregnancy rates (http://www.choosingthebest.com/success_stories/teen_abstinence_3.html).

For more information about Project Elevate and its efforts to bring the Choosing the Best curriculum to St. Lucie County, you may want to contact Sue Chess at 772-871-2211.