



eNewsletter (Text)

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New Fact Sheets

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Science Says #44: Teen Sexual Behavior and Contraceptive Use: A Summary of Data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2009

This *Science Says*

(http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/SS/SS44_YRBS2009.pdf)

research brief provides a summary of the 2009 YRBS data on sexual behavior and contraceptive use among high school students.

Briefly - Policy Brief: Promoting Healthy Pregnancies and Families Through Home Visiting Programs

This *Briefly*

(http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/Briefly_PolicyBrief_Home_Visiting_Programs.pdf)

recommends that home visiting programs discuss the importance of pregnancy or family spacing as one important way to help improve the health and well-being of children, women, and their families.

Briefly - Policy Brief: Preventing Teen Pregnancy is Critical to School Completion

This *Briefly*

(http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/Briefly_PolicyBrief_School_Completion.pdf)

discusses the critical importance of preventing teen pregnancy in order to encourage school completion. It was written in partnership with the America's Promise Alliance (<http://www.americaspromise.org/>).

Final Birth Data for 2007 Now Available

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released the final birth data for 2007. Please note, the final national birth rate remains unchanged from preliminary data released in March 2009. Get more information:

- Read the final 2007 birth data report (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_24.pdf)
- Read final 2007 state birth data (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/state-data/state-comparisons.asp?ID=4>)
- Read final 2007 demographic data (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/state-data/state-comparisons.asp?ID=8>)
- See how your favorite state ranks on our Teen Birth Rates the U.S.: State Rankings (http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/birthdata/TBR_RankbyState.pdf) fact sheet.

Get national and state specific Birth Rates for Teens: 1991-2008 (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/national-data/NBR-teens-15-19.aspx>).

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

The national Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. The national YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

Comparisons Between State or District and National Results
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/state_district_comparisons.htm

Trends in the Prevalence of Sexual Behaviors
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/us_sexual_trend_yrbs.pdf

7th Annual Alabama Youth Council (AYC)
The FOCUS Program

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

September 14, 2010 at Hewitt-Trussville High School
Sign-In: 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. & Departure: 2:30 p.m.

On September 14, 2010, the Alabama Department of Education, in collaboration with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, and the FOCUS Program, will sponsor the Seventh Annual Statewide Youth Council Conference. Young people across the state of Alabama will gather on the campus of Hewitt-Trussville High School in Trussville Alabama. This training will

provide youth with tools that will be useful in educating their peers on the importance of reducing risky behavior that lead to teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, especially HIV, and emotional consequences. The keynote speaker will be Ben Glenn, commonly known as "The Chalk Guy". Visit his website at www.simpleadhdexpert.com (www.simpleadhdexpert.com).

There is a limit of 20 student from Grades 10, 11, or 12, and two chaperones from each school system (or parents) to attend the youth council conference. Educators will receive professional development through the Jacksonville State University Regional In-Service Center. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided. Attendance at the AYC is limited to 500 students.

Register online at www.acptp.org (<http://acptp.org/apps/ayc-registration.php>)!
For more information about AYC visit www.thefocusprogram.com
(<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/pages/?pageID=16>).

HHS Priority: Reducing Teen/Unplanned Pregnancy in Inter-Agency Priority List *National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy*

US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has included reducing teen and unplanned pregnancy among her four inter-agency priorities. Secretary Sebelius says:

"Teen mothers and their children are more likely to face a range of challenges and adverse conditions when it comes to the health and economic security of themselves and their children.

More than 60 percent of teen mothers live in poverty at the time of their child's birth, and there are substantial disparities in the educational attainment of teen mothers compared to young women who delay child-bearing. And children of teen parents face significant disadvantages as well, including lower school achievement and greater risk of abuse and neglect."

In addition, she has identified three strategies to reduce teen and unplanned pregnancy:

- **Invest in Evidence-Based Teen Pregnancy Reduction Strategies**
- **Target Populations at Highest Risk for Teen Pregnancy**
- **Increase Access to Clinical Services**

Read more about the strategies on the HHS website.
(<http://www.hhs.gov/secretary/about/reduce.html>)

State Data Update

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The 2009 YRBS contains a wealth of national *and* state level data on teen sexual activity and contraceptive use. The National Campaign's online database of state data (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/state-data/default.aspx>) is now updated to include state level data on teen sex (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/state-data/state-comparisons.asp?ID=10>) and contraceptive use (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/state-data/state-comparisons.asp?ID=13>).

New and Improved: Talking Back

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

One of the Campaign's most popular publications, *Talking Back: What Teens Want Adults to Know About Teen Pregnancy*, has gotten a facelift. Redesigned to include new tips on sexting and dating violence, *Talking Back* has a new look and some great new information.

Download a copy

(http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/pubs/talking_back.pdf)

Purchase a copy

(https://secure2.convio.net/thenc/site/Ecommerce/1321951965?VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=1170&store_id=1181&JServSessionIdr004=jm01bya4a3.app244b)

New Online Evidence-Based Resource Center Launched by Healthy Teen Network

Healthy Teen Network

With more than \$100 million federal dollars coming out this fiscal year for communities to implement evidence-based or innovative programs to reduce teen pregnancy, NOW is the time for your organization to prepare to submit a successful application. From our customized trainings and technical assistance to our online resources, Healthy Teen Network can help you prepare for this funding. For more information visit the Evidence-Based Resource Center (With more than \$100 million federal dollars coming out this fiscal year for communities to implement evidence-based or innovative programs to reduce teen pregnancy, NOW is the time for your organization to prepare to submit a successful application. From our customized trainings and technical assistance to our online resources, Healthy Teen Network can help you prepare for this funding. For more information visit the Evidence-Based Resource Center

(http://healthyteennetwork.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B5E80FC23-E52F-4B64-8E81-C752F7FF3DB6%7D) today!

2010 Health Outcomes for Alabama *County Health Rankings*

Health Outcomes are the primary ranking used to rank the overall health of counties (<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/alabama>). The county ranked number 1 is considered the healthiest county in the state. Health outcomes in the *County Health Rankings* represent how healthy a county is. *County Health Rankings* measure two types of health outcomes: how long people live (mortality) and how healthy people feel while alive (morbidity).

Evidence-Based Programs Offered For Review by the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy *Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has recently added to their Resource Library and now has over ten evidence-based programs that are available for review! Some of these programs include: Be Proud! Be Responsible!, Reducing the Risk, SiHLE, and Teen Outreach Program (TOP). For more information on evidence-based programs and to view the complete list of programs available for review from the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy visit us on our website (<http://acptp.org/pages/?pageID=97>).

OPA Clearinghouse *Office of Population Affairs Clearinghouse*

The OPA Clearinghouse is sponsored by the Office of Population Affairs, Office of Public Health and Science, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The OPA Clearinghouse collects, develops, and distributes free publications on family planning, including information on contraception (abstinence, sterilization, etc.), reproductive health (cervical cancer, pap tests, etc.), and sexual health (sexually transmitted infection and disease, etc.). For more information visit the OPA Clearinghouse website (<http://www.opaclearinghouse.org>).

Facebook *Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*

The Alabama Campaign is now on Facebook! (<http://www.facebook.com/acptp>)
Become a fan of our page and join us in teen pregnancy prevention!

Have you been to our website recently? Be sure to check it out at www.acptp.org!

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's eNewsletter provides links to articles and websites with information on current events, research, funding opportunities and other items related to teen pregnancy prevention. The inclusion of this information does not imply endorsement by the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (ACPTP) and the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the official position, policies or views of ACPTP.