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Protestors rally as record number attend sex ed program



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A record number of children attended the controversial Nobody's Fool sex education program in Waco Wednesday. That's despite criticism and protests from a right-to-life group once again.

"Were you able to get this information mom...yes we did."

Protesters with Pro-Life Waco greeted kids attending the program at the Waco Convention Center Wednesday morning. April Walker says, "The safest sex is abstinence and that's it."

The group says Planned Parenthood isn't giving kids at it's Nobody's Fool sex education program. Pro-Life Waco launched a nation-wide boycott of Girl Scout Cookies last year after learning the local chapter was sponsoring the Nobody's Fool program.

Barbara Myers with the group says, "It's just giving them the freedom and permission to have sex."

But those backing the program see it a little differently. Planned Parenthood director Pam Smallwood says, "The majority of teaching activities are related to postponing sexual involvement."

That's what Angelica Molina says she's learned since she began going to the program five years ago: "It taught me how my body was going to change, how to say no to a guy and how to protect myself."

And one parent was so impressed with the program, she's now teaching it: "I think they expose them to the consequences of sex," she says, "But abstinence to me is, what I've seen in the program, is the primary thing that they teach."

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