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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>).

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: Sexual and Reproductive Health of Persons Aged 10–24 Years — United States, 2002–2007

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This report (<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/ss/ss5806.pdf>) presents data for 2002–2007 concerning the sexual and reproductive health of persons aged 10–24 years in the United States. Data were compiled from the National Vital Statistics System and multiple surveys and surveillance systems that monitor sexual and reproductive health outcomes into a single reference report that makes this information more easily accessible to policy makers, researchers, and program providers who are working to improve the reproductive health of young persons in the United States. The report addresses three primary topics: 1) current levels of risk behavior and health outcomes; 2) disparities by sex, age, race/ethnicity, and geographic residence; and 3) trends over time.

A User's Guide to Online Resources for Identifying Evidence-Based, Out-of-School Time Programs

Child Trends

In the current economic and political climate, knowing how to identify and select evidence-based programs adds value to any organization seeking to improve outcomes for children and youth. A new Child Trends brief, *Online Resources for Identifying Evidence-Based, Out-of-School Time Programs: A User's Guide* (http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2009_07_26_RB_OnlineEBP.pdf), can help funders, administrators, and practitioners find evidence-based programs that may be appropriate for their target populations and communities. The *Guide* provides an overview of 22 resources -- 12 searchable online databases, two online interactive summaries, and eight online documents -- that offer information on a range of evidence-based intervention programs. It also includes recommendations and questions to consider when searching for evidence-based programs, and what level of evaluation evidence or rigor is available -- ranging from evidence-informed programs to experimentally-evaluated programs.

Relationship Redux: Tips and Scripts for Talking to Your Kids About Relationships

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Let's face it, having meaningful conversations with your children about relationships is not for the faint of heart. This short [publication](http://www.acptp.org/uploadedFiles/Relationship%20Redux.pdf) (<http://www.acptp.org/uploadedFiles/Relationship%20Redux.pdf>) by the [National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy](http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/) (<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/>) provides some thoughts on what to say to your children about relationships and underscores why it is so important to discuss the topic. We hope that it provides parents with encouragement to get the relationship conversations started. Right away.

Issue in Brief: Youth Development & Teen Pregnancy, STI, and HIV Prevention

Healthy Teen Network

This report (<http://healthyteennetwork.org/vertical/Sites/%7BB4D0CC76-CF78-4784-BA7C-5D0436F6040C%7D/uploads/%7BE52EE4DF-84DA-43A3-8956-A2CD5FDB2E49%7D.PDF>) highlights the role of Youth Development in prevention of teen pregnancy, STIs, and HIV. In promoting healthy adolescent sexual development, effective teen pregnancy prevention and/or support for pregnant and parenting, it is critical that our focus expand beyond basic reproductive health issues. Young people do not develop in a vacuum and are heavily influenced by their surrounding environments. Their health, safety, and well being intersect with their family life, school environment, and community stability, as well as access to services and supports; and disparities across race/ethnicity and socio-economic lines persist.

CDC's Adolescent Reproductive Health website has received a face lift!

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Adolescent Reproductive Health website (<http://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/AdolescentReproHealth/index.htm>) has received a face lift! While visiting the website be sure to check out the new Success Stories section!

What Is to Be Done About the Rise in Teen Childbearing?

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

More and better sex education and health services will likely help turn around the recent increase in the teen birth rate. However, in an editorial in the current issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*

(<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/editorial.pdf>), National Campaign CEO, Sarah Brown and Senior Manager of Research and Evaluation Programs, Katy Suellentrop also argue that more should be done, including talking with teens "as much about relationships as we do about reducing the risk of pregnancy and STIs." The editorial also suggests reviving "some old ideas and normative statements that one rarely hears anymore," including:

- Babies and children are more likely to thrive when they are raised by adult parents who are committed to each other and to years of devoted parenting.
- "If it happens, it happens," is no way to start a family.
- Babies do not give unconditional love; they demand it from the adults around them.

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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!

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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.