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**New York State Council  
on Adolescent Pregnancy**

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## **Welcome to the NYS Council on Adolescent Pregnancy's Inaugural Newsletter!**

As part of our commitment to our members, we are starting a newsletter that you can expect to receive three to four times a year, highlighting events and opportunities around NY State and the nation that are connected to adolescent growth and development, especially sexual health. We welcome your suggestions and recommendations so let us know if you hear about things worth sharing!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

NYSCAP Education Summit and Conference

**Addressing Disparities:**

**The Role of School-Based Comprehensive  
Sexuality Education**

Designed for all those concerned about student health  
and well-being.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

**9:00 am — 4:00 pm**

Holiday Inn Express, Downtown  
Albany, NY



**Cost: \$65 per person**

**Includes continental breakfast and**

NYSCAP hosts several ad hoc committees which members may have interest in:

**Membership and Outreach Committee:** Chaired by Cynthia Amato

- Recommend plan of outreach for general membership, including materials and social media
- Review and recommend members for Board membership to the Board
- New Board member orientation, schedule, and materials

**Youth Engagement Committee:** Chaired by Lazara Paz-Gonzalez

- Identifying ways to support authentic youth voice

**Advocacy and Education Committee:** Chaired by Pat Maloney

- Establish plan to meet with key state leadership in Albany
- Create a plan for education and outreach to legislators at home and state offices
- Recommend materials for use in education and outreach

**Conference Planning Committee:** Chaired by Anne Garo

- Establish location and develop materials to advertise and promote conference
- Establish and maintain the process for conference registration
- Establish conference schedule of events, including speakers and presenters

If you have an interest in joining any of the ad hoc Committees, please let us know. Your voice is welcome! Committees generally meet monthly, but schedules are set by those participating.

The New York State Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing leadership in teen pregnancy prevention and supporting healthy adolescent development and well-being across New York State.

We do this through public awareness, education, promotion of research and supporting the efforts of individuals and organizations working on behalf of youth.

Our mission is to promote healthy adolescent development and well-being, reduce the incidence of adolescent pregnancy and increase the capacity of pregnant and/or parenting youth to become productive members of society.

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### **NYSCAP Annual Meeting**

The NYSCAP Annual Meeting was held in Albany NY on September 21-22, 2015. New members, Lazara Paz-Gonzalez from Hetrick-Martin Institute, NY City; Alicia Beekman from Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network, Binghamton; Sheila Driscoll from Metro Council on Teen Potential, Rochester; Julie Marlette from the NYS School Boards Association, Albany; and Pat Maloney from Inwood House, NY City, were elected and welcomed to the Board of Directors. Members of NYSCAP also include: Sharon Chesna (Binghamton), President; Mary Lou McCloud (Rochester), Vice President; Anne Garno (Watertown), Treasurer; Desiree Voorhies (LeRoy), Secretary; Cynthia Amato (Long Island) and Paula Freedman (Syracuse) At-Large Members, Asunta Ventresca (Buffalo), and Audrey Korokeyi (Rochester).

Addendum: In December, 2015, Elyse Gruttadauria, CUNY Bronx Community College, NY City and Heather Fredenburg, McNeil and Company, Inc, Cortland were also welcomed.

We're on the web!

[www.NYSCAP.org](http://www.NYSCAP.org)

### **New Vision Statement**

The NYSCAP Board also welcomed members of Family Planning Advocates, Planned Parenthood of NYC, and NY Civil Liberties Union to learn more about legislative priorities and efforts related to supporting Comprehensive Sexuality Education in public schools. As a result, a vision statement was developed: All students (pre-K -12) receive quality Comprehensive Sexuality Education in order to make safe and healthy decisions about their lives, bodies, relationships and well-being. Stay tuned for next steps!

### **Regional Forums**

NYSCAP is in the process of reaching out to school-communities across the state who are interested in providing insight and feedback related to realizing our Vision. So far, we have held forums to hear from youth and adults from the Twin Tiers in the Corning/Elmira area, Watertown, and Long Island. Other school-community forums are being scheduled. We expect to be able to share what we learn at the March 15, 2016 Summit and Conference. Check out our website at [www.nyscap.org](http://www.nyscap.org) for more information about the regional forum schedule.

### **WISE Update**

NYSCAP and WISE continue in partnership to support Comprehensive Sexuality Education in Schools in NY State. WISE (Working to Institutionalize Sexuality Education) uses a four-phase approach to support schools institutionalizing sexuality education so that it is an ongoing part of a school's curricula. WISE method phases include: scan current efforts and policies, engage school districts, design a rollout plan, and implement sexuality education. For more about WISE, go to [wisetoolkit.org](http://wisetoolkit.org)

*Healthy Students are Better Learners*