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Local Agencies Join to Educate Local At-Risk Youth

300 teens from Dallas Social Service Agencies attend 17th Annual Planned Parenthood of North Texas' (PPNT) Teen Savvy conference

DALLAS – Today, for the 17th year, 300 at-risk Dallas youth participated in a variety of social workshops designed to inspire teens to make good decisions during the difficult transition from adolescence to adulthood at PPNT's annual "Teen Savvy" conference at North Dallas High School.

More than a dozen agencies, including the Girls Inc. of Metropolitan Dallas, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Dallas, Inc., Nexus Recovery Center, YWCA Women's Resource Center and West Dallas Community Center, collaborated with PPNT to provide informational workshops for youth ranging from age 11 to 17 from various social service agencies. Workshops offered discussed communication skills, career planning, self-esteem, teen stress, healthy relationships, drug abuse, gang violence and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Awards were given to students who – even as teenagers – have had to overcome extreme obstacles in their lives. The Leadership Award and a \$500 scholarship were given to both a 16-year-old male student from MacArthur High School and a 16-year-old female student from L.G. Pinkston High School. The Tomorrow's Leader Award and a \$50 Target gift certificate were given to both a 14-year-old male student from Bowie High School and a 13-year-old female student from Thomas Edison Middle School.

All participants in Teen Savvy attended with their parent or guardian's permission. Student workshops are divided into two groups by age.

For 70 years, PPNT has provided compassionate health care in North Texas. In 2004, PPNT served more than 80,000 patients in its 28 clinics. PPNT also provides health education outreach to 12,000 individuals a year.

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