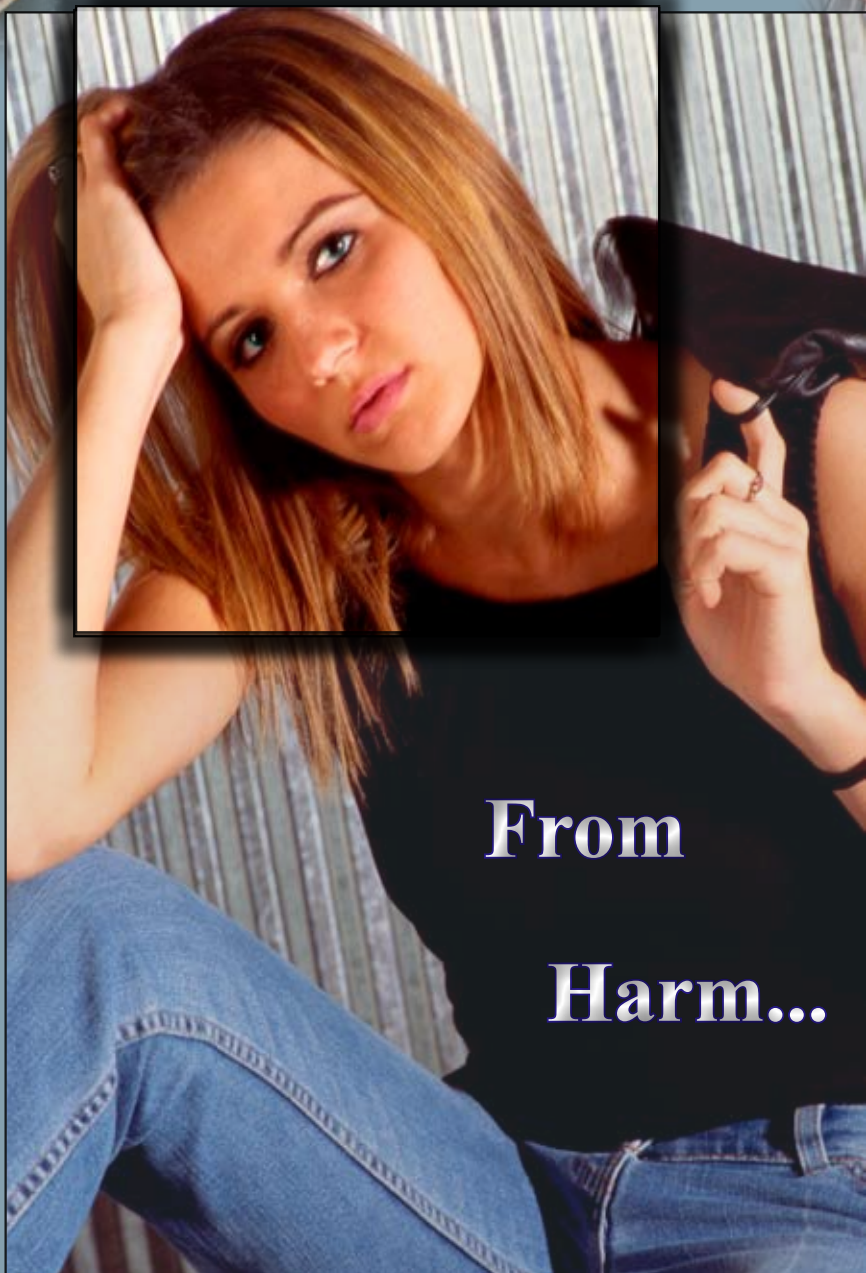


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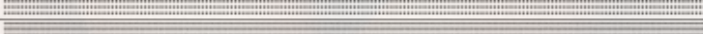
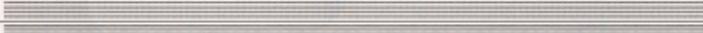
Concerned Parents Report

...Is Your Teen At Risk?

In the 1960s and 1970s, two sexually transmitted diseases, Syphilis and Gonorrhea, were the main concern of a risky sexual lifestyle. In those days, penicillin would take care of those infections. In the 1980s and 1990s, parents became primarily concerned about the HIV/AIDS epidemic and sky rocketing teen pregnancy rates.

Now parents need to be concerned about 26 known sexually transmitted infections that can turn into incurable diseases that cause cancer, infertility, or even death. A teen's possible exposure to sexually transmitted diseases is tremendous. Thankfully, without a doubt, the safest and healthiest way to simultaneously eliminate the risk of contracting a sexually transmitted infection and a teenage pregnancy is by helping your child to recognize the value and necessity of living a chaste lifestyle in today's dangerous society.

Empower your teen to make the healthiest choice for their reproductive health - living a chaste lifestyle. Subscribe for free to the *Concerned Parents Report* by visiting www.ConcernedParents.com.

Number of Sexual Partners	SEXUAL EXPOSURE CHART (if every person has only the same number of partners as you)	Number of People Exposed to
1		1
2		3
3		7
4		15
5		31
6		63
7		127
8		255
9		511
10		1023
11		2047
12		4095

"When you have sex with someone, you are having sex with everyone they have had sex with for the last ten years, and everyone they and their partners have had sex with for the last ten years."

- C. Everett Koop, M.D., Former U.S. Surgeon General

The STD Epidemic

STI/STD	Incidence*	Prevalence**	Health Consequences
Chlamydia	2.8 million	***	- Can lead to PID**** - Left untreated, these complications can prevent people from having children
Gonorrhea	700,000	***	- Can lead to PID - Increased risk of HIV
Herpes	1 million	45 million	- Increases risk of HIV
HPV	6.2 million	20 million	- Cervical Cancer
Syphilis	32,000	***	- 3 to 7 percent of persons with untreated syphilis develop neurosyphilis
Trichomoniasis	7.4 million	***	- Increased risk of HIV - may cause a woman to deliver a low-birth weight or premature infant

* Estimated number of new cases each year
 ** Estimated number of people currently infected
 *** No recent surveys on national prevalence for Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, or trichomoniasis have been conducted.
 ****Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

Know the Facts...

1 in 4 Teenage Girls Has an STD

A CDC study estimated that 1 in 4 young women between the ages of 14-19 years old in the US are infected with at least one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases.¹

21% of Teen Women Using Contraception Will Be Pregnant Within 2 Years of Beginning Use

Of women younger than 18 years old, 21.1% experience an unintended pregnancy (contraceptive failure) in the first two years of use.²

9 Million Teens and Young Adults Contract STDs Each Year.

The Alan Guttmacher Institute found that approximately nine million new sexually transmitted infections occur among teens each year.³

Abstinent Teens Enjoy Greater Academic Success

Teens who become sexually active before the age of 18 are 3 times more likely to be expelled from school than teens who remain virgins while in high school. Chaste teens are also more likely to graduate from college than sexually active youth.⁴

Strong Parental Disapproval of Teen Sex Equals Less STDs

Teens of parents who strongly disapprove of adolescent sex, have 62% less cases of STDs than teens of parents who approve of adolescent sex.⁵

Nationally Representative CDC Study Finds 1 in 4 Teenage Girls Has a Sexually Transmitted Disease, National STD Prevention Conference, Press Release, March 11, 2008.

Contraceptive Failure in the First Two Years of Use. Family Planning Perspectives, Vol. 33, No. 1, 2001.

³ *Facts on Sex Education in the United States*, Guttmacher Institute, 2006.

⁴ *Teenage Sexual Abstinence and Academic Achievement*, Paper presented at 9th Annual Abstinence Clearinghouse Conference, 2005.

⁵ *Predicting Adolescents' Longitudinal Risk for Sexually Transmitted Infection*, Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Vol. 159, 2005.



Website Gives Parents Tools for Teen Health

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Every day, youth are bombarded with misleading, confusing and dangerous messages about sex that can lead to devastating repercussions.

What is the truth about sexually transmitted diseases? What is the link between oral contraceptives and breast cancer? What is the link between abortion and future miscarriages?

A new, life-affirming web site has been designed to provide parents with accurate reports on these issues so they can share this critical information with their kids.

Developed by Real Alternatives, the administrator of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Alternative to Abortion Program, the web site - www.ConcernedParents.com - provides dozens of reports on the latest health and medical news concerning young people and their reproductive health.

The Concerned Parents Report also provides free immediate or monthly e-mail updates for those who sign up. The updates contain brief bits of information that subscribers can click on if they want to learn more. Current reports on the Web site include such headlines as "Parental Involvement Laws Impact Teen Sex," "Sex in Media Accelerates Sexual Activity," "Chaste Teens Significantly Less Depressed" and "Increase in Sexual Partners Increases Chances of HPV.

Kevin Bagatta, President and CEO of Real Alternatives, noted in a recent interview with *The Catholic Witness* that the Concerned Parents Report is designed to arm parents with truths they

can present to their children as they best see fit.

"What we want to do is get the word out to parents as to what dangers are out there for kids and empower them with that knowledge," he said.

"There are 26 different sexually transmitted diseases, and many of them can cause death," he remarked. "Parents need to stay informed and see what's really out there and encourage their kids to live chaste lives."

The Concerned Parents Report promotes abstinence and chastity in the face of these health risks. It does not advocate for contraception or abortion; in fact, reports on the web site point to the dangers of both.

The Web site postings come from Real Alternatives staff members who search the internet and print resources for the health and medical information, a great deal of which rarely appears on the evening news or as top stories in newspapers, Mr. Bagatta noted.

"This is about the health of children," he said of the web site. "I think parents know that these are not the same times that they lived in when they were teenagers. There are a lot of agendas out there and a lot of areas where kids can get into trouble. What we want to do is give parents the information and the facts so they know the dangers that are out there and get practical applications of how to approach this with their children."

View and sign up for the Concerned Parents Report at www.ConcernedParents.com. Learn more about Real Alternatives at

www.RealAlternatives.org

Concerned Parents Report is dedicated to reporting information and imparting knowledge to parents so they can empower their children to make the healthiest choice for their reproductive health - living a chaste lifestyle.

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