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IRTL Fall Book Sale Bigger Than Ever

DES MOINES—Mark Your Calendar-September 9-14 Veterans Memorial Auditorium at the Events Center. (FREE Parking!)

It has been a busy summer! Iowa Right to Life had a huge book drive at the end of June at First Assembly of God church on Merle Hay Road and ended up with a truckload of books. Our excellent crew of volunteer book sorters have been organizing and pricing all the books, DVDs, CDs and other items preparing for the sale.

If you have never been to the IRTL Book Sale before, give it a try and bring friends. The money is donated to the pregnancy centers and adoption agencies in Iowa. These organizations work to give accurate information to pregnant teens and young women, which we know saves lives.

Life is valuable at all stages and the Right to Life works to provide education to preserve and restore the value of life.

You can make a difference. When you buy a book, you are helping a pregnant mom--and it doesn't get much better than that!

Deals! Deals! Deals! Shoppers go for all the great book deals at the IRTL Spring Book Sale.

Fall IRTL Book Sale September 9-14, 2009

Veterans Memorial Auditorium at the Iowa Events Center

(FREE Parking)
833 Fifth Avenue
Des Moines, IA

Book Sale Hours:

Wednesday, Sept. 9 4 p.m. — 9 p.m.
$5 Entrance Fee. Children 17 and Under FREE. ($10.00 to use a Book Scanner)

FREE Admission All Other Days

Thursday, Sept. 10 9 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11 9 a.m. — 9 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12 9 a.m. — 9 a.m.

Sunday, Closed

Monday, Sept. 14 9 a.m. — 6 p.m.

To volunteer at the Sale or sort books prior to the Sale, contact: Rhonda Phillips, rhonda@iowaRTL.org or by phone: 515.205.8024.

Iowa Mother Angered after Teen Daughter Taken for Abortion by Boyfriend's Mother

DES MOINES—Iowa Right to Life has learned of an Iowa mother who is seeking a change in Iowa's Parental Notification Law, after her 16 year-old daughter was taken to Planned Parenthood for an abortion by the mother of her daughter's boyfriend.

The woman, who wants to remain anonymous to protect the identity of her daughter, said her daughter was 12 weeks pregnant when she was brought to Planned Parenthood in Des Moines by her boyfriend's mother. The boyfriend's mother signed paperwork at Planned Parenthood with her own name before the abortion. According to the girl's mother, Planned Parenthood did not check any IDs to verify who the woman was. Why? They don't have to.

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Iowa Initiative's New Campaign is For the Birds

FORT DODGE—The birth control patrol at Warren Buffet and Christie Vilsack's **Iowa Initiative** is spending money on a failed advertising campaign from the 1970s — and taking the University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa along for the ride.

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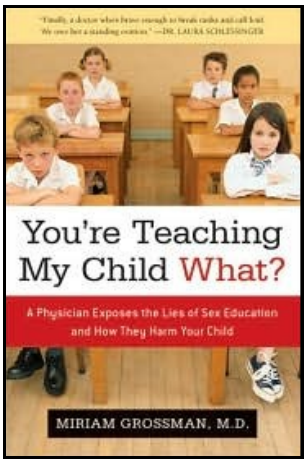
School's In: Opt Out of Deviant Sex Ed Programs

Psychiatrist Says Sex Ed Programs Damaging Kids



A new book by a Los Angeles psychiatrist is confirming what we have been saying all along — the sex ed that is being pushed in the schools isn't "science-based" at all. Instead, it is fueled by radical political groups that want to push deviant sexual behaviors on children.

Dr. Miriam Grossman's shocking new book, ***You're Teaching My Child What?,*** exposes how sex ed programs in today's schools are based on a political agenda rather than simple biology and what damage they are doing to our children.

Dr. Miriam Grossman graduated cum laude from Bryn Mawr College. She attended New York University Medical School and completed her residency in psychiatry, followed by a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry, through Cornell University. She now practices in Los Angeles.

For more info on Dr. Miriam Grossman, visit:
www.miriamgrossmanmd.com

Planned Parenthood Activists Running For School Board

Vote in your school board elections!

Beware of Planned Parenthood activists working their way onto your local school board. Here are a few that we know are running:

Des Moines School Board:

Teree Caldwell Johnson: incumbent, sits on PPGI's Foundation Board and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America Board.
Patty Link: incumbent and PPGI donor
Margaret Buckton: PPGI donor and executive director of public policy for the Iowa Assoc. of School Boards

Red Oak School Board

Elizabeth Dilley: incumbent, and a Planned Parenthood employee. She is PPGI's Regional Educator for Creston and Red Oak.
Charla Schmid: incumbent, PPGI donor

Opt Your Child Out of Sex Education

The Iowa Code allows all parents to opt their children out of Health, as well as Human Growth and Development classes.

To opt out, parents simply need to submit a letter to the principal each year for each child. We highly recommend this to protect your children. Iowa Right to Life has a sample Opt Out letter you may use. To find it on our website, go to:
http://irlc.org/get-the-facts/sex-education/opting-out-of-sex-ed-form/

Schools with Planned Parenthood Programming

These are schools and school districts we know of that have had Planned Parenthood education programming, according to PPGI's annual reports:

- Sioux City School District
- Davenport Public Schools
- Fort Dodge School District
- North High School in Des Moines

Planned Parenthood has also had speakers at West High School in Iowa City. For more info, visit:
http://irlc.org/get-the-facts/planned-parenthood/

Kick Planned Parenthood Out of Your Schools

- Meet with the school board, the school principal and other administrators.
- Gather a group of like-minded parents to take part.
- Insist on the following:
  - No Planned Parenthood speakers at your schools.
  - No counselors or administrators transporting students to Planned Parenthood without knowledge of the parents.
  - No Planned Parenthood condoms or "safer sex kits" handed out at school.
  - No distribution of Planned Parenthood products or literature from nurse's office or counselors.
- Show examples of Planned Parenthood's medically inaccurate info, promotion of child sexual activity and cover-up for sexual predators.
- Be vigilant of Planned Parenthood's involvement in youth activities at local organizations like the Girl Scouts or YWCA.

For more information on how to fight Planned Parenthood:
http://irlc.org/get-the-facts/planned-parenthood/fight-pp/

Take Our Planned Parenthood Sex Ed Quiz

If you oppose abortion, but think it's okay to give money to Planned Parenthood for *Education*, take this quiz to see if your education values match up with Planned Parenthood's.

This quiz was created by Iowa Right to Life, by using direct quotes from PlannedParenthood.org's article, ***"Human Sexuality — What Children Need to Know and When They Need to Know It."***

Under each topic, select the earliest age you think children should be taught these subjects. Compare your answers with Planned Parenthood's, according to their own educational literature for age to be taught.

1. PP: Seek privacy when they want to touch their sex organs for pleasure
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

2. PP: That contraceptive options are available including emergency contraception
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

3. PP: That people experience *sexual pleasure* in a number of ways
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

4. PP: That sexual identity includes sexual orientation — lesbian, gay, straight, or bisexual
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

5. PP: Be comfortable in asking about and obtaining contraception
a. Before age 5
b. b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

6. PP: The basic facts about HIV / AIDS
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

7. PP: It takes a woman and a man to make a baby — how the baby "gets in" and "gets out"
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

8. PP: That masturbation is very common and that it is normal to masturbate — but only in private
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

9. PP: A woman does not have to have a baby unless she wants to
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

10. PP: About the range of difference in sexual behaviors and relationships, including abstinence, marriage and domestic partnership, and opposite- and same-sex partnering
a. Before age 5
b. Age 5
c. Age 8
d. Age 13
e. Not appropriate for children

Again, this quiz was created by Iowa Right to Life. Here is the source for our Planned Parenthood info: http://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-topics/parents/human-sexuality-what-children-need-know-when-they-need-know-it-4421.htm

Planned Parenthood wants to sexualize children at a young age—this creates more teen pregnancies and more revenue for Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood's Answers:
1.a, 2.c, 3.b, 4.b, 5.d, 6.b, 7.a, 8.c, 9.b, 10.d

The Sick Truth about Obama Health Care Bill

Every Pro-Life American Must Tell Congress Now:

"Vote against any health care bill that does not explicitly exclude abortion!"

Health care bills in Congress could create the greatest expansion of abortion since *Roe v. Wade.*

1. Email now: Go to www.NRLactioncenter.com. Follow the simple directions at the bottom of the web page to send urgent messages to your U.S. senators and your U.S. House member. (Messages can be altered if you wish.)

2. Email now: Copy this entire alert into a new email. Email it to all your pro-life friends and relatives.

3. Copy & Distribute: Pass this alert out at pro-life churches and meetings.

4. Make Personal Contact with Your Senators and Congressmen: Use every opportunity: office meetings,fairs, town meetings, and other public events.

5. Telephone: Call the offices of your two U.S. senators and your U.S. House member (through the Senate switchboard: 202-224-3121 and the House switchboard, 202-225-3121). Give your zip code and you will be connected to the correct offices.

Give the senator's or representative's staff your name and address and tell them to relay a message:

> "I urge you to oppose Senator Kennedy's health care bill (for Senate staff), or the House Democratic Leadership health care bill, H.R. 3200 (for House staff), because it would result in coverage of elective abortion in a new nationwide 'public option' health insurance plan, and would allow federal subsidies to go to other plans that also cover elective abortions. ***I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ANY HEALTH CARE BILL UNLESS ABORTION IS EXPLICITLY EXCLUDED!"***

Check for updates at www.NRLactioncenter.com

Warning: Health Care Rationing

DES MOINES—Iowa Right to Life has sent out 40,000 automated phone calls and 7,000 emails to help educate the public on the health care legislation, urging voters to tell their representatives to reject the abortion mandates in the legislation.

The Abortion Mandate is not IRTL's only concern. According to National Right to Life, "a substantial part of the subsidies, under current proposals, would be paid for by *"robbing Peter to pay Paul"—reducing Medicare funding for older people in order to cover the uninsured. The dangerous consequence is that in a few years, having over-promised and under-funded, the government will be faced with the choice of adding other means of revenue or else (and far more likely) in some way imposing rationing."*

For more info, visit: **www.nrlc.org**

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have to. Under Iowa's current Parental Notification Law, abortion providers do not have verify that the person signing as the "parent" actually is the parent.

Under the current Iowa law, anyone can bring a minor in for an abortion and claim to be a girl's parent – her boyfriend's parent, a teacher or coach from school, or an older man she met on the Internet. It's a huge loophole that gives a green light to statutory rapists.

The woman whose daughter had the abortion is now looking into options for legal action, and has promised to fight through the Iowa Legislature to close this loophole in Iowa's Parental Notification Law.

Iowa Right to Life will continue to keep you updated on this story.

To learn more about Iowa's Parental Notification Law and other Abortion Laws in Iowa, visit:
http://irlc.org/get-the-facts/legislation/

If you are as angry about this as we are, please help us in this fight, by donating to Iowa Right to Life at:
http://irlc.org/about-us/donate

or **call IRTL: 515.244.1012**

Iowa Initiative Mirrors Failed 1970s Campaign

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Back then it was called the "Stop the Stork" campaign – it was a mass media advertising campaign to reduce unplanned pregnancies by promoting contraception, funded by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Despite development by a top New York advertising agency and the use of celebrities, Stop the Stork, which cost over $300,000 was a colossal failure and a huge waste of taxpayers money. The conclusion was that it did not increase clinic attendance or increase non-clinic sales of contraceptives.

Iowa Initiative's new campaign, called **Avoid The Stork,** has the same goal — to reduce unplanned pregnancy by promoting contraception. The campaign targets women in Iowa, age 18-30. The new Stork campaign features a person in a stork costume with a baby doll strapped to its stomach. The stork is featured in video ads on the web and a billboard ad in Fort Dodge.

Sleazy and Offensive Website

The Stork campaign's website at **www.AvoidtheStork.com** is so off the wall and so completely offensive, its hard to know where to begin.

Let's start with the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page, which says:

"Does the pill come in multi-color? Is it okay to use condoms for animal balloons? Can I get pregnant from my belly button? Will soda pop really act as a spermicide?" Congratulations people, you've stumped the Stork."

Their "About Us" page covers unplanned pregnancy:

"Surprise deliveries put people at risk for a lot of unfavorable life outcomes - like being poor…"

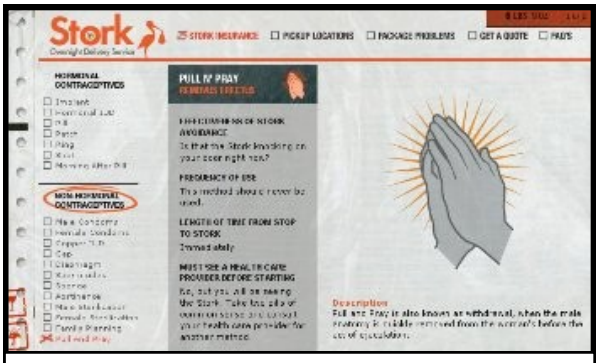
A section on contraception called, "Stork Insurance" features the "Pull N' Pray" method with a cartoon of praying hands. (see image to the left.) "Pull N' Pray" according to AvoidtheStork.com, ***"is also known as withdrawal, when the male anatomy is quickly removed from the woman's before the act of ejaculation."***

Who are the rocket scientists who thought this would reduce pregnancies?

UNI Leading the Charge

AvoidtheStork.com's "About Us" page gives credit to the Iowa Initiative, along with the University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa, and various other groups. The website itself has a copyright to the University of Iowa.

Although we are not sure exactly how much money has been poured down a rathole so far with "Avoid the Stork", we can tell you that UNI announced its partnership with Iowa Initiative in a January 2008 release, where it stated "UNI will receive **$11.5 million over five years** to develop and lead several applied research investigations to determine the effectiveness of education projects aimed at increasing knowledge and utilization of pregnancy-planning services.



Iowa Initiative mocks Christianity with its "Pull N' Pray" method of contraception on AvoidtheStork.com

Iowa Initiative's new mascot to reduce pregnancy.

UNI President Benjamin Allen stated in the same release, "The Iowa Initiative and the collaborative research that will be directed from this campus have social and economic implications that will reach far beyond the borders of our state and well into the next generation."

If the last Stork campaign is any indication, the only economic implications will be that the UNI wasted a lot of time and resources, not to mention suffered some damage to their reputation.

Avoid the Stork is a real turkey.

Who is Behind the Iowa Initiative?

The Iowa Initiative is funded through the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, named for the late wife of Omaha-based investor, Warren Buffett. Iowa Initiative's executive director is former First Lady of Iowa, Christie Vilsack.

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Life Calendar: *Pro-Lifers, Start Your Engines*

There is so much to be done and so many ways to share your enthusiasm and passion for life! Here are a few:

Choices Medical Clinic Open House

Thursday, September 3

821 South Gilbert Street
Iowa City, IA 52240

There are three abortion processing centers in Iowa City. In contrast, the new Choices Medical Clinic (also known as IC3) is opening to provide an alternative in Iowa City to the abortion centers. Choices Medical Clinic offers counseling for those experiencing a crisis pregnancy, state of the art 4D color ultrasound machine, education and testing for STDs. Come celebrate this important opening!

For more info, visit:
www.informedchoiceia.org

Fall IRTL Book Sale

September 9-14

(Closed Sunday, September 13)
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
833 5th Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309
(FREE Parking!)

It's back and bigger than ever!

There's a $5.00 entrance fee on the first day of the sale. Children under 17 are FREE (we're pro-life —we're all about the kids). And we're all about the women, too — that's why the proceeds from the book sale will go to crisis pregnancy centers across Iowa to help pregnant women.

Sale Hours and other details can be found on Page 1.

40 Days for Life

September 23 –November 1

Locations throughout Iowa

At least 614 babies were saved nationally in last fall, during this very successful prayer vigil outside of abortion processing centers. It begins again in February at locations across Iowa.

This is a great way to get a group involved or take part as an individual. Participants gather to pray outside Planned Parenthoods throughout Iowa! Others who cannot be there, can make a commitment to pray for the end of abortion, through prayer and fasting during that time.

For more info, visit:
www.40daysforlife.com/iowa

Rick Santorum / Pro-Life Training Session

Thursday, October 1

Walnut Creek Community Church
900 64th Street
Des Moines, IA 50324
11:30 a.m.—2:30 a.p.

Former Senator Rick Santorum will be the featured speaker at this event, which will also include a training session on lobbying, writing a letter-to-the-editor and responding to anti-life arguments.

Santorum is a former Republican Senator from Pennsylvania and regular commentator on Fox News. **RSVP by calling 515.244.1012 or by email at: Iowa@IowaRTL.org**

Life Chain

Sunday, October 4

Locations throughout Iowa.

Pro-lifers throughout Iowa join neighbors and friends to form "Life Chains" along a busy street to demonstrate their support for life. Check your local pro-life groups for locations. In Des Moines, the chain is on Merle Hay Road, between the First Assembly of God Church and St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

Facilitator Training for Post Abortion Bible Study

Saturday, October 17

St. Augustin Church
545 42nd Street
Des Moines, IA 50312
10 a.m.— 2 p.m.
Fee: $19 for individuals $40 a group

Nearly 42 percent of women that are 45 years old have had an abortion, which is staggering. This leaves a great need for help and healing.

Iowa Right to Life is hosting a training program for those who would like to facilitate a Bible study for post abortive women and men in their area. Lunch and materials are included in the fee. **RSVP by calling 515.244.1012 or by email at: Iowa@IowaRTL.org**

Young Volunteers Enthusiastic About Life

DES MOINES—Walnut Creek Community Church in Des Moines brought in members of a national youth group for a volunteer day at Iowa Right to Life on July 27.

The volunteers participated in a brainstorming session with IRTL President Kim Lehman. They also painted baby crosses, which are used to show the dramatic loss of life due to abortion and they stuffed the Baby Organizers for new mothers.

Perform Service Hours with Iowa Right to Life!

If you have service hours to complete for school or for a Confirmation program, consider volunteering with Iowa Right to Life! Or just do it because it is fun and the right thing to do!

For more info, contact us at: iowa@iowaRTL.org or call: (515) 244-1012 or visit us at: iowaRTL.org "Get Involved"

Pro-Life Little Guys Take on IRS and Win

CEDAR RAPIDS—A coalition of pro-life groups in Cedar Rapids won big against the Internal Revenue Service with help from the Thomas More Society, an organization of pro-life attorneys.

The Coalition of Life, a collection of pro-life groups in the Cedar Rapids area, applied to the IRS for tax exempt status in 2008. The IRS first questioned the group's activities, then refused the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, unless the Coalition agreed not to protest a local Planned Parenthood.

The Chicago-based Thomas More Society came to the rescue and challenged the legality of the IRS's objections to the Coalition. According to a release from the Thomas More Society, the IRS's objections were a breach of the Coalition's First Amendment Rights and that "this unwarranted ultimatum reveals prejudice toward a Pro-Life organization and, by extension, the Pro-Life movement."

In the end, the IRS backed down and issued the 501(c)(3) letter to the Coalition. It was a great victory for First Amendment Rights and the pro-life movement in Iowa!

For more info on the Thomas More Society, visit: www.thomasmoresociety.org

Donating to Iowa Right to Life through United Way

If you work for a company that has a United Way campaign, you can donate to Iowa Right to Life through the United Way.

When you fill out your United Way pledge form, simply write in **Iowa Right to Life.**

This is not an endorsement of the United Way, which also takes donations for organizations IRTL does not agree with. Donations to United Way's General Fund do not go to Iowa Right to Life.

For other ways to donate to Iowa Right to Life, visit:

www.iowaRTL.org go to Donate or call IRTL: 515.244.1012

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The Who's Who Behind the Iowa Initiative

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Iowa Initiative's Board is stacked with Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa Board Members and Donors, including:

Susan Terry Knapp: Sits on PPGI's Board of Directors and has a Planned Parenthood in the Drake University area named after her. She and her husband, developer William Knapp, are some of PPGI's biggest donors.

Dr. Andrea McGuire: Hosts Planned Parenthood fundraisers in her home and with her husband Daniel, gives between $1,000 and $4,999 a year to PPGI. She is also a member of the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board and a member of the Board of Directors of Creighton University.

Debra Madison-Levi: Director of Operations for The Iowa Initiative and a PPGI donor.

Maggie Tinsman: Retired state senator from Bettendorf, PPGI donor and longtime pro-abortion activist. Tinsman was the center of controversy when she was awarded an honorary degree by St. Ambrose University in Davenport in May 2008.

Elizabeth Dilley - PPGI Regional Educator in Creston and Red Oak. She is a member of the Red Oak School Board and also pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Red Oak, which is also the contact address for the Iowa Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, of which she is the board chair.

Sally Pederson: Senior Advisor at the Iowa Initiative. Pederson is a former Lt. Gov. who served with Governor Tom Vilsack. She and her husband James Autry give between $1,000 and $4,999 a year to Planned Parenthood and Autry sits on PPGI's Board of Trustees.

It is stated the ultimate goal of the Iowa Initiative is to "reduce abortions," as Christie Vilsack says. But it will be difficult when so many members of the board are linked to Planned Parenthood, which is increasing the number of abortions in Iowa every year, even as the national statistics

IRTL Gives Away Free Shirts to RAGBRAI-ers

WINTERSET—Iowa Right to Life encouraged people to *Populate Iowa* (within the blessings of marriage, of course) by giving away free T-shirts to bikers on the bike ride across Iowa.

The T-shirts went like hotcakes, especially when a few enterprising single people realized they could use them to identify pro-lifers in the crowd, when they reached Indianola. If any of you meet and tie the knot, please let us know!