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Upcoming Events

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COS's Campaign for Comprehensive Sexuality Education!

Youth Organizing Victory!

Circle of Strength (13-19 years) has been instrumental in bringing attention and initiating changes to the way Albuquerque Public Schools and the State of NM receive sexuality education.

Statewide Victory: April 8 2005, Circle of Strength member Kirbie Platero spoke at the Department of Health's of Health's press conference, announcing the Department of Health's decision to responsibly use the Federal Abstinence-Only monies, solely for grades 6th and below. Kirbie spoke in reference to why they have been organizing around these goals and why information is important to teen-age youth.

City Wide Victory: April 20, 2005 during a debrief, immediately after the statewide announcement, many concerns arose in regards to what this meant for 7th grade and above. COS re-

approached the Albuquerque School Board and reiterated their concerns and demand for comprehensive sexuality education in the Albuquerque Public Schools. Board President, Miguel Acosta and Superintendent, Elizabeth Everett made the announcement that APS will have comprehensive sexuality education standards for Albuquerque Public Schools. We have yet to see implementation of this process, therefore COS has already began "next steps," to assure the implementation of these measures

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Circle of Strength hits up the Legislature

The purpose of a newsletter is to provide specialized information to a targeted audience. A school newsletter can be a great way to develop a strong relationship with parents.

First choose a short title for your newsletter— something like "School News," or "Back to School." As you choose the title, also take time to think about the newsletter's theme. What important messages do you want to send parents and families?

Next, establish how much time and money you can spend on your

newsletter. These factors will help determine how frequently you publish the newsletter and its length.

Use the body of your school newsletter to keep parents apprised of major assignments and class events, as well as any of school district news. Also share news for specific grade levels, and tell parents about upcoming events, new faculty, and school policies.

Circle of Strength Program Updates



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Circle of Strength is a youth-led, multi-issue, organizing project of Young Women United.

Circle of Strength (13-19 years) has been extremely busy with campaign work for the entire year of 2005. They have managed to still do some trainings and team-building work in between all the campaign chaos!

The following is some highlights of the work they have done in their communities and within their group:

- Teen Pregnancy Prevention PSA's aired
- Many nights of testimonials to the APS School Board.
- Phone banking to the Governor's office

- NMDOH & ACLU Press Conference
- NM Civic Engagement & Youth Radio Town Hall participation
- Community Education Sessions
- Conducted Opening Ceremonies at the 2005 NM Year of the Girl Conference and had the only youth-lead workshop.

COS uses a variety of strategies and tools to learn about issues and then connect local issues to the broader social justice movement.

Sister Fire 2005

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"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Fourth Grade News

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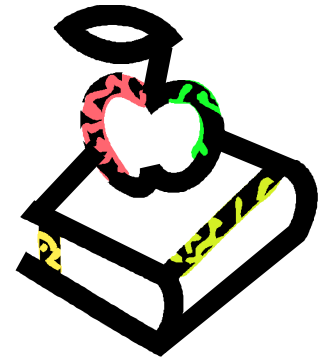
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Street Address
Address 2
City, ST ZIP Code

Phone:
(555) 555-0125

Fax:
(555) 555-0145

E-mail:
E-mail address

**Your school motto
here.**

**We're on the Web!
Web site address**

New Students

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Street Address
Address 2
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