

STARS

The FORUM

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“The Forum” is for **Parents** only.

The Forum is a place where **Parents** may develop themselves in the most fundamental aspect of our existence as parents...parenting. Through useful information, fun-filled activities, group contacts and experiences, **The Forum** will enable **Parents** to become positive examples to our children.

The Forum shall derive its identity from those of us who are **Parents** and shall be a positive force that assists all participating **Parents** to become more responsible for the development of our children.

Parents, it is not as if we have a real choice in this matter; this is a commitment we have already made. There is a path that will direct this next generation of children so that they are able to lead our city, state and, ultimately, our country. Let's take this journey together.

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT ORAL SEX

1. No boy who truly respects or cares about a girl would ask her to do this.
2. Some girls make the mistake of initiating oral sex because they think they can give a guy what he wants while avoiding pregnancy, but then discover that oral sex reduces intimacy.
3. Many sexual transmitted diseases –including herpes, Chlamydia, and human papilloma virus can be transmitted through oral sex.
4. If you're a girl and you engage in oral sex, you risk experiencing the same feelings of being used that frequently follow uncommitted intercourse.
5. If you're a boy and getting a girl to do this, you're disrespecting the girl (would you want somebody doing this to your sister) and your future spouse?

*Center for the 4th & 5th R's
Respect and Responsibility*

The infamous “Lorraine Motel” where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Abstinence Educator, Mr. Wiley, and the students entering the National Civil Rights Museum.



On Monday, November 19, 2007, seventy-two STARS students and chaperones participated in a field trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN. Thanks to all parents and guardians who made provision for your children to attend.

The STARS staff strives to plan field trips that are educational, enriching and fun for your children. Equally as important is the fact that field trips are also one way we reward STARS students' good behavioral choices and consistent participation in the abstinence education program. As a *character-based* abstinence education program, the STARS program teaches students that their actions have consequences. Sometimes those consequences are desirable; sometimes they are not. Last, but not least, field trips also provide an opportunity for the STARS educators and students to interact in another, more relaxed social setting.

Again, a big thank you to all the parents, chaperones, students and the STARS staff for making this field trip a huge success. We look forward to another exciting semester.

You're Invited

The STARS staff has been privileged to assist you in providing your child character-based abstinence education.

To further assist you in your effort to ensure your child makes a decision to remain sexually abstinent from pre-marital sexual activities, on Saturday, January 26, 2008, we will conduct a workshop designed to equip you with tools, proven techniques and accurate, medically correct information.

We know that talking with youth about sensitive issues such as their sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and abstinence from premarital sexual activity can be challenging.

Join us on **Saturday January 26, 2008 at the Jackson State University e-Center, 1230 Raymond Road**, and let's explore techniques that will ensure your message is delivered and received.

Call 601-988-1330 to register today!

The STARS Abstinence Education Program

The STARS Abstinence Education Program is committed to providing an environment for teens to learn the benefits of abstaining from all sexual activity until marriage.

The STARS Abstinence Educators can communicate in a clear and non-judgmental manner the health, emotional and social benefits which support abstinence from all sexual activity as the best choice for teens.

The STARS program will assist you as you teach your teens how to set goals for themselves. They will also learn how to make decisions that will help them accomplish those goals.

Thank you for allowing your children to participate in the STARS Abstinence Education Program. As they develop and mature physically and emotionally, we remain committed to assisting you as they also develop into productive citizens.

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FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DELAY OF SEX

FAMILY FACTORS

1. High parent-teen connectedness
2. Parent disapproval of teen's being sexually active
3. Parent disapproval of teen's using contraception

SCHOOL FACTORS

1. High level of school connectedness
2. Enrollment at a school with a high daily attendance rate

INDIVIDUAL FACTORS

1. Personal commitment to abstinence until marriage
2. Importance ascribed to religion/prayer
3. High grade-point average

*-National Longitudinal Study of
Adolescent Health (1997)*

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