



# The TACSAP Newsletter

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## Changing Times— New Challenges

- 30th state conference
- Hilton Hotel,-Arlington
- November 6—8, 2005
- Early registration—\$225.00
- Late registration—\$275.00
- Hotel rate –state rate of \$80.00 per night

## Workshop Topics

Homeless Issues

Academics-Virtual School

Healthy Relationships

Dating & Domestic Violence

Abstinence Education

Tattoos and Body Piercing

Adoption

Gender Identity

Funding for Teen Parent Programs

Grandparent Rights

Immigration Issues & Laws

Acknowledgement of Paternity

## Letter from the President

This year, the Board of Directors will work on your behalf to provide an outstanding 30<sup>th</sup> annual state conference. We will also use technology to provide you with information via our Internet site [www.tacsap.org](http://www.tacsap.org). Please check in on a regular basis, as we will publish our newsletter to keep you abreast of current issues, legislative alerts to keep you informed of national and state advocacy issues, and conference information that will include registration,

hotel reservations, workshop and keynote speaker topics.

The Texas Association Concerned with School Age Parenthood was established in 1976 by the Texas Department of Human Resources and the Texas Department of Community Affairs, with assistance from the National Alliance Concerned with School Age Parents. Our organization includes persons in the fields of health care, education, and social services, as well as,

elected officials, community volunteers, and religious leaders. All are concerned about issues related to teenage pregnancy and parenthood. We are a non-profit organization with a volunteer board of directors.

Our organization is a moving force that positively impacts adolescent pregnancy and parenting in Texas. I and the eleven other directors look forward to working on your behalf during 2005.

*Pam Kinnan*

## Legislative Issues

The web site has a Legislative Issues button. When it is clicked, 5 links appear. The first link is Texas Legislature On-Line. This website allows one to stay up-to-date with the actions of our legislators. Currently, a bill has been introduced into the senate by Shapiro. You may search for this bill by clicking on

Legislative Issues, then click on Bill number under the word **Legislation**. You will be directed to the Bill Status page. Type SB1391 in the window by the words **Bill Number**. This bill could definitely effect funding for our programs.

The highlights are:

- Develop a management information

system for at-risk student services.

- Plan to consolidate funding for programs and services for students at risk of dropping out of school.
- Section 29.092, C. 6 specifically names pregnancy-related services and pregnancy, education and parenting program.