



## **eNewsletter (Text)**

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### **President Obama's Message on the National Day**

*"As we commemorate National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, let us recommit ourselves to raising awareness about the importance of this critical issue, promoting parent-child communication, and investing in programs that have been proven to prevent teen pregnancy. I wish you the best."* - President Barack Obama

Click here to read the full message from President Obama.

[http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/national/pdf/2009/2009\\_ND\\_obama\\_message.pdf](http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/national/pdf/2009/2009_ND_obama_message.pdf)

### **Today is National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy!**

With the teen birth rate up for the second year in a row, it is more important than ever to draw attention to the prevention of pregnancy among teens.

Organizations and groups around the country have a variety of activities planned to observe the 2009 National Day. Click here

<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/national/plans2009.aspx> to access an interactive map with details on activities by state.

The National Day quiz is now available on at Stayteen.org

<http://www.stayteen.org/quiz/>! The short, scenario-based quiz challenges young people to consider what they would do in a number of sexual situations.

### **Ten Reasons to Still Keep the Focus on Teen Childbearing**

*Child Trends*

Seven years ago, Child Trends drew on statistics and research findings to produce a report called Ten Reasons to Keep the Focus on Teen Childbearing. That report took note of the steady decline in the nation's teenage pregnancy and childbearing rates, beginning in 1991. But the report also acknowledged that "this good news isn't good enough news," citing multiple reasons to continue to be worried about teen childbearing. These reasons have taken on greater urgency in light of data showing that the teen birth

rate in the United States increased in 2006 and 2007. This reversal has spurred renewed concerns about the problem of “kids having kids” on the part of parents, policy makers, service providers, researchers, and others—for good reason.

Being a parent is not an easy job, but when the parent is a teenager, the job is tougher still. When teens become parents, they face formidable obstacles on the road to a better life for themselves and their children. Moreover, teen parenthood imposes huge financial and other burdens on society as a whole. Thus, it remains important to keep the focus on teen childbearing and seek to reduce the number of unintended teen pregnancies and births in the nation. This Research Brief ([http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child\\_Trends-2009\\_04\\_01\\_RB\\_KeepingFocus.pdf](http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2009_04_01_RB_KeepingFocus.pdf)) updates Child Trends’ 2002 report to make the case for why teenage childbearing deserves continued attention.

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