

bonding in the future, a higher chance of experiencing adultery and divorce and that 50 percent of the student body at one of our junior highs was having oral sex. Their abstinence program is inaccurate and fear-based.

They promote a controversial moral value: abstinence until marriage. I teach my daughters abstinence until they're in an adult committed relationship. They placed their phone number on the board but never disclosed to our students that they're Christian-based, and even if asked, wouldn't refer a woman to a doctor for contraceptives or an abortion.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy said, "None of the three evaluated abstinence-only programs showed an overall positive effect on sexual behavior ... research clearly shows that some sex/HIV programs reduced the frequency and delayed onset of sex, or reduced the number of sexual partners." The report said the most successful programs combined abstinence-based comprehensive sex education with helping youths stay in school and with job opportunities.

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### **Program is fear-based**

Republican Rep. Steve Johnson's Feb. 19 Soapbox, "Abstinence info needed," was knowingly inaccurate and misleading.

I have a daughter at Rocky Mountain High. I was the only parent present at the Alpha Center's presentation in my daughter's classroom in November. What I heard troubled me. I immediately informed my principal and school board representative.

Brian Oliver, Poudre School District Science coordinator was right: "Alpha Center programs don't provide factual information." They falsely stated, "Condoms aren't made to protect you from HIV, just pregnancy." They stated as fact that a person who engaged in premarital sex would have difficulty

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