



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Contraception Rx's Available Online to Minor Girls



Education: On June 21, 2016, ABC's *Good Morning America* interviewed a doctor about "new technology" allowing women and young girls to get birth control without having to visit a doctor.(1) Several entities, including Planned Parenthood, now have apps that allow women to fill out a form, and get a prescription for contraception. The interview stressed the advantage of the convenience and freedom from perhaps being "uncomfortable" in the actual presence of a doctor. The only "concern" about young girls accessing the sites without parental consent was that it was controversial. The doctor did state that it was better to visit a doctor in person, because they would get better counseling about sexually transmitted diseases, but she still thought the technology was "great". If a seventh grader was going to these sites, then they are thinking about having sex and "they need contraception." There was no mention that perhaps seventh graders should be discouraged from engaging in sex.

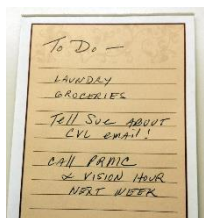
The original article on the NewsBusters web site reviewed a New York Times article very much in favor of the apps, with no dissenting opinion included.(2) An example was given of a girl and her mother who asked the pediatrician for birth control, but he told them that she was "too young" for sex. The app was apparently considered by the author to be a positive alternative to such lack of cooperation from a doctor. The article did mention, that in order to avoid controversy, some sites did not give prescriptions to girls under 18.

1. <http://www.lifenews.com/2016/06/23/abc-promotes-new-app-that-gives-birth-control-to-kids-without-parental-consent/>
2. <http://newsbusters.org/blogs/culture/elliott-polsky/2016/06/20/ny-times-online-birth-control-13-year-olds-critical-public>



abortifacient.

Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on young girls who are tempted to engage in sexual activity. Help them find a caring adult who will encourage them to save sex for marriage as you intend. Help them to learn not only about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases but about your beautiful plan for sexuality. Help their parents to be strong in helping them to remain pure, rather than expecting sexual activity to be inevitable. Help everyone to also be aware of the real health risks of long term use of oral contraceptives, the abortifacient action of the pill, and particularly that the IUD is primarily



Action: Prepare yourself to talk to your friends who are parents. Start a conversation on how media so strongly treats pre-marital sex as normal and expected, but fails to show the undesirable consequences. The earlier someone begins sexual activity, the more partners they are likely to have in their lifetime, and those who are sexually active before marriage are 50% more likely to divorce. (3) Encourage them to be strong in teaching their children to wait for marriage. Recommend resources like *Character Matters: How to Help Our Children*

Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues, by Thomas Lickona.

3. <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2002/04/the-effectiveness-of-abstinence-education-programs#pgfid=1009675>

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