



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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The Honorable Mark Souder
Senior Member, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Souder:

In response to your request, I am pleased to send you the report *Health and Human Services Funding for Abstinence Education, Education for Teen Pregnancy and HIV/STD Prevention, and Other Programs that Address Adolescent Sexual Activity*.

The report presents a detailed breakdown comparing Departmental funding for abstinence education, adhering to the A-H definition, with other Departmental funding used to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. In FY 2008, the Department estimates that the HHS federal funding levels for programs addressing sexual activity among adolescents was \$785.8 million, of which \$176.5 million was spent for Abstinence Education (as defined by A-H), \$300.2 million was spent for Pregnancy/STD/HIV Prevention and Education programs, and \$309.1 million was spent for Family Planning services.

I hope you will find this report useful.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Leavitt

Enclosure