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Planned Parenthood backer just fooling

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Don't be fooled by Ann Straley's (board member, Planned Parenthood of East Central Iowa) emotional plea to convince you of the noble ideals of PP. Don't be fooled by her calling all that oppose PP in Dubuque "radicals" who "distort" truth and "wave signs to intimidate." Don't be fooled by her appeal for PP to be THE provider of comprehensive sex education for Dubuque schools.

Last August, Ms. Straley asserted that we need PP in Dubuque because health needs of women were not being met in "a facility where (clients) can be comfortable. Where they can receive fair information in a presentation that is non-threatening" (TH, Aug. 1, 2008.). What an insult to the numerous physician and nurse practitioner practices, Hillcrest, Crescent Health, VNA, etc.

Now Ms. Straley is not just attacking our medical community as deficient, but our school system as well. She implores you to lobby the Dubuque Community School District who has "failed to provide comprehensive sex education," to "revise the sex education curriculum without delay" (TH, Aug. 13).

Don't be fooled. It's all marketing. Make our kids comfortable with Planned Parenthood at school so they're comfortable going there after school. Introduce them to "educational" PP Web sites as the definitive source for their questions about sex and relationships. Convince them they're foolish -- or stupid -- to delay sex. Provide them "protection." When it fails, PP has an office in Bettendorf that can handle that. All without your permission, parents -- or even your knowledge.