

Introduction

My name is, I am an MSN Student at Chamberlain University and a Registered Nurse with Fayette County Public Schools. I currently teach Pre-nursing through SouthSide Technical Center in the High Schools of the Fayette District.

Concern/Solution

I am writing this today about my health care policy concern, the prevention of teen pregnancy in our high schools. My proposed solution to this growing issue is to implement comprehensive school-based clinics that offer direct and immediate student access to reproductive health education and contraception.

In the uploaded video, you will find my presentation to my elected official, Mr. James McMillian, Chief of High schools for Fayette County. I made known the vital role that these clinics and our school nurses would play in educating our student population on safe reproductive health practices, preventative contraceptive medications and emergency medications that could be available in our school clinics to prevent unwanted teen pregnancies for our students. I discussed how school nurses are considered like family to our student population, and that many life-long bonds are made between students and nurses in the school system. Many of the students feel more comfortable and at ease speaking openly with their school nurses than they do their own parents, this fact alone is evidence enough that students would be more willing to seek out preventative reproductive education for their own health concerns, if these clinics were made available in all high schools.

In communicating with my elected official in the attached video, I followed guidelines from our text, "Policy and Politics in Nursing and Healthcare" (Mason, Gardner, Outlaw & O'Grady,