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34th Annual TACSAP
State Conference

Bridging the Gap

- El Paso, Texas
- Fall, 2009
- Two and one half days

Legislative Information

HEALTHY FUTURES ALLIANCE

An organization that will be advocating for bills that further the objectives of the Alliance

- An evidence-based youth development/Teen pregnancy pilot program
- "Abstinence-Plus" Sex Education
- Require medical accuracy in Sex Education Programs
- Teen moms ability to consent for contraceptives
- CHIP to cover contraceptives for teen moms
- Helping new mothers on Medicaid to enroll in the Women's Health Program

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New Board Members

Debra Hurt is an RN, Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Facilitator with Dallas ISD. She implemented a two-year pilot program in a high school that was successful with decreasing the dropout rate, increased graduation rate of teen parents, and decreased the percentage of pregnancies school wide. Her nursing background is varied since graduating with a BSN in 1982. She has a broad range of nursing experience including occupational, rehabilitation, public health, county jail, infection control and home health. Debra helped implement a teens only clinic, an OB-GYN clinic and served as coordinator of an STD clinic in Alabama prior to moving to Dallas in 2001.

Dr. Candelario Huerta, a consultant and federal grant reviewer for bilingual, ESL, Migrant and Dual Language education programs for the past 29 years resides in Corpus Christi. His Master's is in Child Development and Doctorate in Bilingual Education. For the past 25 years he has worked as a monitor and evaluator for Head Start and Early Head Start. He is a consultant for the Institute for Second Language Achievement, for which the purpose is to improve and raise the TAKS scores of English Language Learner students in low-performing school districts. He hopes to expand TACSAP membership to educators of bilingual, ESL, migrant and other at-risk students.

Message from the President:

The 33rd Annual TACSAP Conference was held in Austin in November, 2008. The Board members would like to thank St. David's Community Health Foundation and the Prevention Researchers for their donations. The donations allowed the provision of scholarships and outstanding speakers. Gilbert Chavez deserves special Kudos for all his hard work!

The 34th Annual TACSAP Conference will be held in El Paso. Currently, the Board members are securing a date and hotel. Information regarding the conference will be posted on our website as it becomes available. Local committee members, workshop facilitators, and volunteers will be needed next fall, so please contact a Board member if you are interested. The Board members and their contact information is listed at the "Contact Us". button on our website..

Please consider presenting a workshop at the 34th conference. You have great ideas and need to share your expertise. Many attendees are interested in how you teach various subjects, how you work with teens in a prenatal clinic, how you help teens become better parents or how you help teens navigate with federal and state service agencies.