



Sexuality Education for Life Minnesota Coalition (SEFL) January 2006 E-Newsletter

Sexuality Education for Life Minnesota is a coalition of educational, religious, health, social service, and advocacy organizations, as well as concerned individuals that promotes lifelong healthy sexuality by advocating for policies on comprehensive sexuality education and access to confidential health care services.

If you haven't Already, Now is the Time to Meet with Your Legislators!

The Minnesota State legislature will re-convene on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Now is the perfect time to meet with State Representatives and State Senators to talk with them about supporting [Comprehensive Sexuality Education](#) and upholding the [Minors' Consent](#) law. Also, legislators have more time to read the paper so make your voice heard and submit a letter to the editor. If your letter gets published, be sure to let us know! To find out who your legislators are go to: <http://www.leg.state.mn.es/leg/Districtfinder.asp>. For more information on talking points check out our website at www.sexedforlife.org or contact Leah Sweet at 651-644-1447 ext. 12 or Leah@moapp.org.

Precinct Caucuses are March 7!

Precinct caucuses are where community members come together to build an agenda of the issues most important to each community and to support candidates to run for elected office. Minnesota Council of Nonprofits is offering non-partisan precinct caucus trainings. For more information check out <http://www.mncn.org/mpp/index.htm>.

The League of Women Voters has an excellent page on precinct caucuses:
<http://www.lwvmn.org/EdFund/caucus.asp>.

For questions about the precinct caucuses, you can also contact the Secretary of State's Office: 651-296-2803.

Save the Date for Upcoming Events

Sex Ed for Life Membership Gathering January 24, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
This event will get SEFL energized for the 2006 legislative session. Join us for a review of our history and a discussion about where we are headed. To register, please contact Leah at Leah@moapp.org.

New Documentary on Minors' Consent "*Minnesota Confidential*" viewing on January 24, 2006 5:45 at Coffman Union at the University of Minnesota. This documentary offers discussion and opinions about the Minors' Consent law from opponents and proponents of the law. Be sure to join the discussion and give your feedback to the filmmaker. A legislative panel and small reception will follow the viewing.

Girls Rock the Capitol March 6, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
This event is for girls ages 13-18 and it will be held at the Minnesota Women's Consortium. Space is limited so register early! For more information, contact Bonnie Watkins bonnie@mnwomen.org.

SEFL Capitol Lab March 17, 2006 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Capitol building.
Please e-mail Leah@moapp.org to register.

An Advocacy Lesson with Shelby Knox May 5, 2006 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Earle Brown Heritage Center (right after the MOAPPP conference). This program is for youth only. Please see the MOAPPP Conference brochure for registration.

SEFL Coffeehouse Series in the works

If you live outside of the metro area and would like SEFL to come to your neighborhood, please let us know! Plans are underway for an SEFL coffeehouse series where we bring the issues to your local coffee shop for discussion and awareness raising among you, your neighbors and colleagues. Let us know if you are interested. Email Leah@moapp.org.

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For more information on the Sexuality Education for Life Coalition go to www.SexEdforLife.org. Please feel free to forward to others interested in supporting the health of Minnesota youth or tell them to sign up for Sex Ed for Life at www.SexEdforLife.org.

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