

**Abstinence
Education
Grantees**

**REGIONAL
TRAINING**

June 28-29, 2007

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Chicago, Illinois*

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Abstinence Education Grantees Regional Training

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Opens
- 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Dr. Stanley Koutstaal
- 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Six Degrees: Communicating with Your Community**
Melissa Cox
- 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon **Incorporating Marriage into Abstinence Education**
Dr. Scott Gardner
- 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Abstinence Education Programs: Approaches, Obstacles, and Innovative Practices**
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. **Open Discussion with the Author of *Forbidden Fruit***
Dr. Mark Regnerus

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FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2007

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Sustainability through Successful Programming and Marketing**
Sherida V. Morrison
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Evaluation Research Methods**
Dr. Thomas Edward Smith
- 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. **Lunch** (*on your own*)
- 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Making Statistics "Real" for Teens**
Dr. Temeka L. Johnson
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Grantee Input on the 2008 National Conference**
Facilitators: Jon Berg and Jeanne Monahan
- 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Dr. Stanley Koutstaal

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Dr. Koutstaal is the Acting Director of the Division of Abstinence Education. He has served the Administration for Children and Families since October 2003, providing technical assistance and support for healthy marriage programs. Previously, Dr. Koutstaal was the Director of Counseling at a faith-based organization in St. Louis, Missouri. His work included marriage and family therapy, therapy supervision, and family life education programs. Dr. Koutstaal has also served as an adjunct faculty member for graduate classes at St. Louis University and Virginia Tech.

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Mrs. Cox has 15 years experience in social marketing and public relations, specializing in adolescent health and parent connectedness. At Cox Creative, Inc., she designed successful community-based media projects regarding the health benefits of abstinence and parental impact on children's sexual decision-making processes. Her book, *Questions Kids Ask About Sex*, was featured in *USA Today* and on "The Today Show." Previously, Mrs. Cox served as editor of *Physician* magazine and managing editor of *The Complete Book of Baby and Child Care*. She was also Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Medical Institute for Sexual Health. In addition, Mrs. Cox produced the award-winning videos "Just Thought You Oughta Know" and "Sex Is Not a Game."

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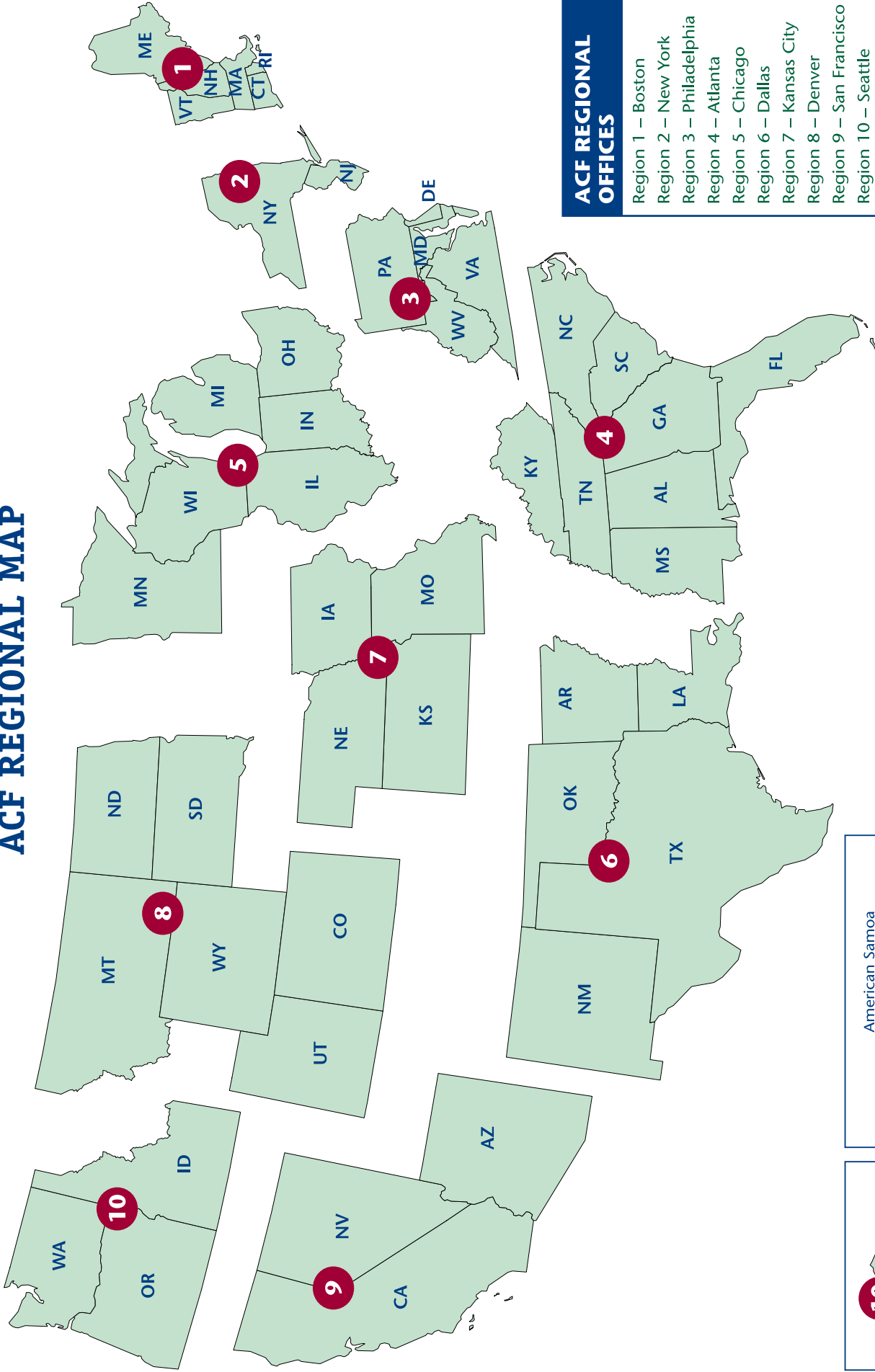
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 - Region 5 – Chicago
 - Region 6 – Dallas
 - Region 7 – Kansas City
 - Region 8 – Denver
 - Region 9 – San Francisco
 - Region 10 – Seattle

- 2 Puerto Rico
- 2 U.S. Virgin Islands

- 9 American Samoa
- 9 Federated States of Micronesia
- 9 Guam
- 9 Marshall Islands
- 9 Northern Mariana Islands
- 9 Republic of Palau





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The Family and Youth Services Bureau is proud to announce the **National Abstinence Education Grantees Conference:**

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