



National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy Grants to Community Colleges

(October 2008) — The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy has awarded three grants to community colleges to prevent unplanned pregnancy among students. The two-year grants were awarded to Delaware Technical and Community College, Montgomery College in Maryland, and the University of Wisconsin Colleges.

At present, half of all pregnancies, fully seven in ten pregnancies among single women in their twenties, and eight in ten pregnancies to teens are unplanned. Unplanned pregnancies increase the risk of dropping out of college—61% of community college students who have children after enrolling don't finish their education, a rate 65% higher than those who didn't have children.

“More than one million unplanned pregnancies occur to single women in their 20s—a group that includes many in community colleges,” said Sarah Brown, CEO of the National Campaign. “From the standpoint of community colleges, the consequences of unplanned pregnancy are especially compelling because unplanned pregnancy so often distracts, delays, or derails students from reaching their educational goals.”

Delaware Technical and Community College

The Delaware Technical and Community College project is designed to help students focus on their education and avoid the additional responsibility of an unplanned pregnancy. The Education FIRST (Fostering Individual Responsibility Starting Today) program is a partnership between the college and Christiana Health Care Services, the major health care facility in Delaware. Specifically, the grant will support Delaware Tech's effort to:

- increase student awareness of the consequences of unplanned pregnancy through educational information, curricula, and peer education;
- increase faculty and staff awareness of the consequences of unplanned pregnancy and how to communicate this information to students; and
- provide free or low-cost counseling, referral, and medical services for students at an on-site clinic on the Wilmington Campus.

Montgomery College

The two-year Montgomery College pilot project will take place on the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of the college. One of the goals of the project is to develop a model that can be shared with other Montgomery College campuses, other area

community groups, and other community colleges. Specifically, the grant will support Montgomery College's effort to:

- develop a program that addresses student attitudes and decisions about pregnancy and its impact on their college education;
- use a variety of strategies to reach students including, holding student discussion forums, integrating these discussions into student orientation, first year experience courses, and/or parts of the curriculum, and creating a resource website; and
- identify community partners to address the issue of unplanned pregnancy among community college students.

University of Wisconsin Colleges

The University of Wisconsin Colleges project is designed to help students avoid unplanned pregnancy and promote positive relationships. The Wisconsin Intimate Relationship (WIRE) Project will help students in the 13 two-year community college campuses within the UW system. Specifically, the grant will:

- support UW's effort to bring relationship education, alcohol education, and sex education together in a comprehensive and integrated approach for college students;
- encourage students to think critically about sex and love and to bring a measure of intentionality to their decisions about the topics; and
- reach students through the web as well as curricular and extra-curricular activities.

For More Information

Visit www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/cc.aspx for more information about unplanned pregnancy and community colleges.

About Delaware Technical and Community College: DTCC was established in 1966 by the Delaware General Assembly to provide academic, technical, and corporate and community training opportunities to every resident of Delaware. The college has campuses in Dover, Georgetown, Stanton, and Wilmington, and remains the only community college serving the state. The college offers more than 100 degree, diploma, and certificate programs.

About Montgomery College: Montgomery College was founded in 1946 to provide residents of Montgomery County, Maryland with a community-based, post-secondary educational opportunity of high quality at a reasonable cost. The college currently serves nearly 60,000 students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs.

About the University of Wisconsin Colleges: The University of Wisconsin Colleges is a multi-campus institution and is one of the 15 institutions in the University of Wisconsin system. The institution provides affordable higher education and offers Associate of Arts and Sciences Degrees. UWC serves more than 13,000 students.