

## PLAN A: NCJW'S CAMPAIGN FOR CONTRACEPTIVE ACCESS

Plan A aims to secure and protect access to contraceptive information and health services for all, putting individuals back in control of their personal health decisions.

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**Take Action: go to [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org) and sign up today!**

## STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SCHIP)

SCHIP is included in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget resolution and reauthorization of this domestic program gives us the opportunity to move toward the widely shared goal of ensuring that all children have health insurance coverage. In mid-March the Senate passed their budget resolution with \$50 billion in new funds over five years.



**Take Action:** Contact your US House Representative to express your support and to urge their support for the house budget resolution that authorizes up to \$50 billion in new funds over five years for SCHIP.

**Go to the NCJW Action line at [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org)**

## COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION

Last week NCJW went to our federal legislators to urge support of the Responsible Education About Life (REAL) Act, a bill that would provide the first federal funding stream for comprehensive sex education. Young people need information that is proven effective and will provide the public with health information that will keep them safe. Abstinence-only-until-marriage programs do not meet that need.

**Take Action:** Take abstinence-ONLY funding out of Illinois' budget. The state budget includes 1.2 million for Project Reality, one of the largest providers of abstinence-ONLY curricula, training, and speakers to schools in Illinois. They receive over \$1 million per year from the federal government for their programs that mislead youth, censor teachers, and do not support families. Funding for Project Reality runs contrary to the expectations and desires of 83 percent of Illinois voters and 92 percent of Illinois sex education teachers. Research shows that comprehensive sex education programs that combine abstinence with factual information (including information about contraceptives and other critical issues) delay sexual activity and prevent disease. WE SHOULD NOT USE STATE TAX DOLLARS TO MISLEAD YOUTH ABOUT SEX! Contact your state legislators at:

**[www.responsiblesexed.org/campaign/prfund](http://www.responsiblesexed.org/campaign/prfund)**

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Responsible Sex Education