

Family Violence Prevention Fund

kNOw MORE about coercion, abuse, & birth control sabotage, and the consequences for our health.



The Family Violence Prevention Fund's (FVPF) *kNOw More* campaign at www.KnowMoreSayMore.org is an unprecedented initiative to raise awareness about reproductive coercion and birth control sabotage – a kind of abuse that is rarely discussed, but has severe consequences.

The *kNOw More* initiative examines the reproductive health consequences of sexual coercion and violence, which include unintended pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, miscarriage, infertility, coerced abortion, and a range of other serious health issues. *kNOw More* is designed to start a dialogue about the birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion that many teens and young women face, and help draw the link to the reproductive health problems it causes.

New research conducted for the initiative by Child Trends finds that:

- Some 18 percent of women age 18 to 24 report having experienced forced sexual intercourse *at least once* in their lives.
- The most common types of force are verbal or physical pressure, and being physically held down.
- More than half the women forced to have sexual intercourse report experiencing *each* of these types of force.
- Approximately a quarter of the women report being physically hurt.

The *kNOw More* website features stories from women who have experienced abuse, including reproductive coercion, in many forms, and also provides a blog and space for other women to share their stories.

Through the national *kNOw More* initiative, the FVPF is working to educate young women about the reproductive health consequences of violence and sexual coercion. We invite them to say 'no more' to reproductive coercion; 'know more' about how to stop it; and 'say more' to anyone and everyone who will listen.

kNOw MORE and learn more about what's happening to us, and what we're doing to change it.

Visit www.KnowMoreSayMore.org for more information.