



eNewsletter (Text)

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The 2008 State and County Teen Pregnancy Information for Alabama is now available!

Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Visit our website (<http://www.acptp.org/fact-sheets/>) for a complete list of the 2008 teen pregnancy information!

Teen Parents a More Diverse Group Than Most Believe

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Contrary to the perception of most Americans, the majority of teen parents are from households that are not in poverty and that are not headed by single parents. These findings and others were released by *The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy*.

Results of new public opinion polling show that 67% of adults believe that most teen mothers are from homes below the federal poverty level. Fully 70% of adults surveyed believe that most teen mothers come from single parents homes.

New, first-of-its-kind analysis

(http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/SS/SS41_SocioEconomicFamilyCharacteristics.pdf) of existing research conducted for *The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy* by *Child Trends* makes clear that both perceptions are incorrect.

Estimated Pregnancy Rates for the United States, 1990–2005: An Update

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This *National Vital Statistics Report*

(http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr58/nvsr58_04.pdf) presents pregnancy rates for

1990–2005, by age, race and Hispanic origin, and by marital status. The data in this report, together with previously published pregnancy rates for earlier years, provide a consistent series of rates for the United States for 1976–2005 (1,2). This update contains new data on pregnancy rates for the year 2005, the most recent year for which detailed national estimates for abortions are available.

Can You Hear Me Now?

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Many organizations have been providing technical assistance and training to encourage the adoption of science-based approaches to preventing teen pregnancy. While there is no "cookbook approach" to evaluating technical assistance, evaluation strategies are needed to document the adequacy of this approach.

Authored by Susan Philliber, Ph.D., and a colleague, the purpose of *Can You Hear Me Now? Evaluating Your Technical Assistance*

(<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/pubs/canyouhearmenow.pdf>) is to outline the strategies of technical assistance, the barriers to effective evaluation of this work, and to offer guidelines for improving evaluations of technical assistance efforts.

Connecting Youth through Community

Healthy Teen Network

This publication (<http://healthyteennetwork.org/vertical/Sites/%7BB4D0CC76-CF78-4784-BA7C-5D0436F6040C%7D/uploads/%7B3EE4600A-02E4-47B5-AC27-0A1B2CB543D3%7D.PDF>) from Healthy Teen Network focuses on how adolescent health professionals can utilize creative approaches to engaging youth in positive youth development. The publication highlights six examples of programs that reach out to youth in non-traditional communities through parental engagement, athletics, service-learning, art, mentoring, and youth empowerment approaches. The publication provides some next steps for professionals to develop or adapt creative approaches like those described here in existing programs for youth.

Science Says #42: A Closer Look at Vulnerable Youth

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Science Says #42

(http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/SS/SS42_VulnerableYouth.pdf) provides an in depth examination of "vulnerable" youth—defined as those who have ever been arrested before age 18, run away from home, been homeless or lived in a group home, lived in foster care, and/or whose families have been investigated by social services. Among the sobering findings:

- 49% of vulnerable youth and 61% of highly vulnerable youth (those belonging to at least two of the groups noted above) report having sex before age 16 compared to 29% of non-vulnerable youth.
- Vulnerable youth were much less likely than non-vulnerable youth to consistently use contraception and more likely to report having a birth as a teen.
- Vulnerable youth were also more likely than non-vulnerable youth to report that they had experienced forced sex (28% versus 15% respectively).

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>).

Audience Insights: Communicating to Teens (Aged 12–17)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Today's teens are the most marketing savvy and brand-conscious generation to date. Their health behaviors and outcomes reflect their economic, racial, gender, and geographic disparities. Audience Insights can help you to communicate more effectively with your audience in order to influence their behavior. These Audience Insights (http://www.cdc.gov/healthmarketing/pdf/AudienceInsight_teens.pdf) will help you capture the attention of the 25 million teens in the United States.

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>).

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