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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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