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"Healthy Youth Act"

AB 458 is now law, 2009 Wisconsin Act 134. Among other things, Act 134 mandates that all state school districts choosing to teach Human Growth & Development must teach "comprehensive sex ed," including proper use of barrier contraception methods.

Scott Southworth, the Juneau County District Attorney, recently published a warning to Juneau school districts about the legal ramifications of implementing the comprehensive sex education mandated in Act 134.

According to Southworth, 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. State law criminalizes any sexual intercourse with a minor. Basically, Act 134 promotes sexual activity by not only teaching children how to engage in sexual activity with contraceptives but actually encouraging it.

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Madison Surgery Center Abandons Abortion Plan!

Wisconsin Family Action (WFA) is thrilled to report that the UW-affiliated Madison Surgery Center (MSC) has decided to abandon the plan to provide late, second-trimester abortions! This decision is a testament to the massive effort on the part of the pro-life community in Madison and around the state. We praise the Lord for this news.

Over a year ago, the pro-life community learned of a plan to provide late, second-trimester abortions at the MSC, a joint venture of Meriter Hospital, UW Hospital and Clinics and the UW Medical Authority Board. At that time, WFA joined forces with state pro-life organizations, and tens of thousands of pro-life leaders and individuals from around the state to protest the plan.

In early May this year, the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), an alliance of pro-life attorneys, released a letter from the WI Department of Justice (DOJ) indicating that MSC had abandoned the plan.

WFA applauds you as a pro-life citizen for what you did to help oppose this plan. You stopped using the MSC, Meriter Hospital and the UW Hospital and Clinics; you changed insurance providers; you stood in the hot, summer sun, the

freezing rain and the bitter cold outside the MSC and prayed for the individuals who worked there. You signed the petition, spread the word, contacted the sponsoring entities and stayed the course. Your perseverance finally paid off and saved hundreds of preborn babies from a horrible, painful death.



From the time the plan was discovered, WFA worked to gather signatures, inform citizens, and coordinate efforts to put pressure on the authors of the plan and supporting entities through email and phone contacts, petitions and protests.

This plan should never have existed in the first place. The Surgery Center's commitment to saving, not ending, life; the fact that taxpayer funds would likely have been used to pay the salaries of the abortionists (contrary to state law); and the public outrage over the plan should have been enough to stop it a year ago.

But the plan's authors stubbornly persisted until the pro-life movement exerted enough pressure where it mattered—the bottom line.

Ultimately, this plan was about the abortion industry, which is a money-making venture. When public outrage and pressure threatened the reputation of the involved entities, the potential damage and fallout from the abortion plan outweighed the potential monetary benefit. This outcome clearly shows what can be done when the pro-life community speaks and works together.

Immediately after ADF broke the news that the MSC would not be performing the abortions, UW Health released a statement indicating they were still committed to providing late second-trimester abortions somewhere in the Madison area, but would not disclose the location. However, the MSC will not be the facility performing the abortions. We still have work to do, but we can rejoice that the MSC and the pro-life professionals employed there are free from this terrible burden. UW Health's statement indicates they are well aware public opinion stands against them and the plan is in jeopardy. While we have won a battle, the war for life continues. May we all remain faithful.

Helping You Decide ~ by Eric Skelton, Director of Marriage & Family Ministry

One day my pastor and I were discussing cohabitation. I was sharing with him some of the latest research regarding cohabiting couples. Like me, he was stunned by the sheer weight of evidence against cohabitation given the explosion of this choice of union for some couples. "Boy, I don't



think couples know this stuff," he said. "Do you have some kind of brochure with this information in it that I could hand out to couples?"

That little question started a nine-month writing project that culminated in the booklet, *Helping You Decide*.

Helping You Decide is filled with facts, figures, and most importantly, God's Word. It is a great tool for pastors, mentors, and counselors to help them open up the discussion of sexual relations before marriage.

Written as a persuasive piece, its goal is to help couples seek God's direction in moving to or staying in a pure pre-marital relationship.

We are excited to announce the pre-order of *Helping You Decide, A Look at Sexual Relations Before Marriage*. Pastors, mentors, and counselors can use the book as a basis for discussing tough pre-marital issues and to encourage couples to come into obedience to God regarding their pre-marital sexual relationships.

Within the next few weeks we will be releasing the book. Our goal is to get it in the hands of pastors for peak wedding months.

Many hands contributed to this project, and I am grateful to them all. I trust the Lord will use it for His Glory.

Community Organizing ~Musings by Julaine K. Appling, President

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2010 Elections: Quick Look

We have 1 more primary election and 1 general election in Wisconsin this year. The Fall Elections are for partisan offices (e.g., governor, legislators, etc). Both dates are Tuesdays.

- ☆ Sept. 14—Fall Primary
- ☆ Nov. 2— Fall General

Visit WFA's election central website, yourwisconsinvote.org closer to the elections for voter information, voter guides (Fall Primary and Fall General) and general election information.



Barack Obama's "community organizing" background and ACORN with its nefarious operations now make everyone run for cover when anyone dares to even breathe those words. That's not good, because getting people informed, inspired and involved in their communities is American. It's how we have made deep and long-lasting changes in America for most of our history. Real change always comes from the bottom up, one community at a time.



Of course, we need good leadership. We need people who will inform us and inspire us to get out and get involved; but the real work is done at the individual level, where one person gets another person involved until the entire community is engaged in making a positive difference.

If there were ever a time where we must get our Wisconsin communities organized, it is now. And I am talking about Christians getting themselves

organized and active in their communities and finding others of like mind and spirit who will join forces to begin taking ownership for where they live.

Now, maybe you are happy that your school districts are being told by Madison what kind of sex education programs they must teach, or that your taxes are out of sight, or that you're losing your right to choose your own health insurance, or that your city hall can't display a nativity scene without threat of law suit, or that increased regulations keep your small, family-owned business from being profitable.

I could go on and on. At WFA we hear from people like you every day, people telling us they are bothered by what is happening where they live, and they are upset—and want to do something—but they don't know what to do.

Well, there is hope for you. First, come to grips with the fact that you, yes, you—not your neighbor, not your friend, not someone else, *you*, must get

involved. Second, understand the multiplied power of one—and then it won't be just you for long. When one person starts taking positive action on an idea, others quickly join. But someone has to be brave enough to launch.

Third, contact WFA to find out about our "Changing Wisconsin—One Community at a Time" seminars. These meetings are designed to give individual citizens the tools they need to change their community. Since this is a critical election year, we focus a good portion of the time on how to get involved in elections and to get others involved as well, including churches, where appropriate. We also present material and provide resources on communicating with elected officials, from the school board up, and organizing a local-issue grassroots "campaign." If you're interested in more information about WFA's "Changing Wisconsin" seminar, email info@wifamilyaction.org or call us at 866-849-2536. Someone is going to organize your community. Why not you and your Christian friends?

Legislative Wrap-Up: It Could Have Been A Lot Worse

It is with great relief we report to you that our state legislature is adjourned for this session as of the early-morning hours of April 23.

The governor, or the legislature, could reconvene the Senate and Assembly to address a specific bill or issue, but given that this is an election year, with much at stake, that would happen very soon, if it all.

The good news from this session is that much of the legislation harmful to marriage, family, life and liberty did not get passed, and we can thank the Lord and you for that. Your involvement made a difference. You prayed, called your legislators, sent emails and letters, and alerted your church, family and friends.

Here's a brief run-down of the status of the bills we've followed over the last several months:

SB 640, the **Vote Fraud bill** that would have made radical changes in Wisconsin's election laws did not

pass; it didn't even receive a vote.

AB 649, the so-called **global warming bill** did not pass.

SB 295, the bill that would allow **minors under the age of 14 to present musical entertainment or a**



theatrical performance in taverns, roadhouses, night-clubs, dance halls and cabarets also did not pass. The bill did not even make it out of committee, thanks to your efforts!

Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT), SB 460, did pass. EPT allows physicians to prescribe drugs to treat STI's for a patient's sexual partner whom the physician has not examined and even if the physician does not know the partner's name. The governor has signed SB 460 into law.

AB 751, the **National Popular Vote** bill is dead. Thanks to your efforts, the bill never even made it out of committee in either house.

Both SJR 62, the **Health Care**

Freedom Amendment and **SR 11**, a resolution authorizing the attorney general to file or join a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the federal health care reform bill, never made it out of committee. Given the power the Democratic Party has, with a majority in both houses and the governor's office, it is absolutely astounding that they did not do more damage in the last few weeks of the legislative session. It's not that they didn't do plenty of damage. Much needs to be undone. But they could have done much more. The reason they didn't is because you put pressure on them!

When we vote in November, we cannot afford to forget what could have happened, what did happen and how our elected officials voted.

In the meantime, however, we can rejoice in the victories we had this session, and thank the Lord for blessing the efforts of faithful people who kept the pressure on their elected officials. God bless you!

Wonderful Day of Prayer at the State Capitol

Somewhere between 100-150 people showed up at the Capitol in Madison on Thursday, May 6, for the National Day of Prayer event. All enjoyed a wonderful time of worship and prayer led by NDP State Coordinator Jill Kocian and her husband Pastor James Kocian, WFC President Julaine Appling, baritone Clint Holden, Ret. Army Col. Art Zuleger, Pastor Bill Bartz and NDP North Central Region National Area Leaders Gary & Barb Hibma.

During the gathering, at least two and perhaps three planes circled over the Capitol (part of PrayerFlight) with prayer warriors inside, praying for the event and for the seven areas people were praying for below: government, military, media, business, education, church and family. It was an incredibly encouraging and uplifting time. We're grateful for all those who attended and participated, as well as for all the pilots who took the time to fly over different areas of Wisconsin (8 in all!), to travel to Madison and other NDP events in the state and pray.