

April 2007 - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

A new law recently passed, House Bill 2097 (Child Abuse Training), that requires school districts' Boards of Education to establish Professional Development Programs at least annually, to train school teachers, in the prevention, detection, and reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect, and its long-term effects. Programs will be adopted by professional development committees comprised of classroom teachers, administrators, parents and legal guardians.

- Prevent Child Abuse America, 200 S. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604-2404. (312) 663-3520. www.preventchildabuse.org
- Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Oklahoma, 437 N.W. 12th, Oklahoma City, OK 73103. (800) CHILDREN or (405) 232-2500.
- Child Abuse Prevention Month packet can be found at <http://www.preventchildabuse.org/publications/cap/index.shtml>
- National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect information, 1250 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20024. (800) 394-3366. <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/>
- Oklahoma State Department of Health, Office of Child Abuse Prevention, 1000 N.E. 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299. (405) 271-7611. Child Abuse materials available. More information available on the Website at <http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/cap/index.html>
 - Survival Tips for Parents and Kids (31 pages) [http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/cap/Parents%20 Vol.%20II.pdf](http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/cap/Parents%20Vol.%20II.pdf)

April 2007 - National Alcohol Awareness Month

- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. To access information go to the website <http://www.ncadd.org> and select the following options: Program, then Awareness.
- **Area Prevention Resource Centers**, (405) 271-8755 Contact: Jan Hardwick or Martha Rogers. Educational materials and videos for loan. Provides education, training, and consultation on substance abuse and violence prevention. Call for the center nearest you.

Other resources: www.jointogether.org

Statistics from the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence:

- Alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high school seniors, and its use appears to be increasing along with the use of tobacco and marijuana. In 1998, 52% of high school seniors consumed alcohol in the last 30 days, compared to 26% who used illicit drug in the last 30 days.
- Alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10 to 24: motor-vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide, and suicide.
- Approximately 88% of 10th graders and 75% of 8th graders report that it's very easy or fairly easy to get alcohol.



April 2007 - National Teen Pregnancy Awareness Month

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Months are April and May

- The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 478-8500. Email: campaign@teenpregnancy.org
Website: <http://www.teenpregnancy.org/Default.asp?bhcp=1>
- Oklahoma State Department of Health, Child & Adolescent Health Division Adolescent Health, (405) 271-4471, <http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/ahd/index.html>

Resources:

- Advocates for Youth – fact sheets and publications <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org>
- Healthy Teen Network - www.healthyteennetwork.org
- The Resource Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention has a variety of pamphlets, videos and other materials for parents. <http://www.etr.org/recapp/>
- *Can We Talk* – a curriculum for helping families talk about self-esteem, sex, and peer pressure from the National Education Association Health Information Network - www.neahin.org/canwetalk/index.html
- *Are We Almost There?* A health education curriculum designed for students at the junior high/middle school level. It can be used as a stand alone curriculum or in combination with other teen pregnancy prevention or male responsibility programs. Each of the eight lessons has been designed with the 13-14 year old in mind, but can be adjusted to accommodate a lower or higher level developmental level. Written by Kathy Payne, M.H.R., A.S.S.E.C.T. Please call Kathy Payne at Oklahoma State Department of Health at 405-271-9444, extension 56507.
- *Being There* Planning Guide is a resource for facilitators to help plan parent education programs that set up a formula for setting up and following up parent education programs, list models of successful parent education programs and tips for parents of adolescents on talking to kids about sex and growing up. Contact Kathy Payne at 405-271-9444, extension 56507 at the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Refer to School Health Calendar for more STD Awareness and Sexual Assault information.