



Media Advisory

WHO: Healthy Futures Classroom-Based Sexual Health Program, Dorchester, MA

WHAT: \$1.5M Grant Award by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Healthy Futures to Expand Sexual Health Education

WHEN: Wednesday, January 28 from 1:00 p.m. — 1:20 p.m.

WHERE: Nurses Hall, State House, Boston, Massachusetts

The Honorable Thomas Finneran joins with federal, state, and local officials, educators, and supporters within the Massachusetts community to celebrate a special award that will improve the health and safety of Massachusetts adolescents.

AWC Pregnancy Health Services has been awarded a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services “Special Projects of Regional and National Significance” (SPRANS) Community-Based Abstinence Education grant of \$1,465,302 over a three-year period for its Healthy Futures program. Healthy Futures educates teens in Greater Boston and Lowell in the areas of sexuality, healthy relationships, and self-respect through medically-accurate information and interactive skits and demonstrations.

The significance of this award is two-fold:

- It demonstrates the Federal Administration’s commitment to directing resources to Massachusetts.
- It is the first-of-its-kind award to promote the critical message of sexual abstinence outside of a faithful, lifelong relationship in classrooms in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HHS Regional Director Brian Cresta will present this award to AWC Pregnancy Health Services in a public ceremony. Following the award presentation, Speaker Finneran will make brief remarks. The event will last twenty minutes.

Featured speakers include

- **The Honorable Thomas Finneran**, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives
- **Brian Cresta**, Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

For more information or to attend, please contact Rebecca Ray, Healthy Futures Program Director, at 617-929-1037.