

What is Planned Parenthood?

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America states as one of its core beliefs: "Every child deserves to be wanted, loved, and cared for."¹ Perhaps we should add **"unless the child is one of the 289,750 killed before birth in Planned Parenthood affiliated abortion clinics each year."**²

Planned Parenthood cultivates the image of an organization that has a "committed, professional staff...caring physicians...tak[ing] time to talk with clients, encouraging them to ask questions and discuss their feelings in a confidential setting." They "...offer innovative programs on making responsible choices about health and sexuality."³ Planned Parenthood sounds like every parent's dream! Someone **else** to tackle the tough job of talking to their kids about sex.

But lets take a closer look at this organization and what it really promotes:

It's all about Abortion

First and foremost, Planned Parenthood is about aborting children. Even though the abortion rate in the U.S. is declining slightly (yet still over one million abortions a year), Planned Parenthood's 116 affiliates that manage more than 860 health centers have been increasing their number of abortions every year. In fact, they are now the largest abortion provider in the country. In one year, more than a quarter million abortions were performed, but only 2,410 adoption referrals were made - only 8 for every 1,000 abortions.² Over one in four pregnancy tests given end in abortion.² This is not about offering choice, it is simply about **promoting** abortion.

It's all about Money

Planned Parenthood is about money. Lots of money. Your money. As a not-for-profit corporation, income for the national office and affiliates totaled \$1,017.9 million dollars for the year ending June 30, 2007.² Thirty-three percent of this billion dollars came from you, the taxpayer. Another 35% came from clinic activities, and 26% came from private donors. The least expensive abortions listed by Planned Parenthood cost \$350 to \$900.⁵ Using the average of these rates and the number of abortions performed, income from abortions in one year alone could have been in the \$180,000,000 range.



It's all about Sex

Planned Parenthood teaches teens the "art and science" of premarital sex. Every parent should visit www.teenwire.com. It is a large segment of the Planned Parenthood website available directly at that address and also from the home page www.planned-parenthood.org. Your teen can take educational quizzes such as: "Test Your Sex Savvy", "Penis Pop Quiz", the "Clitoris Quiz", or "You Want to Put WHAT, WHERE?"⁶ You can see "informative" videos showing how to put on a condom⁷, or play interactive games like: *Hooray for Birth Control!*, *Jim Dandy and His Very Gay Day*, *How Many of You Out There Are Abstinent?*⁸



Or, your teen can read any of the 500 articles, many dealing directly with sexual issues in the rawest of terms. Here is an excerpt from *Be Prepared for Prom!*: "Of course, there's more to safer sex than just using condoms and keeping ECPs [emergency contraceptives] on hand. A lot of teens choose to skip intercourse and practice outercourse instead, which can include kissing, body rubbing (dry humping), and mutual masturbation."⁹

Maybe your teen would enjoy the article: *Choosing the Right Condom* which states: "If you're down with the latest fashions, plain-Jane condoms might not be your thing. Lucky for you, condoms come in many different colors, flavors, and textures...add a new look to spice things up... Flavored condoms — like chocolate, strawberry, honeydew, or banana — may be preferred for oral sex."¹⁰

Many other articles are offered: *Guys Who Sleep with Guys: Things to know About Safer Sex*, *I Want My Gay TV*, *the ABCDs of LGBT Dating [Lesbian, Gay, Bixsexual, Transgender]*, *Gay Couples Say "I Do"*, *Got Lube?*, *Slut, Just Another Four Letter Word?*...the offerings go on and on.¹¹

It's all about Politics

Planned Parenthood actively lobbies for abortion rights. It rigorously pursues its own interests of making abortion legal at all stages and profitable for its affiliated clinics.

In 2006, Planned Parenthood hired Cecile Richards (daughter of Ann Richards, former governor of Texas) as president

of the organization. Her experience is not in health care at all, but in political action. Her previous work was as a union organizer, as the founder of "Texas Freedom Network" (formed to battle pro-life groups in Texas), as director of pro-choice projects for the Turner Foundation, and as founder and president of America Votes, a coalition of 32 of the biggest and richest unions and liberal interest groups in the country.¹²



Jim Sedlak, executive director of American Life League's STOPP International sums it up accurately, "The appointment of Cecile Richards as president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America confirms that the organization's focus is not on health care, but rather on political advocacy."¹³

It's all about Not Telling Your Parents

Planned Parenthood actively opposes every parental consent law now in effect and works diligently to prevent new laws from passing. This even includes the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2005. The law would prohibit transporting minors to other states to circumvent parental notification laws, allowing minors to get abortions without notifying their parents. Unbelievably, Planned Parenthood labels this Act a "Dangerous family restriction" and even a "Federal intrusion in family decision making."¹⁴ One wonders why Planned Parenthood is so afraid of letting parents find out what their children are doing.

It's all about Deception

All 50 states have laws prohibiting sex with underage girls. All 50 states require health care professionals and institutions to report suspected child abuse of this type. In a remarkable exposé, Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics, Inc. enlisted the help of a young girl to call over 800 Planned Parenthood affiliate clinics and National Abortion Federation facilities in the U.S.

The girl posed as a 13 year old involved in illegal sexual activity with a 22 year old adult male who had gotten her pregnant. Crutcher reported that "In case after case, Planned Parenthood counselors willingly ignored state law to cover up these molestations and violations of statutory rape laws!"¹⁵ "The results of this survey were appalling. Even though many of these clinic workers openly acknowl-

edged to our caller that this situation was illegal and that they were required to report it to the state, the overwhelming majority readily agreed to conceal this illegal sexual activity. Some employees of these organizations even coached our caller on how to avoid detection, how to circumvent parental involvement laws and what to say or not say when she came to the clinic. In a significant number of instances she was encouraged to lie about - or conceal - her age or her boyfriend's age or to give false names."¹⁶

As unbelievable as all this sounds, you can listen to the actual conversations yourself at: www.childpredators.com/Tapes.cfm. What you hear will astound you.

It isn't that Planned Parenthood is hiding their objectives. It is that we, as parents, are not paying attention to what Planned Parenthood really stands for.

"Every year, nearly 25,000 affiliate volunteers and staff provide sexual and reproductive health care, education, and information to nearly five million women, men, and teens in the United States."¹⁴

Perhaps Planned Parenthood is not what you thought it was. Perhaps it is not where you want your child to learn about sex...

What can I do?

1. Let your legislators know that you want them to cut off the quarter billion dollars given to Planned Parenthood every year. Sign the petition at: www.StopPlannedParenthoodTaxFunding.com and sign up for email alerts to keep informed about new developments.

2. Learn more at www.Stoppinternational.org. Subscribe to Jim Sedlak's free weekly *Wednesday STOPP Report* at <http://www.all.org/stopp/report.htm>. Know what is happening, and donate to keep this important work going. For excellent ideas on how you can help, see Jim's *Plan for defeating Planned Parenthood* at: <http://www.all.org/stopp/plan.htm>.

3. Listen to the tapes at <http://www.childpredators.com/Tapes.cfm>. Help put a stop to what is going on. Donate to keep the fight going. Visit Life Dynamics, Inc. at www.lifedynamics.com and learn more about many aspects of the pro-life movement.

4. Write letters to the editor, distribute literature, become active in your local Right to Life group. It takes active people who care to make a difference.

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Flowers on front: Lantana. The beauty of this flower is known for attracting children, but then it causes poisoning and death when eaten.

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