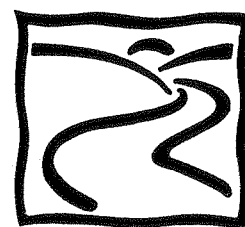


**TEEN PREGNANCY  
PREVENTION****STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS,  
GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER FAMILY  
MEMBERS**

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Below are a few ideas on how you can participate in Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week:

- ▶ Set aside time each day to talk with your child(ren) about their day.
- ▶ Be a positive role model for your child(ren).
- ▶ Make home a place where your child(ren) is (are) safe, loved and nurtured and where there is mutual respect and enjoyment.
- ▶ Learn to be an "askable" adult who will accept all questions and answer honestly.
- ▶ Go to the public library with your child(ren) and develop the habit of borrowing books for fun and information.
- ▶ Watch television together and explain and interpret behavior according to your standards and values.
- ▶ Volunteer to be a part of local Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week activities or on-going programs.
- ▶ Become an advocate at the local, state or national level for programs and services that help prevent teen pregnancy and other risk-taking behaviors.

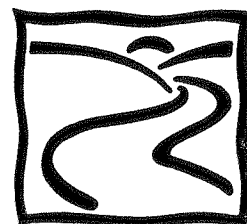


**TEEN PREGNANCY  
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INDUSTRY**

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- ▶ Endorse the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week resolution as a sound "investment" in the future.
- ▶ Host a business roundtable on the impact of teen pregnancy on business and industry.
- ▶ Sponsor community activities during Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week.
- ▶ Donate space or in-kind goods or services to an individual program or community alliance working to prevent teen pregnancy.
- ▶ Provide an insurance plan for employees that includes preventive health care services that can help prevent unwanted teen pregnancies.
- ▶ Develop a resource center for your employees to provide information on health, education, social support and recreational services available in the community.
- ▶ Provide work internships for youth in the community to help develop a future work force and provide positive alternatives to unsupervised high-risk behaviors.
- ▶ Offer release time for staff to participate on voluntary boards or task forces that are addressing the issues of teen pregnancy and prevention.



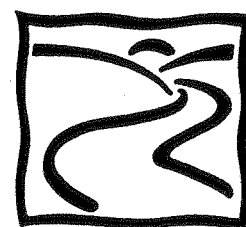
# TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

## STRATEGIES FOR CITY/COUNTY/STATE GOVERNMENT

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Below are a few ideas on how you can participate in Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week:

- ▶ Pass a resolution proclaiming Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week.
- ▶ Issue a news release to broaden public awareness of the goals and objectives of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week.
- ▶ Participate in local, county and state level activities for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week and support on-going activities to prevent teen pregnancy.
- ▶ Host a citywide public forum to get community input on strategies to prevent teen pregnancy.
- ▶ Convene or join a task force to conduct an in-depth study on the scope of the problem of teen pregnancy in your municipality or county; to identify community resources; and to prioritize activities that can be undertaken to address the problem.
- ▶ Identify teen pregnancy prevention as a priority area for the allocation of funds.
- ▶ Work collaboratively with constituents to review statutes and ordinances and initiate legislation to expand and enhance the effectiveness of teen pregnancy prevention activities.
- ▶ Initiate public-private partnerships to generate funds or in-kind donations for needed community services which are effective in preventing teen pregnancy.

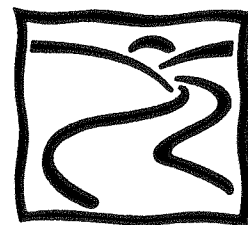


**TEEN PREGNANCY  
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- ▶ Host a special presentation for your group on the causes, extent and solutions to the problem of teen pregnancy.
- ▶ Endorse the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week resolution.
- ▶ Adopt teen pregnancy prevention as a priority area for the group's service and funding activities.
- ▶ Sponsor community activities during Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week.
- ▶ Purchase educational materials for community-wide distribution and for the public library.
- ▶ Recruit junior members of the club to develop leadership skills and a commitment to community service in youth.
- ▶ Provide community leadership to raise public awareness of the issue of teen pregnancy by designating a spokesperson for the organization to speak with the media.
- ▶ Work collaboratively with school, health or social service organizations to develop a volunteer mentoring program for at-risk youth.



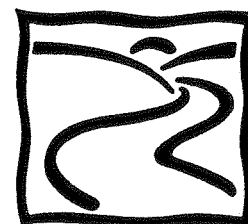
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## STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS

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- ▶ Sponsor a community kick-off luncheon during Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week, to build greater understanding of the problem, to showcase local programs and to build support for an on-going alliance to prevent teen pregnancy.
- ▶ Organize a health fair at a local park, shopping mall or school to link residents to health resources in the community.
- ▶ Provide supervised recreational programs after school hours and a study center for homework help.
- ▶ Develop a speaker's bureau on adolescent pregnancy and childbearing, pregnancy prevention and prevention of other risk-taking behaviors.
- ▶ Provide training for parents and adult leaders in the community on how to teach human sexuality and decision making skills.
- ▶ Create clubs for at-risk youth to promote a positive sense of self esteem, develop leadership skills and achieve academic excellence.
- ▶ Train and support peer educators, who are positive role models in the community, to provide information and access to services, for at-risk youth.
- ▶ Develop adolescent health clinics in community locations or school sites to provide specialized health education and clinical services.

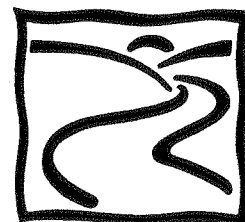


**TEEN PREGNANCY  
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TELEVISION OR RADIO STATIONS**

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- ▶ Write an editorial endorsing the goals of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week and calling the community to action.
- ▶ Donate advertising space and printing of materials for local Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week activities in your community.
- ▶ Develop and broadcast public service announcements on teen pregnancy and prevention.
- ▶ Sponsor and provide coverage of a distinguished lecturer speaking on teen pregnancy prevention.
- ▶ Do a feature article or program on the causes and extent of the problem of teen pregnancy, the challenges of becoming a teen parent, and the prevention of teen pregnancy.
- ▶ Sponsor a song writing contest focused on messages to prevent teen pregnancy.
- ▶ Involve a well-known media personality in a community event during Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week.
- ▶ Start a Teen Talk call-in radio show or newspaper column using local experts and teen moderators or writers.



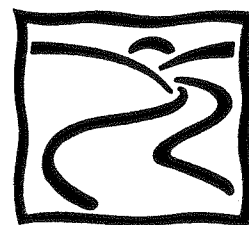
# TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

## STRATEGIES FOR SCHOOLS OR SCHOOLS DISTRICTS

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- ▶ Conduct focus groups with students in your teenage parent program to learn more about the school's role in promoting teen pregnancy prevention awareness.
- ▶ Pass a school board resolution endorsing the goals of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week.
- ▶ Plan a poster or essay contest during Teen Pregnancy Prevention Week on reasons why kids get sexually involved and reasons why kids wait.
- ▶ Organize a conference on adolescent health issues including relationships, peer pressure, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, drugs and alcohol, smoking, depression and suicide.
- ▶ Develop a series for the school newspaper on teen pregnancy and pregnancy prevention.
- ▶ Conduct a student survey to identify the prevalence of high-risk behaviors associated with school failure and pregnancy.
- ▶ Provide workshops for parents on how to talk about sex with their children.
- ▶ Sponsor a comprehensive after school program for at-risk children.

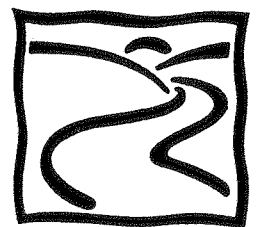


# **TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION** STRATEGIES FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

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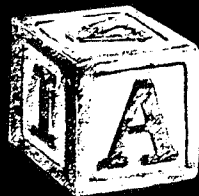
Below are a few ideas on how you can participate in Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week:

- ▶ Find out how many teen parents are members of your congregation and talk with them about their experiences.
- ▶ Enclose information inserts in the weekly bulletin about teen pregnancy and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week.
- ▶ Conduct a prayer breakfast with the religious leaders in the community and local experts to discuss the goals of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness Week and the role of religious organizations.
- ▶ Give a sermon on the problem of teen pregnancy and how members of the congregation can be involved in teen pregnancy prevention.
- ▶ Host a seminar for parents on how to talk with their children about puberty, sexual morality and life choices.
- ▶ Conduct a youth group session on sexuality, personal responsibility and peer pressure.
- ▶ Create volunteer service opportunities for youth in the community after school hours.
- ▶ Train (adult) lay health educators and (youth) peer counselors to be available to members of the congregation and to be an on-going resource about sexuality issues.





Together  
Robbie  
And Karen  
Made  
3 A's,  
5 B's,  
2 C's  
And  
A Baby.



**MAY  
1997**

**NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY  
PREVENTION MONTH**

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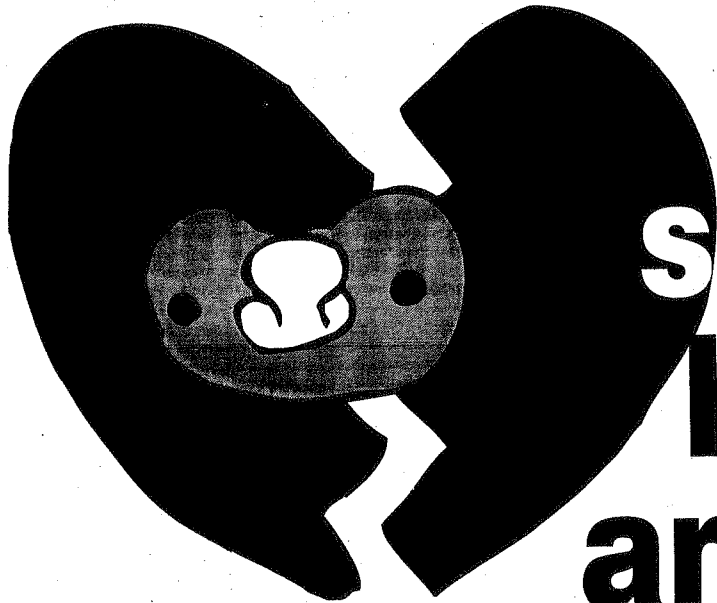
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FOR RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL:

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**Teen pregnancy  
can break hearts  
and  
shatter  
hopes  
and  
dreams.**



Design by Jenni Brooke Pritchard - Chino Valley High School

**Give yourself a chance  
to be a kid . . .  
before you have a baby.**

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month  
May 1998**



**THE TEENAGE PREGNANCY  
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# OH, BABY?

The gross annual cost to society of adolescent child-bearing and the entire web of social problems that confront adolescent moms and ultimately lead to the poorer and sometimes devastating outcomes for their kids is calculated to be \$29 billion.\*

## IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT PREVENTING TEEN PREGNANCY!

May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. A public service message by Plain Talk: Seattle.

*For information call Plain Talk at 206-767-9244. \*Source: Kids Having Kids, a Robin Hood Foundation Special Report on the Costs of Adolescent Childbearing*

**MAY IS  
TEEN PREGNANCY  
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**Will Her Prom Dress  
Still Fit In December?**

**Be Responsible**

*A message from the  
Teen Council of Catawba County*





# NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

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# Don't be puzzled about teen pregnancy

## Help put all the pieces together

**Economic Security:** Teens living in poverty are more likely than other teens to become pregnant. Good jobs for adults and teens will help prevent teen pregnancies.

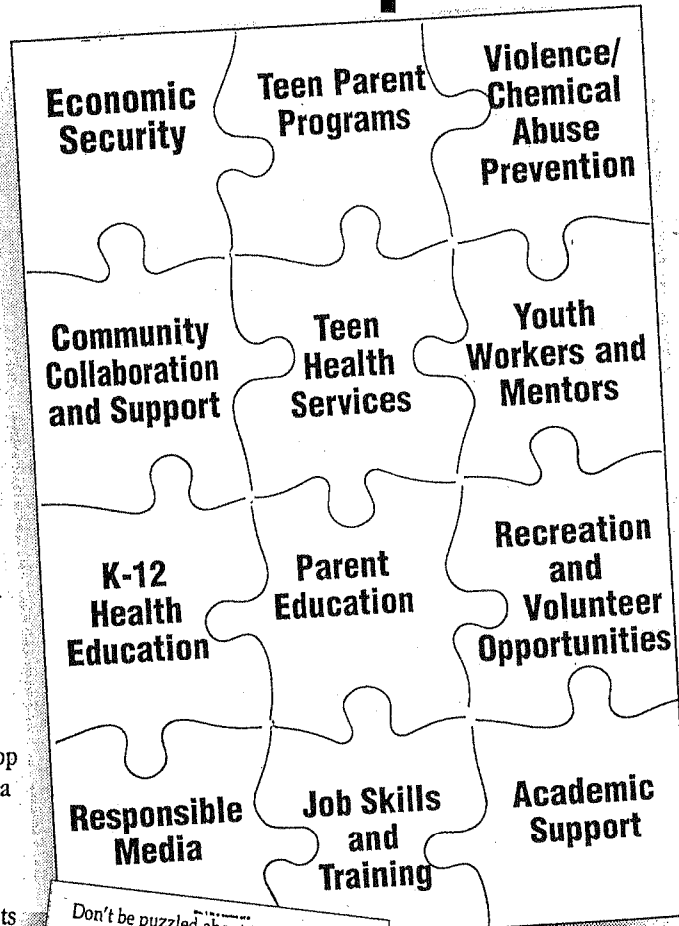
**Community Collaboration and Support:** Teen pregnancies can be prevented when communities work together to provide healthy opportunities for children and youth.

**K-12 Health Education:** The vast majority of parents want comprehensive sexual health information presented to their children. Work with the schools, community organizations and religious congregations to ensure medically accurate health education.

**Responsible Media Messages:** Prime Time TV contains roughly three sexual acts per hour. Help teens develop critical viewing skills and develop media campaigns that promote positive health messages.

**Teen Parent Programs:** Teen parents and their children are at high-risk for school failure, poverty and future teen pregnancies. Support academic and career programs for teen parents and school readiness programs for their children, as well as affordable, quality day care.

**Teen Health Services:** Teens need access to confidential, comprehensive health services delivered by caring professionals. Support efforts to provide these services through schools and community organizations and to train health providers to effectively serve teens.



**Parent Education:** 98% of parents report needing help in talking to their children about sex. Develop parent education programs which give parents skills in communicating about sexual health.

**Job Skills and Training:** Young people who participate in job skills programs develop goals for the future and are less likely to become teen parents. Develop and support job training programs and encourage local businesses to mentor and hire teens.

**Violence/Chemical Abuse Prevention:** Teens who experiment with sex also experiment with drugs and alcohol. Many teens who become pregnant have a history of sexual abuse. Develop child abuse and chemical abuse prevention programs in schools, community organizations and religious congregations.

**Youth Workers and Mentors:** Teens who have adults in their lives who care about them are less likely to become pregnant. Start and support mentoring programs and help find funding for programs using youth workers.

**Recreation and Volunteer Opportunities:** Schools and community organizations need to involve children and teens in positive, supervised, after-school and summer activities.

**Academic Support:** Girls who are behind in school are more likely to become pregnant. Schools and volunteer tutors need to provide academic help to children having trouble in the early grades.

Don't be puzzled about teen pregnancy  
**Put all the pieces together**  
 Here are two vital pieces of the puzzle. We need all the pieces in place to prevent teen pregnancy and ensure capable teen parents.

**Community Collaboration and Support**

**The Issues:** Teen pregnancies can be prevented when communities work together to provide healthy opportunities for children and adolescents in schools, religious organizations, parks, service organizations and local businesses.

**The Need:** School and community organizations that involve children and teens in positive, supervised, after-school activities.

**What you can do now:**

- Fund youth crime prevention initiatives and after-school enrichment programs for all children and youth.
- Fund youth volunteer and service learning initiatives.

**Recreation and Volunteer Opportunities**

**The Issues:** Every day, thousands of Minnesota children and youth are stranded in substance abuse, sexual activity and crime and violence due to their peers who are unsupervised activities.

**The Need:** School and community organizations that involve children and teens in positive, supervised, after-school activities.

**What you can do now:**

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- Fund youth volunteer and service learning initiatives.

**Community Collaboration and Support**

**The Need:**

- Teen pregnancy prevention initiatives to increase awareness and understanding of adolescent pregnancy.
- Local media campaigns, youth action initiatives, peer education and community-wide efforts.

**What you can do now:**

- Increase funding for MN-PAAR.
- Increase funding for Safe Responsibility and Fostering grants.
- Increase support of Family Service Collaboratives.

**Recreation and Volunteer Opportunities**

**The Need:**

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To learn about all the pieces of the adolescent pregnancy prevention and parenting puzzle, call MOAPPP at (Metro) 771-5040 or (Greater Minnesota) 1-800-657-3697

*Order the complete community education campaign, including puzzles (above) with six different cards each explaining two pieces of the puzzle. Use as direct mail and in-person education. Call MOAPPP (numbers below) for more information.*



**Call MOAPPP today 1-800-657-3697 or (612) 644-1447**  
 Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting

**Teen pregnancy is a very complex social issue.  
Here are some ideas for you to use to make a  
difference in your own family and in your community.**

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**teen pregnancy prevention in the home**

- nurture a sense of hope for the future ● develop open communication
- encourage education ● say "I love you" often ● instill strong values
- bond with your children ● teach male responsibility ● listen to your children
- provide emotional support and encouragement ● be a positive role model
- be media literate ● love your spouse ● do not tolerate abuse
- attend your child's activities ● have realistic expectations for your child
- involve your child in sports ● teach your child responsibility
- teach decision making skills ● have quality family time ● pray together
- take a parenting class ● establish family rules ● teach consequences of behavior
- teach children to be assertive ● teach goal setting ● give lots of attention
- provide security ● provide safety ● teach discipline ● worship together
- believe in your child ● encourage involvement in a positive group
- stop sexual abuse in the family ● do not let your daughters date older males
- start family traditions ● stop domestic violence ● turn off the tv
- teach your teen that sex is not the same as love ● get help if you need it
- practice non-violence in your home ● break off a bad relationship
- be patient ● practice self-control ● help with homework
- talk with your child about sexuality ● talk about feelings ● be drug free
- teach the value of abstinence ● value your cultural identity
- pay child support for your children ● hug your child often
- know your child's friends ● respond to your child's needs
- develop a strong sense of identity ● show your children that they come first
- include children in family decisions ● stand up for your children
- help your teen develop job skills ● celebrate successes ● model responsibility
- love yourself ● love to learn ● eat meals together
- contact an agency listed on this brochure

**teen pregnancy prevention in the community**

- respect young people ● help children feel safe ● give a child responsibility
- play a game with a child ● give a busy single parent a break ● be attentive
- acknowledge good things teens do ● report abuse
- teach a teen that babies are cute, but parenting is hard work
- be aware of resources ● reach out to a teen ● watch a latch key child
- feed a hungry child ● know that you can make a difference
- call elected officials to advocate for prevention programs

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# SAMPLE LETTER TO GOVERNOR FOR PROCLAMATION

January 10, 1995  
The Honorable James Hunt  
Governor  
The State Capitol  
Raleigh, NC 27611

Dear Governor Hunt:

The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of NC (APPCNC) would like to ask you to help us in our efforts to prevent adolescent pregnancy in North Carolina by designating May as "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month".

Initiated in 1990, the campaign has been very successful and we look forward to all 100 counties participating this year. Last year's proclamation is enclosed. If we could receive it by February 15, 1995 it would be very helpful to our printing schedule of the 1995 poster.

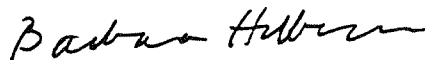
Enclosed are samples of some of the activities across the state last year.

Billboards  
Posters in high schools  
Church services and programs  
Buttons  
Contests  
Radio and TV interviews  
PSAs  
Mayor's proclamation in over 30 cities  
Newspaper articles  
Curricula training for teachers  
Health fairs

We would like to arrange for a presentation of the proclamation to our Board President and a few key Board Members in February. Please notify us when it would be convenient for you and your staff.

Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to your proclamation for 1995.

Sincerely,



Barbara Huberman, President



# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

2004

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, teenage pregnancy compromises the health, economic and educational future of our teens and costs our State hundreds of millions of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, unemployment, underemployment and dependence on public welfare are often a result of teenage parents' inability to complete their education; and

WHEREAS, teenage mothers often seek prenatal care late in their pregnancy, if at all, and they frequently suffer higher than average levels of toxemia, anemia and cervical trauma; and

WHEREAS, babies born to teenage mothers are often born prematurely and with low birth weights which can result in long term disabilities and hundreds of thousands of dollars in hospital bills; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to involving parents, media, churches, businesses, agencies, educational institutions, policymakers, and health care providers in helping to prevent teenage pregnancy. The State shares this goal with the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina that advocates and supports programs and strategies that prevent adolescent pregnancy and its associated problems in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2004, as "TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend this observance to our citizens.



*Mike Easley*  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.



# County of San Diego California

## PROCLAMATION

Presented by Chairman Greg Cox

### HONORING TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

*WHEREAS, approximately one million teens in the United States become pregnant each year; and*

*WHEREAS, in the State of California, more than 64,000 children were born to adolescent and teenage mothers, ages 10 to 19-years-old, during 1996 (the last year for which statistics are available); and*

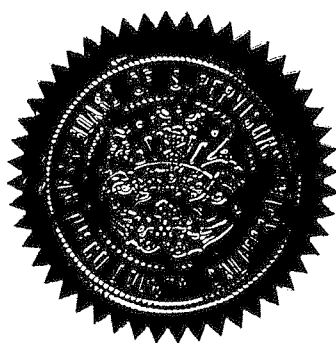
*WHEREAS, in San Diego County that same year, more than 4,800 children were born to teenage mothers ages 15 to 19-years-old; and*

*WHEREAS, studies show that approximately 23 percent of all 14-year-olds and 30 percent of all 15-year-olds have had sexual intercourse; and*

*WHEREAS, the increase in the number of younger sexually-active female teens creates a larger group of teens at risk for sexually transmitted diseases, and, in fact, the gonorrhea rate among 10 to 14-year-old girls rose 7 percent between 1993 and 1994; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout the San Diego region, community-based organizations, medical providers, parents, educators, clergy and other concerned groups and individuals are diligently working to reduce teenage pregnancy in our County; NOW THEREFORE,*

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** by Chairman Greg Cox and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1998 that they commend the **LOGAN HEIGHTS FAMILY HEALTH CENTER**, as well as the many organizations and individuals working on this important issue, for their combined efforts to reduce teen pregnancy, and in recognition of their many contributions, hereby proclaim the month of May to be **"TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH"** throughout San Diego County.



*Gregory R. Cox*  
Supervisor 1<sup>st</sup> District

*James Scott*  
Supervisor 2<sup>nd</sup> District

*Pamela Steader*  
Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> District

*John Stenta*  
Supervisor 4<sup>th</sup> District

*Bice Horn*  
Supervisor 5<sup>th</sup> District

# SAMPLE LOCAL PROCLAMATION



## *City of Salisbury*

*North Carolina*

### PROCLAMATION

"WHEREAS, teenage pregnancy significantly affects the health, economic and educational future of teenagers and cost our state more than \$458 million in 1991; and

WHEREAS, teenage parents are often unable to complete their education, which later results in unemployment, underemployment and dependence of public welfare. Teenage mothers often seek prenatal care late, if at all, and therefore frequently suffer higher than average levels of toxemia, anemia and cervical trauma. Their babies are often born premature and with low birthweights; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina is committed to involving churches, businesses, media, parents, agencies, educational institutions, policy makers, and health providers in helping to prevent teenage pregnancy. The purpose of the North Carolina Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy is to advocate and support programs and strategies that prevent adolescent pregnancy and decrease the problems associated with adolescent pregnancy in North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Margaret H. Klutz, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM May, 1994, as

### TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

in Salisbury, and commend this observance to our citizens."

This 19th day of April 1994.



*Margaret H. Klutz*  
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Mayor



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Oberlin Road Branch  
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**TO:** Youth, Parents, Educators and Churches.  
**FROM:** Phyllis Pittman  
New Horizons Program Director  
**DATE:** May 14, 1993  
**SUBJECT:** Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month/Walk-A-Thon

As you are probably aware Governor James B. Hunt has proclaimed May "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month" in North Carolina. In its observance several organizations have joined forces with the YWCA's New Horizons Program to sponsor a three (3) mile walk-a-thon for youth, parents, educators, etc. This walk-a-thon is to take place May 22nd at the Edenton Street Methodist Church's parking lot.

The purpose of this event is two-folded 1) to educate people on teen pregnancy and 2) to heighten the awareness of the teen pregnancy prevention programs for males and females in Wake County. To further support the purpose, PSAs were sent to area television and radio stations, and television and/or radio shows are being planned which will address this important issue.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the walk starting at 9:00 a.m. WFXC-FOXY 104/107 will be on hand after the walk and hot dogs and beverages will be served. Materials on teen pregnancy and programs in Wake County will be available.

Agencies co-sponsoring this event with the YWCA's "New Horizons Program" are: Wake County's Department of Health "Brothers to Brother Program"; Wake County's Department of Social Services "Cycle Busters Program" and; Wake Council on Adolescent Pregnancy.

Please bring your group out and walk with us in support of teen pregnancy prevention. Call me at 834-7386 for more information and to also confirm your attendance. Thanking you in advance for your understanding and support.



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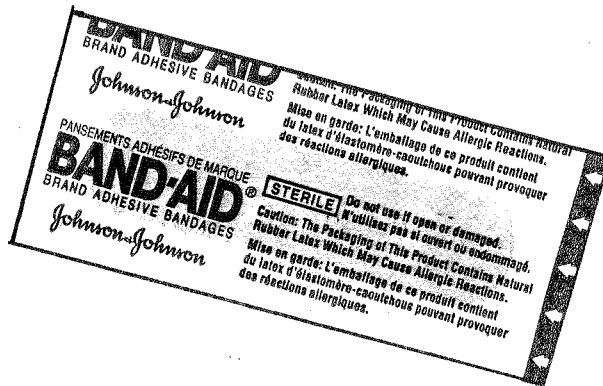
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**MAY IS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH**

# Celebrate

## Teen Pregnancy Prevention Week

- ¶ Join the *Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of Connecticut*
- ¶ See the photo and poster exhibit, "The Risky Business of Teenage Sex"
- ¶ Meet your lawmakers and others who care about teens at the ...

### TPPC Legislative Reception

Wednesday, April 7, 1993

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Old Judiciary Room at the Capitol

Legislative Co- Hosts:

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Contributors:

This reception has been made possible through donations and in-kind services from the Junior League of Hartford, the National Puerto Rican Forum, Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, the YWCA of Hartford, the Greater Norwalk Community Council, and the United Way of Connecticut, Hot Tamales, and Congress Rotisserie

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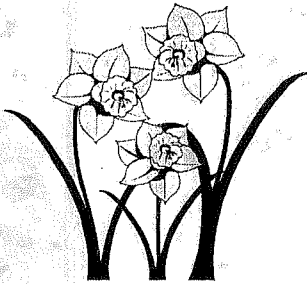
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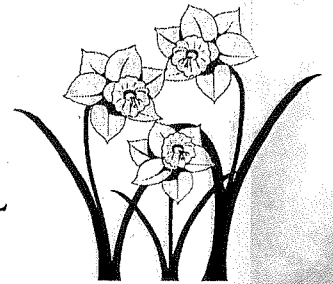
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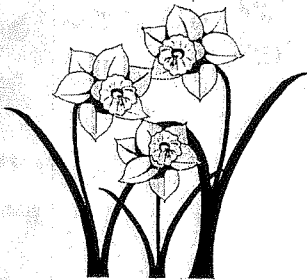
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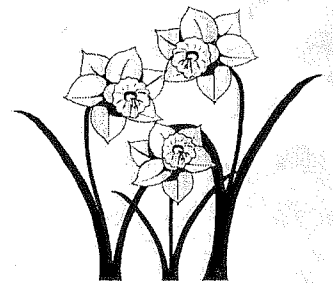
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PSA: Mayor Vinroot/Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month  
Air Date: May through summer

**TITLE: TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT PREVENTION**

I'M RICHARD VINROOT. EACH DAY IN CHARLOTTE, SIX TEENS BECOME PREGNANT. DISCUSS THE FACTS OF LIFE WITH YOUR CHILDREN. KEEP THE FUTURE BRIGHT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. FOR INFORMATION, CALL THE MECKLENBURG COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY.

*Release immediately during October 1989:*

*-They said, "Everybody's doing it." Our friends said it was great. But we've got things to do with our lives. We want a family but now is not the right time. You see, we're still teenagers - and we've got plans for our lives.*

*For more information, call the Alamance Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy at 227-2622.*

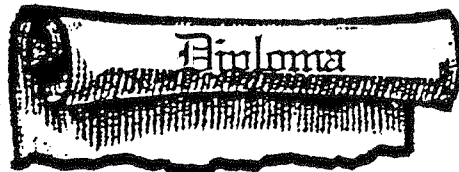
May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Current research shows that many adolescents, like many adults, use drugs or alcohol and that substance abuse compounds risk taking and impulsive behavior. Over 60 activities are planned over the month that will enhance **NTPPM**.

Sponsored by the Substance Abuse Awareness Coalition.



# Will your teen be receiving this in '46?

## ...or this?



### TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

MAY 1994

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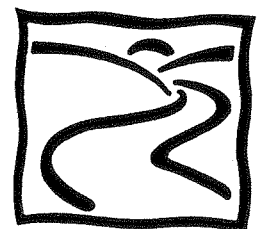
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# SAMPLE FACT SHEET

## TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

### BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 TEENAGE FEMALES (15-19 YEARS) BY FLORIDA COUNTIES FOR 1995

COUNTY	BIRTHS PER 1,000 TEENS	STATE RANK
	(Ages 15-19)	(Lowest = 1, Highest = 67)
01 ALACHUA	35.2	3
02 BAKER	72.3	43
03 BAY	72.1	41t
04 BRADFORD	88.9	58
05 BREVARD	49.7	11
06 BROWARD	57.3	20
07 CALHOUN	61.8	29
08 CHARLOTTE	40.0	4
09 CITRUS	40.6	5
10 CLAY	43.7	7
11 COLLIER	75.8	49
12 COLUMBIA	89.6	59
13 DADE	60.0	24
14 DESOTO	97.8	62
15 DIXIE	63.6	34t
16 DUVAL	76.8	50
17 ESCAMBIA	66.2	37
18 FLAGLER	43.8	8
19 FRANKLIN	63.4	33
20 GADSDEN	91.8	60
21 GILCHRIST	98.4	63
22 GLADES*	62.3*	30*
23 GULF	60.5	26
24 HAMILTON	76.9	51
25 HARDEE	135.5	67
26 HENDRY	114.9	66
27 HERNANDO	55.4	15
28 HIGHLANDS	88.3	57
29 HILLSBOROUGH	75.3	47
30 HOLMES	79.1	53
31 INDIAN RIVER	53.8	13
32 JACKSON	60.1	25
33 JEFFERSON	58.1	22
34 LAFAYETTE*	64.0*	36*
35 LAKE	75.1	46
36 LEE	80.1	55
37 LEON	28.2	1t
38 LEVY	57.1	19



Always know...  
true or false?

*This questionnaire is part of  
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Days  
at Medical West Associates.*

*The information*

*is adapted from an*

*Association of Reproductive Health  
Professionals publication.*

ANSWER THESE  
HAND IN YOUR COMPLETED

**Example**

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May 19 - MAY 23  
We are offering walk-in  
services to ANY teen, free.

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Test your knowledge on pregnancy and STDS...

1. A female can't get pregnant if she has sex only once. T\_\_ F\_\_
2. A female can't get pregnant during her period. T\_\_ F\_\_
3. Birth control pills can make females sterile. T\_\_ F\_\_
4. There is a "morning after" pill that you can get from a doctor or clinic. T\_\_ F\_\_
5. You have to be 18 to buy a condom in a drugstore. T\_\_ F\_\_
6. Only drug addicts and gays get HIV/AIDS. T\_\_ F\_\_
7. If she misses taking the pill even once, a female can get pregnant. T\_\_ F\_\_
8. If you take the pill, you still need a condom to prevent getting a sexually transmitted disease or HIV/AIDS. T\_\_ F\_\_
9. "Pulling out" before the male comes is good protection against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. T\_\_ F\_\_
10. Cancer of the testicles occurs most often in men between the ages of 15-30. T\_\_ F\_\_
11. A female can't get pregnant if she has sex before her first period. T\_\_ F\_\_
12. "Safer sex" means more than just using a condom. T\_\_ F\_\_

# The Answers & then some.

1. FALSE. Some people believe a female can't get pregnant the first time. It's NOT TRUE. Age or having sex in a certain position doesn't prevent pregnancy either.
2. FALSE. While it may not happen often, some females can ovulate while they are menstruating. This means she CAN get pregnant.
3. FALSE. Birth control pills cannot make a female sterile. However, untreated sexually transmitted diseases may.
4. TRUE. Your doctor has information about these morning after pills. Please note that these pills don't guarantee pregnancy prevention.
5. FALSE. There is no age requirement to purchase condoms.
6. FALSE. Sexual relations with someone who has AIDS/HIV or using/sharing a contaminated needle may transmit the disease.
7. TRUE. A female on low-dose birth control pills is at risk of pregnancy if she misses one pill. Condoms give further protection against pregnancy as well as protection from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The pill DOES NOT protect against sexually transmitted diseases.
8. TRUE. The pills does NOT protect against STDs or HIV/AIDS.
9. FALSE. Withdrawal isn't a very effective method of birth control. And you can still get an STD, especially if you don't use a condom.

10. TRUE. Learn to conduct a testicular self-examination. Testicular cancer strikes younger men, contrary to what many people think.
11. FALSE. Females may begin ovulating before she has her period... this means she can get pregnant.
12. TRUE. Kissing, hugging, cuddling and masturbation is safer sex... and of course, abstinence.

Visits to your doctor and nurse practitioner are entirely confidential.  
If you have a questions about your health, your sexuality,  
or another issue, please make an appointment.  
We are here for you.

In recognition of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month,  
we're having free, confidential, walk-in counseling services May 27 - 30  
to ANY teen requesting it during our office hours  
at all Medial West Associates sites.

# MAY IS NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

Recognizing that teen pregnancy remains one of the most serious problems of the decade and acknowledging that it will take the entire community to combat this issue, during the month of May we strive to raise awareness of teen pregnancy in our community and the nation.

## What Teens Want to Help Them Avoid Teen Pregnancy

- ☞ caring adults who listen to them and answer their questions honestly
- ☞ a chance to decide how a pregnancy would affect them
- ☞ hope for a promising future
- ☞ recreational activities
- ☞ information on sexuality and reproductive anatomy and physiology
- ☞ skills for saying "no" to unwanted sexual activity
- ☞ access to contraceptives to prevent unintended pregnancy
- ☞ opportunities to succeed at school and work
- ☞ community support
- ☞ information that is available early and is detailed

These suggestions are based on research conducted with teens both in Family Health Council communities and as reported nationally.

# SURPRISE!

Your teens want to hear from you. Half of all teens say they "trust" their parents most for reliable and complete information about birth control, only 12 percent say a friend. Seven of ten teens interviewed said that they were ready to listen to things parents thought they were not ready to hear. *The Kaiser Family Foundation Survey on Teens and Sex, 1996*

To help start conversations with your teenager, call Family Health Council toll-free at 1-800-215-7494 to receive a free copy of *Family Connections*. The suggestions in these age-specific guidebooks can provide that start, with specific answers to many hard questions. But even when questions go unasked, your conversations will create an atmosphere of open communication, an atmosphere which will help your children know that there is a safe and loving place to reach out with their own concerns.

### FACT:

More than 4 out of 10 young women become pregnant at least once before they reach the age of 20—nearly one million a year.

*U.S. Teenage Pregnancy Statistics, Alan Guttmacher Institute, May 1996*

### A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION

As I look back, I see good news and bad news. The good news is the pregnancy rate of young women is dropping. Since CAPP began its initial campaign in Allegheny County to reduce teen pregnancy, the rate has dropped by 28.7 percent from 1990 to 1996. Still, there were 2,068 reported pregnancies to adolescents ages 15-19 throughout Allegheny County in 1996. Although that's too many, it is a decrease from previous years. And a recent report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute concluded that condom availability doesn't increase sexual activity—a claim we've been making for years.

The bad news is that policy makers have returned to the path that failed dramatically in the 1980's. Just this year, the R...e administration put \$1.6 million into abstinence-only education which has never been shown to be effective. The U.S. Congress added \$50 million for abstinence-only education as part of the 1996 welfare reform law. These trends at the state and national level are discouraging. With a decade of research, we know we can do better. Can we further reduce teen pregnancy? Absolutely. Let me suggest some effective strategies.

- Mandate health-based, responsible, age-appropriate sexuality education from kindergarten through 12th grade, including abstinence AND contraception education.
- Improve economic opportunities— young people who believe they have a future make better decisions than those who don't see a future.
- Expand STD and HIV/AIDS prevention programs
- Increase access to contraceptives

As a community and a nation, we must put forth the effective components of teen pregnancy prevention programs. We have to make the hard choice to lead, not follow current opinion, in order to protect the health of our children.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Bare-Knepshield*

Nancy Bare-Knepshield, MEd

P.S. With public funding overwhelmingly supporting one-sided and incomplete approaches, we ask you to consider a donation to CAPP to help support our comprehensive efforts to reduce teen pregnancy in western Pennsylvania. Please mail your tax-deductible contributions to CAPP, Family Health Council, 960 Penn Ave, Suite 600, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

## TELLING IT STRAIGHT IN 1998

Over 500 teenagers from Western PA and as far as Florida, attended the third annual "Peer Power" conference on Friday, May 8, at the Greentree Marriott Hotel. FHC Peer Educators created the conference just for teens. "Telling It Straight in 1998" included interactive workshops such as preventing HIV, organizing a peer education program, warning signs of an unhealthy relationship, communication barriers among adults and teens, realities of teen pregnancy, gang violence, 1,000 ways to show love without having sex, and many other topics.

I think a lot of the problem with teen pregnancy is the lack of knowledge. Parents need to be comfortable talking to their children. Open the lines of communication. When teens feel they need to hide things from their parents, then there is a problem.

PATRICK SMITH, 23  
FHC Peer Educator

## "Passports to Health" for Allegheny County Teens

Pittsburgh's Magee Womens Hospital in partnership with Family Health Council and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic will issue "Passports to Health" for Allegheny County teenage girls. The program was made possible by a \$200,000 grant Magee Womens Hospital received from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation. Only five institutions throughout the world were awarded these health promotion grants.

Funding will be used to launch an intervention program— Passport to Health: From Childhood to Womanhood— for young women living in Allegheny County. The program targets girls 13 to 19 years old, the age group most vulnerable to peer and media pressure.

The centerpiece of the program is a pocket guide to recommended health services at various ages and a record of the holder's health and med-

ical history. The information addresses substance use and abuse, smoking, emotional and sexual abuse, injury, violence and homicide, safe sex practices and lifelong good health practice.

"This new partnership will enable FHC to demonstrate our commitment to helping women lead healthier lives," said Nancy Bare-Knepshield, director of the Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention at FHC. "We hope to influence a greater number of teens to form positive health habits."

"With our *Teen Connections* and *Family Connections* guidebooks, more and more families and teens will find the resources they need to build a healthy lifestyle," added Bare-Knepshield. "With two FHC medical offices in Allegheny County, we can reach this age group right when they are seeking positive health habits."

## PROCLAMATIONS

"Recognizing that FHC's Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention has partnered with service providers, educators, local merchants, community leaders, community members and teens to identify strategies that have been proven to be effective in reducing teen pregnancy; recognizing that during the month of May, there will be a peer education conference, media campaign to advertise parent guidebooks, professional training; I am proud to proclaim May 1998 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month,"

Tom Murphy, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh

"This Board of County Commissioners does hereby commend all those involved in the effort to reduce teen pregnancy; and as we proclaim May 1998, "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month" in Allegheny County, we urge our youth to avail themselves of the opportunities available to them in order to reduce the incidence of teen pregnancy,"

Allegheny County Commissioners  
Bob Cramer, Larry Dunn, and Mike Dawida

**A Sampling of  
Other Activities  
Throughout the Week...**

A panel presentation of teen mothers at  
York City Schools.  
—CHOICES

Promoting Teen Line.  
—CONTACT

Informational placemats.  
—DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Pizza box stickers at Pizza Hut and  
Domino's.  
—DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Window display at Martin Memorial Library.  
—DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Place information about teen pregnancy  
in bathrooms of teen hang-outs.  
—DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Performances of "Tell Me It's Going To Be  
Wonderful" scheduled for Eastern School  
District.  
—FAMILY SERVICE

Display at Jewish Community Center.  
—JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Re-run cable show on teen pregnancy  
among the Hispanic community.  
—YORK HOSPITAL  
HEALTH PROMOTION DEPT.

Mirri-Health Fair.  
—YORK HOSPITAL MOTHER-CHILD CLINIC



**The Teen Pregnancy  
Coalition of York County Is...**

...a group of professionals representing  
various agencies, schools, and organizations  
who are concerned about the issue of teen-  
age pregnancy and its attendant problems.

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- Brooke Bensinger ..... Planned Parenthood
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For more information,  
call Brooke Bensinger, 845-9683

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**Be aware - - prepare!**

**March 18—25, 1993**

## Prevention Week . . .

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Week is a community-wide event designed to "blitz" York County with activities that highlight our problem of teen pregnancy and what our community can do about it. Last year's event proved successful beyond our wildest dreams. We conducted a week-long series of excellent community events and received outstanding media coverage. The event taught us that there is a widespread desire for a serious debate on the subject of adolescent sexuality and the messages we need to be transmitting to teens about sex. The efforts of the Coalition proved to be a catalyst that stimulated this decision.

It is with this enthusiasm that we recognize the second annual Teen Pregnancy Prevention Week. We built on the success of last year's events. More schools, churches, businesses, and organizations have been involved so that every York County teen receives messages about sexual responsibility and the importance of postponing parenthood.

The Teen Pregnancy Coalition of York County is a group of professionals and concerned citizens throughout York County who are concerned about the issue of teenage pregnancy and its attendant problems. The goals of the group are:

1. To increase community awareness about the seriousness of the teenage pregnancy problem;
2. To formulate a concrete plan of action to reduce teenage pregnancy in York County;
3. To work cooperatively with school districts, agencies, and other organizations that serve teenagers; and
4. To advocate for improved health services to teenagers.

Sunday, March 13th

▲ Teen Discussion Night, Phoenix Night Club

Monday, March 14th

▲ Kick-Off Press Conference, York City Council Chambers at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16th

▲ Awards Banquet, Jewish Community Center at 6 p.m.

▲ Cable 4's "Nuestra Salud" at 9 p.m.

Friday, March 18th

▲ Great York County Sex-Out (Day of Abstinence) Seminar for medical students, Memorial Hospital at Noon

Sunday, March 20th

▲ Religious Involvement via bulletin inserts, speakers, etc.

▲ Cable 4's "Nuestra Salud" at 3 p.m.

## activities throughout

### the week . . .

Sponsoring teens to attend Pride Leadership Conference in Philadelphia.

*Stepping Stone, Susquehanna Counseling, York/Adams Drug & Alcohol*

Conducting a mini-health fair.

*York Hospital Mother-Child Clinic*

Presenting a parent workshop on sexuality.

*York Hospital Health Promotions*

Conducting a debate.

*Central York Middle School*

Exhibiting bulletin board displays.

*Susquehannock High School*

Furnishing "Helpful Hints" list for parent-child communication.

*York Health Corporation*

Placing a prevention message in pay check envelopes.

*YWCA*

Offering a lesson plan concerning postponing sexual involvement to educators.

*Planned Parenthood*

Promoting Teen Pregnancy Prevention Week in agency newsletter.

*Lehman Center*

Distributing green ribbons in recognition of the week.

*Family-Child Resource, Contact - York*

Placing informational flyers throughout the facility.

*Martin Library*

## Activities you can do!

▲ Wear a green ribbon in recognition of the week.

▲ Talk to family and friends about teen pregnancy prevention.

▲ Read a book about teen pregnancy and prevention strategies.

▲ Get involved with a community organization that sponsors teen pregnancy prevention programs.

▲ Mobilize groups in which you are a member and encourage their participation in teen pregnancy prevention programs.

▲ Attend lectures or seminars about teen pregnancy.

**For More Information call Brooke Bensingler**

**or Dee Stremmel at 845-9683**

## ADOLESCENT HEALTH POLICY UPDATE '97 *Cooperation or Conflict? The New Political Reality*

May 1997 is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. On May 7 the National Adolescent Reproductive Health Partnership (NARHP) and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, in collaboration with the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, will sponsor the third in a series of one-day policy conferences on adolescent health in Washington, D.C. The conference will explore policy issues such as implications of the recent elections and identification of advocacy strategies that can improve the health of teens in the U.S.

Different political perspectives will be represented and explored with the goal of achieving workable solutions and increased dialogue. Over 150 policy-makers, educators, and teen representatives will participate in the program, focusing on challenges associated with unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) in adolescents.

### **Format**

The one-day conference will feature interactive panel discussions, a working luncheon with a keynote speaker, and afternoon strategy sessions. Program faculty will include members and staff of the House and Senate; Federal, State, and local government representatives; public health experts; private industry representatives; and teens themselves.

### **Goals**

Conference goals include:

- Providing participants with an opportunity to review the impact of the 1996 elections on adolescent reproductive health policies and programs,
- developing specific policy strategies aimed at the prevention of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, and
- announcing the formation of a new National Adolescent Reproductive Health Partnership Awards Program, designed to showcase exemplary Partner activities.

### **Conference Topics**

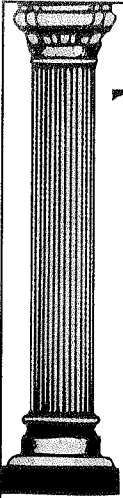
Policy Day will provide legislators, educators, national, and regional government decision-makers and teens the opportunity to discuss policy issues, legislation, and solutions such as:

- The federal \$50 million abstinence program and its lack of funding for evaluation,
- Title X funding and programming during the present Congress,
- The importance and feasibility of integrated family planning and STD services, and
- National and local strategies that work.

### **Public Opinion Poll**

In 1996, the Campaign commissioned a report that collected and summarized existing survey data on perceptions about teen pregnancy and related issues in the U.S. ARHP plans to build on the Campaign's and IOM's reports by conducting a new survey to determine any changes in public opinion in the last ten years regarding teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and other reproductive health issues. The results of the survey will be announced and discussed during the conference.





# THE FORUM

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## Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

### CNYCAP Sponsors an All-Day Free Mini-Conference

Parents are our strongest resource to educate teens and our greatest allies in preventing teen pregnancy. So, who better to focus on during Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month than parents? CNYCAP is proud to present an all-day, free Mini-Conference designed for providers and parents on Friday, May 4, 2001. The event will be held at the Genesee Inn in Syracuse, with three exciting workshops!

#### The program includes:

**Overview of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STDs)**, presented by Signature Staff Development Resources, conducted from 9 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. This three-hour training will cover basic information such as: commonly transmitted STDs, their symptoms, treatment, and prevention. Trainers Jean R. Reilly and Steve Wood also will discuss the link between HIV infection and STDs. Teens are more susceptible to STDs and have the highest rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea in the nation. Jean and Steve will discuss why teens are vulnerable and what we can do to reduce their risk. This training is essential for providers who work in teen health care and sex education and for parents and community members who wish to educate themselves, their children, and friends. Trainees will receive a New York State Department of Health letter of attendance.

**Resources for Parent Educators**, presented from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M., will be facilitated by Jane Arras, New York Parents Are Talking (NYPAT) Project Coordinator. Jane will draw upon her twenty-plus years of working with parents and share successful approaches to parent-child communication. Trainees will learn about current resources and research, valuable web-sites, as well as specific programs that work!

**Reaching and Involving Parents** will be presented from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This workshop will be facilitated by Elaine Lambert and Mary Dykeman from Cortland County's Zero Adolescent Pregnancy (ZAP) Program. We all want to find the easiest way to reach parents and get them involved in our programs. ZAP excels in involving and educating parents by working with private businesses and other non-traditional settings. Learn the strategies that have made ZAP a nationally-recognized and award-winning parent education and teen pregnancy prevention model.

Join us for the entire day, or part of it. Preregistration is required by calling CNYCAP at 315-471-0564. Registration is limited to 70 people per session. Parking is free. A low-cost lunch can be purchased at the Genesee Inn.

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Web-Site: <http://community.syracuse.com/cc/cnycap>

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## Youth Design Events for May - Teen Pregnancy Awareness Month

Who could be better than teens to offer fresh ideas for Teen Pregnancy Awareness Month?

Planning Committee members are from three area leadership groups: CONTACT's InterSEXtions program, Onondaga County Health Department's ARRI (Adolescent Risk Reduction Initiative) and CNYCAP's leadership group YABO (Youth Advisory Board Opportunities).

The members of these five groups decided to design events that would: 1) bring people from diverse backgrounds together to talk about teen pregnancy and parenting, 2) promote community awareness of the many facets of these issues, and 3) celebrate positive youth involvement in the community. Events include:

### Teen Pregnancy Awareness Mental Health Player Presentation

Youth have determined the critical issues and direction of this presentation, which will challenge the audience to broaden their understanding of teen pregnancy prevention and parenting.

### Panel Discussion

Featured panelists will include youth and adults who have experienced teen pregnancy first-hand. They will share their stories of success and struggle in order to help us create a more responsive community.

### Media Presentations

During April, look for members of the Planning Committee on television, radio and in the newspaper, announcing event details.

### Teen Pregnancy Awareness Month Kick-Off Celebration

Join the audience for a Player Presentation and the Panel Discussion, and meet the Planning Committee members on May 3rd, 5 - 7 pm.

To attend the Kick-off and/or to inquire about any of the events, call CNYCAP 315-471-0564.



Terrence Byrd, Corcoran; Lauren Davis, MPH; Jacqueline Bates, Cazenovia; Jeff D'Addario, Manlius-Pebble Hill; Knowledge Walker, Fowler (not pictured: Morley Zachman, Jamesville-Dewitt)

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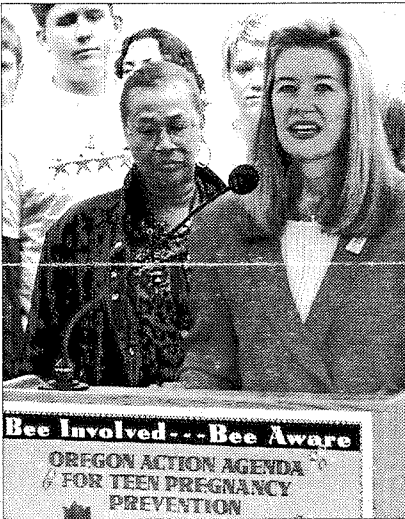
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**Summer 1999**

*A project of the State of Oregon*

**An eventful prevention month**



*Oregon's First Lady, Sharon Kitzhaber, kicks off Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month at the state Capitol.*

**Local coalitions and state offices working together created what is believed to be the largest statewide observance of National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Oregon's history.**

Colorful bee pins and Action Agenda posters carried out the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month theme, encouraging people to "Bee involved, bee aware, bee—cuz youth are our future."

Teen involvement was an important element in many events:

- ☆ Harney County youth participated in an essay contest. One 6th grade student wrote, "If you get pregnant at sixteen, you can just kiss your teen life good-bye and say hello to your long life of Motherhood."
- ☆ Umatilla County businesses donated a computer and a \$500 savings bond for teen poster contest winners.

- ☆ Other teen events included community fairs, teen theater and workshops.

State government kicked off the event with a press conference on the Capitol steps with Oregon's First Lady, Sharon Kitzhaber. Other state activities included:

- ☆ Lobby displays about teen pregnancy prevention in state office buildings.
- ☆ Lunch seminars on topics such as dating violence and how to talk to your children about sex.
- ☆ The distribution of 15,000 copies of the *Rational Enquirer* newsletter, 10,000 bumble bee pins and 2,000 Action Agenda posters.

Private efforts added to the success of prevention month, such as the Salem area public access channel (TCI Cable), which aired a two-part series on teen pregnancy.

Our hard work increased awareness of Oregon's serious teen pregnancy problem. Hats off to everyone who participated to make the observance a success.

# NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY AWARENESS MONTH

## RESPONSIBLE DATING PARENTS AND TEENS

Monday, May 4, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Palo Verde Branch Library  
4402 N. 51<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Scottsdale Mustang Library  
10101 N. 90<sup>th</sup> St.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Glendale Public Library  
5959 W. Brown  
Glendale, AZ 85301

Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Scottsdale Civic Center Library  
3839 Civic Center Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

\*Wednesday, May 20, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Wesley Community Center  
1300 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85034  
Thursday, May 21, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
West Valley Healthcare Ctr.  
140 N. Litchfield Rd.  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

### CASA GRANDE:

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Casa Grande Public Library  
405 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Casa Grande, AZ 85222

## GROWING UP: WHAT'S HAPPENING? (GIRLS)

Monday, May 4, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Glendale Public Library  
5959 W. Brown  
Glendale, AZ 85301

Monday, May 4, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Scottsdale Arabian Library  
10187 E. McDowell Mtn. Ranch Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Scottsdale Civic Center Library  
3839 Civic Center Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Monday, May 11, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Palo Verde Branch Library  
4402 N. 51<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85031

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
West Valley Healthcare Ctr.  
140 N. Litchfield Rd.  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

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Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Casa Grande Public Library  
405 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Casa Grande, AZ 85222

### PRESCOTT:

Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Prescott Public Library  
215 E. Goodwin St.  
Prescott, AZ 86303

## GROWING UP: WHAT'S HAPPENING? (BOYS)

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
West Valley Healthcare Ctr.  
140 N. Litchfield Rd.  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Monday, May 11, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Glendale Public Library  
5959 W. Brown  
Glendale, AZ 85301

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Scottsdale Arabian Library  
10187 E. McDowell Mtn. Ranch Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Scottsdale Civic Center Library  
3839 Civic Center Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85253

Monday, May 18, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Palo Verde Branch Library  
4402 N. 51<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85031

### CASA GRANDE:

Thursday, May 14, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Casa Grande Public Library  
405 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Casa Grande, AZ 85222

### PRESCOTT:

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Prescott Public Library  
215 E. Goodwin St.  
Prescott, AZ 86303

\*Spanish Session

# Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month Recognized Nationwide

## A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

States and communities across the country found many innovative ways to observe National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in May. From poster contests for teens to "house parties" for parents, from state-wide conferences to televised public service announcements, teen pregnancy prevention initiatives were busy spreading the word about the importance of a pregnancy-free adolescence. In Washington,

DC, President Clinton issued a presidential message in recognition of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month (see opposite page for an excerpt).

The National Campaign hopes that the following list serves as a guide for those planning events for next year's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month:

**Illinois**

- The Springfield Urban League held a teen pregnancy prevention poster contest.

**Louisiana**

- The Louisiana Initiative on Teen Pregnancy Prevention, in collaboration with the Louisiana State Baptist Convention, placed billboards focusing on parent-child communication throughout New Orleans.

**Ohio**

- The Louisiana Department of Social Services announced the awardees of a new teen pregnancy prevention grant program. Pilot programs will be implemented in the 12 areas in New Orleans with the highest teen-pregnancy rates.

**Maryland**

- The Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy held a contest for teens to create slogans on teen pregnancy prevention. The winning slogans will be printed on sneaker "bumper stickers" to be distributed to Maryland teens.

**Pennsylvania**

- A new series of television public service ads, developed by Campaign for Our Children, premiered and will run through June.

**Puerto Rico**

- The Council and Housing Authority of Baltimore City introduced a program of "house parties" for parents where presenters speak about parent-child communication.

**New York**

- Governor George Pataki formally proclaimed May to be Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. In his message, Pataki emphasized that "adolescent pregnancy can compromise the future of both the mother and father, and the future of the child. An individual who becomes a parent at an early age often falls into a life of dependency and despondency."

**South Carolina**

- The South Carolina Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention honored individuals who have made significant contributions to teen pregnancy prevention in the state.

**Vermont**

- The Vermont Agency of Human Resources, Senator James Jeffords' Office, and the Vermont Department of Education co-hosted a statewide conference on teen pregnancy prevention, which included a teen panel.

**North Carolina**

- The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina developed prevention tips on tent cards for use in local restaurants and businesses.

**Ohio**

- The Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention launched a parent-focused media campaign that includes a toll-free number to call for brochures and tip sheets.

**Oklahoma**

- The HEARTI (Healthy, Empowered and Responsible Teens) of OKC Project released several new publications and conducted a training seminar for health providers on building assets in youth.

**Pennsylvania**

- The Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy held a youth forum, "Teen Pregnancy Prevention: Listening to Teens," which will lead to a report to state legislators and other key decision makers.

**Puerto Rico**

- The Puerto Rico Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics cosponsored the first-ever annual comprehensive adolescent health conference.

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*Pat Clinton*

## News from the Bipartisan Congressional Advisory Panels

Members of the National Campaign's Bipartisan Congressional Advisory Panels—chaired by Senators Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT) and Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME) in the Senate and Reps. Michael Castle (R-DE) and Nita Lowey (D-NY) in the House—have been out front in the battle to reduce teen pregnancy rates. Some of their recent activities in Washington, DC, and in their home states include:


- Senator James Jeffords (R-VT), in conjunction with Vermont's Task Force on the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy, held a conference on "Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy: A Role For Everyone." The focus of the May 4 conference was on Vermont programs, learning from national research, and how to do more to prevent teen pregnancy in the state.

- Rep. Eva Clayton (D-NC) delivered a speech to the annual conference of the North Carolina Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, signed a "Dear Colleague" letter along with Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), encouraging fellow members to raise awareness about teen pregnancy prevention among local churches and synagogues, schools, businesses, civic groups, policymakers, and others; and delivered a speech on the House floor saying "teens need the knowledge and skills to avoid sex if they are not ready; they need to know that


- Rep. Tom Barrett (D-WI) participated in the Medical College of Wisconsin New Opportunities Program's "Family Night." The program, which provides city teens with a variety of preventive services, focuses on self-esteem, job training, conflict resolution, and sexuality education. The event helped draw attention to National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, to the important role of parents in teen pregnancy prevention, and to prevention efforts in Milwaukee.

- In a speech to the House, Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) said "our children and our adolescents carry the future of tomorrow. We must do everything we can to help our children—prevent childbearing and parenting until they can truly be responsible adults and parents."

- Rep. Connie Morella (R-MD) noted in a speech on the House floor that "although it is encouraging that the teen birth rate is declining, we must celebrate cautiously. Out-of-wedlock births are increasing, and over one million teens become pregnant every year."



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