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DIBBLE NEWS

Love Notes was mentioned by the PBS NewsHour!
Why the federal Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program’s fate is uncertain
PBS

And we quote…. “One program called Love Notes, developed in Louisville, Kentucky (sic), teaches students about adolescents who participated in the program were significantly less likely to become pregnant than their peers who were not in the program.”

THE LATEST

National Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences

A growing body of research has made it increasingly apparent that adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are a critical public health issue. ACEs are potentially traumatic experiences and events, ranging from abuse and neglect to living with an adult with a mental illness. They can have negative, lasting effects on health and well-being in childhood or later in life.

Economic hardship and divorce or separation of a parent or guardian are the most common ACEs reported nationally, and in all states.

(Ed. Note: Dibble programs can both help prevent ACEs by helping young people build stable families and address ACEs by teaching skills and practices that cultivate healing.)

What Kids' Trauma Looks Like Across the U.S.

UK: Three Quarters of Young People Want Relationship Education to Help Them Build Lasting Adult Relationships.

The Centre for Social Justice and Family Stability Network in the UK commissioned an opinion poll of young people aged 14-17 in England to understand their views on changes to the provision of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). They found:

- RSE should reflect the ambitions of young people, not just the here and now.
- Achieving a lasting relationship in adult life is just as important to young people as their career ambitions.
- Despite growing up in the shadow of widespread family breakdown, achieving a lasting relationship as an adult is still important to older teenagers.
- Young people want to get married as adults, RSE shouldn’t ignore marriage.
- There is a long way to go in understanding why marriage matters.
- Achieving their relationship goals is harder than ever for young people.

Authentic Relationships Matter Most

Upbring, a thought leader among child welfare nonprofits, and the Texas Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing today released the pilot report from the Texas Youth Permanency Study (TYPS). The study calls into question the
“Relationships are the key to building resilience. Sadly, our child welfare system is focused on legal outcomes – returning children to their parents, terminating parental rights, getting a child adopted,” principal investigator Dr. Monica Faulkner, Ph.D., LMSW said. “We don’t focus on the ‘normal’ relationships that youth need with friends, siblings and supportive adults.

1 in 4 Young People Has Been Sexted

Sexting among teens and younger children has increased over the past decade and poses a growing challenge for educators and parents, according to a new study. One in 4 young people said they’d received sexts, and one in seven reported sending them, according to the study, which was published in the journal JAMA Pediatrics.

The researchers found that younger people engage in sexting in large part as a way to begin exploring attraction to other people.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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Aggression Linked to High School Dropout Rates

While the national high school dropout rate has declined, many school systems still struggle with a high number of students who do not finish high school. The factors that may lead to a student's decision to leave school are complex, but a new study from the University of Georgia sheds light on how two behaviors — aggression and weak study skills — contribute to the problem. Students classified in the high aggression/low study skills group had a 50 percent dropout rate compared to students with low aggression and high study skills who had a dropout rate of less than 2 percent.

Teen Dating Violence Is an Indicator of Gun Violence

Soon after 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz shot and killed 17 students and faculty members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, media attention immediately turned to who the shooter was and what "warning signs" illustrated prior to the event may have indicated that he was likely to carry out such a horrendous attack. Much of the focus was on his potential ties to white nationalist groups as well as his ongoing run-ins with law enforcement. Among these details, however, was another key piece of information: Like many mass shooters, Cruz had a history of violence against women.

Teen Pregnancy Among Sexual Minorities Linked to Abuse
pregnancy among all teens, authors said in the study “Teen Pregnancy Risk Factors Among Young Women of Diverse Sexual Orientations.”

TOOLS YOU CAN USE

**The Butterfly Effect with Jon Ronson**

Join bestselling author Jon Ronson as he traces a very strange butterfly effect. A teen in Brussels had an idea – to make porn free and easy to stream online. The consequences of that idea are mysterious, delightful, surprising, and sad. This 7-part series takes you on a journey to places you’ll never expect.

SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

April 11

**Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Programs for Youth:**

*An In-Depth Study of Federally Funded Programs*

Many first romantic relationships occur during adolescence. These relationships can help shape a variety of experiences (both positive and negative).

Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (HMRE) programs for youth can shape these experiences by improving youth attitudes and expectations concerning romantic relationships and by helping youth develop key skills to form healthy relationships and avoid unhealthy relationships.

At the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Describe the organizations implementing federally funded HMRE programs for youth and the youth served by these programs
- Assess the practices identified through research and evaluation to be optimal for serving youth most effectively; and
- Identify promising approaches used by grantees to better serve youth in HMRE programs

**Presenter:** Mindy E. Scott, Ph.D., Deputy Program Area Director and Senior Research Scientist with Child Trends
**FUNDING STREAMS**

We curate this list of grants with the goal of increasing the numbers of youth who benefit from participating in a Dibble program. Please contact us about ways we can work with you to strengthen your application.

**Title X Family Planning Grants**

*(now includes a Healthy Relationship expectation)* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of $260 million in a new funding opportunity for the Title X family planning program to help improve and expand quality care. The grant asks applicants to address “Key Issues” including:

1. **A meaningful emphasis on education and counseling that communicates the social science research and practical application of topics related to healthy relationships, to committed, safe, stable, healthy marriages, and the benefits of avoiding sexual risk or returning to sexually risk free status, especially, (but not only) when communicating with adolescents.**

2. **Activities for adolescents that do not normalize sexual risk behaviors, but instead clearly communicate the research informed benefits of delaying sex or returning to a sexually risk-free status.**

*(Ed. Note: Dibble’s Sexual Risk Avoidance programs can help you meet these Key Issues. Contact us for a free 30-day review copy of Love Notes SRA and Relationship Smarts PLUS SRA.)*

**Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV Prevention**

This CDC new opportunity aims to improve the health and wellbeing of youth by working with local education agencies and other organizations to reduce HIV, STD, teen pregnancy, and related risk behaviors among middle and high school students.

**Marriage Strengthening Research & Dissemination Center Grant Opportunity Forecast**
Grants Strengthen Social Change Efforts Nationwide

**Singing for Change Charitable Foundation**

The Singing for Change Charitable Foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that inspire personal growth, community integration, and the enhanced awareness that collectively people can bring about positive social change. The Foundation provides grants to progressive, community-based nonprofit organizations nationwide that address the root causes of social problems. The Foundation primarily provides grants ranging from $1,000 to $10,000 for projects that serve children and families, youth empowerment, and disenfranchised groups, with a focus on projects designed to promote self-sufficiency. Priority is given to inclusive, grassroots organizations where Foundation support makes a significant difference. The deadline for letters of interest is May 1, 2018.

Programs for At-Risk Youth Programs in Oregon and Washington Supported

**Silver Family Foundation**

The Silver Family Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Oregon and Washington that work with at-risk youth. The Foundation's Transitional Youth Development Grant Program provides grants to organizations that offer in-depth, long-term investments and opportunities for motivated, low-income youth. Priority is given to organizations that work in the areas of mentorship, high school completion, college and post-secondary preparation, and experiential education.

Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year.

Health Programs in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma Funded

**Telligen Community Initiative**

The mission of the Telligen Community Initiative (TCI) is to support innovative and forward looking health-related projects aimed at improving health, social well-being, and educational attainment. Grants are provided to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies serving communities in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma. TCI's funding priorities include the following: Health Innovation, Social Determinants of Health, and Healthcare Workforce Development. The letter of inquiry deadline for Illinois and Iowa applicants is July 2, 2018. Visit the TCI website to download the 2018 Request for Proposals.

Support for Communities Served by CSX
CSX Community Investment Program

The CSX Community Investment Program supports nonprofit organizations that serve the communities where the company is located, primarily in the Eastern, Southern, and Upper Midwest areas of the United States. The program provides assistance to nonprofit organizations that address one of the following categories: Safety, with a focus on railway, public, and personal safety; Environment, with a focus on land, water, and air preservation and restoration; Wellness, with a focus on healthy lifestyles and wellness education; and Community, with a focus on community leadership and service. Cash grants ($2,500 to $5,000), sponsorships, volunteer support, and in-kind transportation services are provided. **Online applications may be submitted from January 1 through December 15 of each year.** Visit the CSX website to download the Giving Guidelines.

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