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From the Experts

A Record the U.S. Would Rather NOT Break by Rose Tenuta, M.S. Ed, Ed.S.



As 2018 draws to a close, it is predicted to be another record-breaking year. Unfortunately, this is not a record the United States wants to break: Sexually transmitted infections are again at an all-time high for the fourth year in a row. While sexually transmitted infections (STIs) have plagued humans for centuries, many scientists at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have new and serious concerns.

STIs may be caused by bacteria or viruses. Infections caused by bacteria are generally able to be treated and cured with the use of antibiotics. However, many physicians at the CDC are very concerned about antibiotic resistance - when bacteria develop the ability to survive even when the patient takes antibiotics.

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In the News

Straight-forward (and fun) way to explain consent from "across the pond".

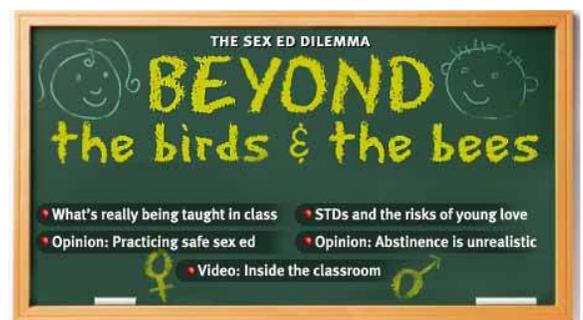


Tea and Consent

In the News

MSN: Carnal knowledge: The sex ed debate

Soaring rates of sexually transmitted diseases among teens are adding urgency to the debate over sex education. Conservatives claim the alarming statistics illustrate why abstinence should be the single mantra when it comes to sex ed. Liberals counter that the increase in disease is the strongest case for more detailed information. Caught in the middle are America's kids, who are more vulnerable than ever to potentially deadly diseases.



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Upcoming Presentations: Mark Your Calendars



Social and Emotional Learning: A Critical Foundation of Success and Well-Being February 13 - 7-8pm

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process of acquiring life skills that are fundamental to optimal success & well-being in school and life.

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Raising Healthy Teens: CONSENT

May 1 - 7-8pm

Learn about consent issues across the lifespan including how to build upon discussions that begin in the early childhood years & continue through young adulthood.

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In the News

National Institute on Drug Abuse:

Study shows impact of social interactions on addictive behavior

A new study published in Nature Neuroscience finds that social interactions can have a profound effect on behaviors related to addiction, and on the brain's response to drug-associated cues. These findings have implications for people with substance use disorders (SUDs), because it suggests that social interaction can change the activity of specific neuronal circuits that control drug craving and relapse. The research was funded by the National Institutes of Health and led by Dr. Marco Venniro from the Intramural Research Program of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

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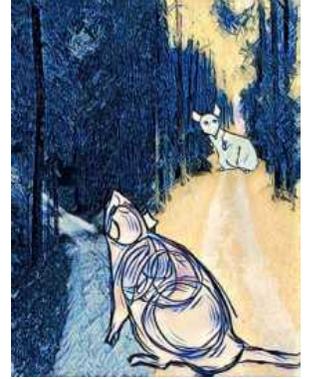


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Meet the Team

Mishawn Purnell-O'Neal - Health Educator



Mishawn Purnell-O'Neal joined the Robert Crown Health Center in the Fall of 2016. As a Health Educator, she strives to pique the interest of young audiences by delivering science-based content while making the real-world connection. She is a double-alumni of Benedictine University, receiving a Master in Public Health, and a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. Mishawn has worked in several Public Health settings (March of Dimes, American Academy of Pediatrics, and SIDS Alliance). To broaden her Public Health outreach, she publishes books, educational activities, and board games designed for children and youth. Mishawn is a passionate Public Health professional, and is delighted to be a member of the Robert Crown Health Center family.

Meet Our Board

Dionne Miller

Dionne is a Senior Director at Capital One where she oversees Strategic Investment Programs for the corporate bank. Dionne is an experienced finance professional, with 20 years dedicated to the leveraged finance and debt capital markets sector. Dionne joined Capital One after heading the Syndications and Capital Markets team at Wintrust. Prior to that, she held positions at GE Capital and Bank of Montreal where she focused on structuring transactions for private equity owned companies across a variety of industry sectors. Dionne earned her B.S. in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Finance from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She resides in Hinsdale with her husband and two kids and enjoys traveling and staying active with her family.



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