

Clark County Social Service Launches Positive Parenting Project for Teen Mothers

A well-known but unpopular statistic in Nevada is that the state consistently ranks in the Top Five in the country in the number of teenage pregnancies. Each year about 3,000 adolescents in Nevada become pregnant, giving birth to children who often have health problems or who become victims of child abuse or neglect.

To help combat the number of unhealthy babies born to teenage mothers and to reduce the potential for child abuse and neglect, the Clark County Social Service Department is implementing a pilot program beginning October 1 that is sponsored and funded by the Department of Human Resources Children's Trust Fund.

Called the Positive Parenting Project, the program will provide a way for new, young mothers to learn about the

importance of pre- and post-natal care.

"This is especially important in getting these young mothers to take care of themselves during their pregnancy so that their babies will be born at a normal weight," said Nancy Gott-Smith, volunteer coordinator for the Clark County Social Service Department, pointing out that a baby of a low birthweight is three times more likely to die than a baby born at a normal weight.

In Clark County alone last year, there were 1,221 adolescents who gave birth — evidence of the necessity and immediacy of such a program.

According to Gott-Smith, volunteers from the community will be recruited and trained to work with pregnant adolescents as volunteer case managers. The volunteers will provide education



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rights should be subordinated to majority opinion on moral issues.

- In a decision written by Judge Bork, a Federal Court supported the right of banks to offer investment advice to the wealthy.

- Judge Bork advocates interpretation of the Constitution as written, i.e., according to the Founding Fathers' "original intent."

- Judge Bork, when he was up for a seat on the Court of Appeals five years ago stated that an "imperialistic" Supreme Court had gone too far in a liberal direction — and that "the only cure for a court that oversteps its bounds that I know of is the appointment power . . ."

- Judge Bork questions the exclusionary rule which is the law disallowing illegally seized evidence because "the court ought to be at

and emotional support to these young mothers.

These volunteers will teach the young mothers about proper nutrition for themselves and their child. They also will stress the importance of abstaining from cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs during their pregnancy.

In addition, the volunteers can help the teenage mother receive any social services she may need, such as housing, financial assistance, and clothing.

There have been a number of similar programs around the country that have proved successful. One such program in Ventura, California, worked with 101 pregnant teenagers last year and has 20 volunteers.

Because it is a pilot program, the number of volunteers and teenage mothers will be relative small at first, Gott-Smith said. Plans are to have 10-15 teenage mothers and 10-15 volunteers.

"We need volunteers who are open-minded, empathetic, and can communicate with teenagers," she said.

least equally shaken by the idea of turning a criminal loose upon society."

- Judge Bork would let big business get bigger. He claims that "larger size" is "more efficient"; "this increased efficiency is valuable to the society at large."

- Judge Bork "consistently ruled against individuals and public interest organizations on the merit, but in many cases he did not even let them through the courthouse door . . . He voted to dismiss cases against prison inmates, social security claimants, Haitian refugees, handicapped citizens, the Iranian hostages, and the homeless. Judge Bork did not reach the merits in any of these cases; rather he refused to decide the claims raised." (Excerpted from *The Judicial Record of Judge Robert H. Bork* by the Public Citizen Litigation Group, Washington, D.C. at page 7.)

- In 1985, Judge Bork wrote in the Foreword to McDowell's *The Constitution and Contemporary Constitutional Theory*, that "intent" has a specialized meaning, because judges must apply not just the actual intent of the Framers, but the 'principles' underlying the words of the Constitution and even the 'objects those principles are . . . intended to achieve.' "

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© *Your children could be forced to attend segregated schools.* In 1972, when our nation was taking action to desegregate our schools, Bork supported the Nixon Administration in trying to curb this effort. Later, when he was working in the Nixon Justice Department, Bork proposed such extreme action to stop school desegregation in Boston that Nixon's Attorney General had to rein him in.



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© *You could have fewer opportunities for getting a decent job.* Affirmative action programs are designed to make up for past discrimination and improve the representation of minorities in the workforce. They have helped millions of black Americans to better their lives. But Robert Bork does not think they are legal.

© *Your family's most private decisions could be invaded by the government.* In 1965, the Supreme Court struck down a Connecticut law that banned the use of contraceptives, even by married couples in the home. Robert Bork thinks this decision was wrong — that families have no privacy right which the government should not be allowed to invade.

Although Bork would be only one of the nine justices on the Supreme Court, his presence would make a crucial difference. It would bring

Rededication Ceremony For Orr Jr. High On Sept. 30

A rededication ceremony will be held in the William E. Orr Junior High School gymnasium Wednesday, September 30 at 7 p.m. to officially observe reopening of the school. Orr was closed last year for asbestos removal and fire safety retrofitting.

While the school was closed, Orr students attended classes during the 1986-87 school year on a double session schedule at nearby Woodbury Junior High.

Edna Hinman, the first principal of Orr Junior High, is a featured speaker for the rededication ceremony. School board members, Superintendent of Schools Bob Wentz, Governor Richard Bryan and former principals of the school are among the invited guests.

All current and former staff members and alumnae of Orr are also invited to attend the rededication ceremony which will be followed by refreshments and a tour of the school.

Also scheduled in conjunction with the rededication of Orr is the dedication of the Denise "U.B." Burgess Memorial Gardens at 3 p.m. September 30. Herbert Baker, principal of Orr Junior High, and Superintendent Wentz are scheduled speakers.

The memorial gardens will be expanded each year by the ninth grade classes at Orr.

Former students, currently at Valley and Bishop Gorman High Schools are invited to attend.

about a very conservative majority, shifting the Court dramatically toward the right.

You do not have to let Robert Bork's views be imposed on your life. Write your Senators today to let them know you oppose Bork, and why. Write Senator Harry Reid, or Chic Hecht, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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