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- 1) Host a Mother's Day Tea at your church or in your home. Use it as an outreach event not only to the moms in your church, but to moms in the community as well. Provide a nursery for the little ones and plan a fun time of food, fellowship...and pampering!
- 2) Contact a mom you know who is struggling and take her out to lunch or out for a shopping spree. You may need to offer to help her set up a babysitter.
- 3) Moms who have lost their own mother are in special need of encouragement and support. Offer to take care of their children so they can have a day to themselves.
- 4) Work with a pregnancy resource center to organize a **Baby Bottle Campaign** at your church or work.
- 5) Commit to pray for the mothers in your church and among your acquaintances.
- 6) For single moms, put together a care-package of diapers, baby products, food, etc.
- 7) Blended families and adoptive families face unique difficulties and are often under a lot of stress. Perhaps you can help chauffeur children and/or do some grocery shopping to help free up some of her time to focus on her family.
- 8) Offer to bring over a prepared meal; be sure to find out if the family has any food allergies, etc., and prepare accordingly. Make sure there's plenty for leftovers!

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Southworth claims the bill “imposes troubling new mandates on school districts, requiring that [they] transform [their] current human growth & development curricula into programming that promotes the sexualization – and sexual assault—of our children.”

Every district in the state needs to seriously consider the troubling points Southworth addresses in his letter:

1. Act 134 promotes the sexual assault of children because it requires schools to “provide instruction on how to utilize contraception.” This despite the fact that Wisconsin law makes it a crime to engage in underage sexual activity—that’s anyone under the age of 18.
2. Act 134 exposes teachers to possible criminal liability because anyone who “intentionally encourages” or “contributes” to the criminal behavior of a child can be charged as “contributing to the delinquency of a child” under state law.
3. Act 134 undermines parents’ authority by mandating schools encourage kids to discuss sexuality with “other family members,” beyond the parent/child relationship.
4. Act 134 requires school districts to condone controversial sexual behavior, including underage sex, sexual promiscuity, homosexuality, and transgender activity.
5. Act 134 gives the contraceptive industry access to our children by allowing “volunteer health care providers” access to the classroom to teach sexual education, which means Planned Parenthood employees could have direct access to kids.
6. If the instruction mandated by Act 134 leads to illegal activity, STP’s, etc., then a school district could be exposed to civil litigation.

More Information

★ Inform your School Board of the warnings in District Attorney Southworth’s letter.

★ Contact WFC at 888-378-7395 for resources and information on this topic.

Prayers & Intercessions

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