



# The TACSAP Newsletter

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## Public Health Funds

Have you checked to see if state tax money that provides basic health screening and family planning were cut in your county? On top of serious cuts in Medicaid services for the poor, two "riders", "footnotes" to the Department of State Health Services budget, allowed funds to be moved from different regions of Texas to other Texas regions. The Williams rider required that a percentage of current family planning funding be set aside to go to "organizations that promote childbirth," and the Deuell rider set aside funds to go to Federally Qualified Health Centers that didn't even ask for the funds.



Merry  
Christmas

## Annual State Conference 2005

**Carole Mayo** and **Rudy Garcia** co-chaired "Changing Times: New Challenges" at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. **Gilbert Chavez** presented "Paternity and Child Support" and **Lauralea Bauer** presented "Managing the Life Skills Grant" during the Sunday pre-conference. **Dr. Keith Rawlings, MD**, medical director for the AIDS Arms Peabody Health Center in Dallas, provided the keynote speech Monday morning, titled "Teens and the AIDS Epidemic". Workshops included "Domestic Violence", "Men Matters", "Homeless Teens", "Innovative Alternative Education Initiatives", "Tattoos and Body Piercing", "Immigration Laws", "Giving Life a Second Chance", "America's Time Bomb", "So Let's Keep It Real", "Understanding Bisexual Behavior and How it Effects Safe Sex Practices", "What's Love Got to Do with It", "Successful Connections", "Think Tank", and "PEP and Prevention". **Sharon Rodine**, Youth Initiatives Director, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, shared information from the Youth Asset Study which explored the relationships among youth assets and adolescent sexual activity and teen pregnancy. **Peggy Romberg**, CEO of Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas provided up-to-date information about public policies that are currently in place which adversely affect the health, well being, futures and lives of our teens.

### *Board of Directors*

Board members are elected by the membership, with the Board consisting of twelve members. Each member serves a term of three years and may only serve two consecutive terms. Each year four Board positions are up for election. If a Board member resigns, the Board appoints a replacement member to fill a vacancy until the next election.

The 2005 Board of Directors met 5 times during the year to conduct business, plan and host the state conference. Each member of the Board contributes his/her time to specific jobs within the association and/or for the conference. The business of the Association requires bookkeeping, income tax preparation, state tax knowledge and various computer skills. Conference planning jobs included, but were not limited to, program, arrangements, hospitality, registration, and exhibitors.

During the general membership meeting on November 8, 2005 three board members were elected to serve a second term: Thomasine Allen of Houston, Rudy Garcia of Dallas, and Pam Kinnan of Amarillo. Juan Carrion and Theresa Beckwith of Dallas were elected to a first term.