

Planned Parenthood discredits itself by its activities

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A recent AP article¹ decried the negative publicity that has recently plagued Planned Parenthood. While touting Planned Parenthood's low cost, government-subsidized health services for women, the article ignored its penchant for promoting sexual activity among young teens. Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) is quoted as saying, "In my community, Planned Parenthood is a very highly regarded mainstream organization". The questions are – is Planned Parenthood mainstream and is it right for our community?

Even those comfortable with Planned Parenthood's abortion services should get alarmed about Planned Parenthood's tolerance for sexual exploitation of teenage girls. Since 2007, Live Action's videos have been capturing Planned Parenthood staff counseling undercover actresses posing as "14 year old girls with adult boyfriends" on getting abortions while skirting parental notification and statutory rape laws. More recently, Live Action recorded conversations between PP staff and "sex traffickers of 14 year old girls".

In 2002, Life Dynamics pioneered this type of investigative reporting on abortionists by recording telephone conversations of Planned Parenthood staff counseling a "13 year old girl impregnated by a 22 year old man" – over 70 of these PP facilities were in California. Maybe exploitation of teen girls is "mainstream" in California. After nearly 10 years of being "stung" by these anti-abortion groups, one would think that Planned Parenthood would have wised up and have properly trained its staff on proper handling of statutory rape cases – as they now assure us is being done.

But how can Planned Parenthood train its staff if it is unable to see the harm done to the girls? Planned Parenthood's philosophy that "*there is no 'normal' age to have sex*"² clouds its judgment in discerning real abuse cases. Planned Parenthood failed to report the actual statutory rape of a 14 year old Ohio girl by her soccer coach³, of a 15 year old Connecticut girl by a 41 year old man⁴, of a 13 year old Arizona girl by her 23 year old foster brother⁵ - presumably because its staff believed the girls consented. A Washington State police officer quoted a PP staffer as saying that "*once the juvenile is pregnant, the juvenile is emancipated*"⁶. However, this is a legal fiction promul-

1 **Foes seek to de-fund, discredit Planned Parenthood** By DAVID CRARY, Feb 13
(<http://www.theoaklandpress.com/articles/2011/02/13/news/doc4d58114a3cd8f499990075.txt>)

2 <http://asktheexperts.plannedparenthood.org/?p=785>

3 "Judge: Planned Parenthood rushed abortion on sexually abused teen", <http://www.lifenews.com/2010/12/08/state-5726/>
Also reported in **Cincinnati Enquirer**, "Judge rules against abortion provider", by Kimball Perry, Dec. 9, 2010. In a similar case, a young woman has sued Planned Parenthood for its failure to report her father's incest when she was brought in for an abortion as a 15 year old; **Cincinnati Enquirer**, ""Planned Parenthood looked the other way, Mason rape victim says", by Peter Bronson, May 10, 2007 and "Teen who had abortion sues", by Janice Morse, May 10, 2007

4 "Connecticut Planned Parenthood did abortion in sexual abuse coverup", <http://www.lifenews.com/2007/08/02/state-2393/>
Although I was unable to find an independent report about this case in the local newspaper, **The Hartford Courant**, a Friend of the Court brief (No 94-1144), submitted by Harlon Reeves in U.S. Supreme Court case, "Ayotte v. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, et al", lists an article about abortion providers' failure to report a similar suspected statutory rape (footnote 17, "Colin Poitras, "Privacy Rights vs. Sexual Abuse; Two Doctors Defend Decision Not to Report 11 year old's Pregnancy", **The Hartford Courant**, August 23, 2002 at A1). This brief also cited Vermont legislative history in which the president of PP of Northern New England admitted that PP employees did not notify authorities of any cases of abuse even though they performed abortions on twelve girls under age sixteen years, pp 6-7

5 Jane Doe v. Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Ariz., et al., No. CV 2001-014876, Order of Partial Summary Judgment (Superior Ct., Ariz., Cty. of Maricopa, Nov. 26, 2002) as reported in http://www.yeson4.net/abuse_stories.aspx, accessed Feb 15, 2011. Also reported in Lifenews, <http://www.lifenews.com/2009/02/11/state-3835/>

6 Kennewick Police Dept Incident Report 08-33629 p.3 and p. 4,
accessed Feb 2011 at <http://www.scribd.com/doc/48664769/Ken-New-01>

"Planned Parenthood Tried to Force Raped Teen to Have Abortion" <http://www.lifenews.com/2011/02/14/planned-parenthood-tried-to-force-raped-teen-to-have-abortion/>

gated by Planned Parenthood and other abortion rights advocates. Minors need a court order for emancipation – not Planned Parenthood - as this officer learned from the city attorney. Alabama state health department have put Planned Parenthood on probation after finding a pattern of failure to report the statutory rapes of its 13-15 year old abortion patients⁷.

Planned Parenthood likes to assume the victim role of being persecuted because “*We are a safe place where people can go and ask difficult questions about sex. We do this for teens and adults, gays and straights, and that really irritates some people who believe sex is only for procreation.*” But in reality, Planned Parenthood is facing these “withering attacks” because of its long history of covering up sexual exploitation of young teen girls. Interestingly, no law enforcement agency has come forward to acclaim Planned Parenthood's cooperation in battling human sex trafficking.

Those who believe 14 year old girls are mature enough to have sex with older men can support Planned Parenthood with donations. We, who object to Planned Parenthood giving our minor daughters birth control shots and abortions without our knowledge and who don't want to see the abortion rate in Michigan double to match PP-friendly California's 28 abortions per 1000 women, work to keep Planned Parenthood out of Oakland County. Urge Congress to stop funding pedophile-friendly Planned Parenthood. Purge your school's sex ed curricula of Planned Parenthood propaganda.

⁷ Planned Parenthood Abortion Center in Alabama on Probation, <http://www.lifenews.com/2010/02/10/state-4801/>

Also reported in **The Birmingham News**, “Birmingham Planned Parenthood clinic placed on probation” by Anna Velasco Feb. 11, 2010 <http://blog.al.com/spotnews>, accessed Feb 2011.