Funding Disparity between SRA and SRR Sex Ed Approaches

President Obama’s FY 2010 budget favored teaching youth contraception use, calling it ‘prevention education’ while dramatically decreasing funding for primary prevention abstinence education, the safest and best for teaching of the truths of risks to youth. His disregard of the facts of the recent CDC released data from 2010 shows that he refuses to acknowledge and support programs that could reinforce and further improve these proven results. The report shows that teen birth rates are at an all-time low across our nation at the same time as abstinence rates have raised to nearly 75% among 15-17 year olds.

*NAEA is a professional association representing organizations and individuals who support a priority on risk avoidance through abstinence education. NAEA members serve students across the nation. For more information, visit the NAEA website: www.theNAEA.org and www.abstinenceworks.org.

Thank you for caring about our work. Your donations keep our office open making it possible for us to continue teaching Powerful Choices in schools and youth organizations of our community. Without paying salaries or volunteers’ costs, our programming budget averages $4000/month. Currently we receive from you, dear donors, an average of $2500/month. With your help we plan to teach Powerful Choices classes in juvenile detention centers, youth rehabilitation and day treatment facilities and to church youth groups throughout this summer. Please consider increasing the amount you send each month and share our needs with friends. Your donations will help us climb out of debt, keep our doors open, and Equipping Youth will continue meeting the needs of teens and their families.

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Equipping Youth lost an award of three additional years of funding because of President Obama’s decision to end federal funding of abstinence education programming in 2009 when he took office. A recent comprehensive analysis of federal funding for sex education as reported by the National Abstinence Education Association (NAEA*) shows a stunning 1:24 disparity in the 2013 budget between Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) abstinence education and Sexual Risk Reduction (SRR) contraceptive-centered curricula programs.