

Full disclosure required

Sharon Hindman wasn't at all forthcoming in her May 13 letter.

While many teens will choose abstinence, many others will choose to be sexually active. They must have correct information about preventing pregnancy and STDs. The Alpha Center (AC) lied to our children saying, "Condoms weren't made to protect them from HIV, just pregnancy."

According to the CDC (1998 Guidelines for the Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases) condoms are recognized as a highly effective barrier against HIV infection when used consistently and correctly.

In April, I showed how AC wasn't truthful with our children about the correct number of cases of syphilis every year. Hindman hasn't denied these falsehoods were presented to our children. Hindman said AC immediately complied with Poudre School District's requirement that "disclosure be given to parents" about what kind of organization they are.

But why wasn't a fundamental Christian-based organization that places a premium on "parental rights" disclosing to parents in the first place? Why did they have to be required to do so? Hindman knows disclosure to our children in the classroom is equally at issue here.

In her March letter, Hindman indicated AC wouldn't comply with such a requirement because that "isn't what abstinence programs are about." That's indisputable evidence they desire to present themselves as a resource for our children, while hiding their anti-abortion, anti-birth control agenda from them. Demanding full disclosure is a far cry from, "not wanting any side but my own to be heard." That's AC's agenda, not mine.

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