TEEN PREGNANCY:

OKLAHOMA

51% DECREASE

Teen birth rates have decreased by 51 percent among 15-19 year olds in Oklahoma over the past 25 years.[2]

2nd HIGHEST

Oklahoma had the 2nd highest teen birth rate in the nation.[1]

72%

72 percent of all teen births are to 18-19 year olds.[2]

1 in 5 TEENS

1 in 5 teens that gave birth had one or more previous live births.[2]

In 2015, nearly 4,400 girls between the ages of 15 and 19 years old gave birth in Oklahoma, accounting for 8% of all births.[2]

POVERTY

Nearly **50%** of teen mothers and their children are living in poverty.[1]

EDUCATION

Only **38%** of teen girls who have a child before age 18 get a high school diploma.[1]

ECONOMICS

63% of teen mothers receive some type of public benefits within the first year after their children were born.[1]

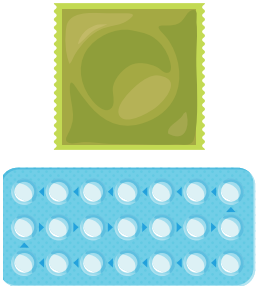
31%

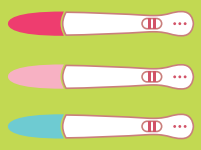
OF STUDENTS WERE SEXUALLY ACTIVE.[4]*

Among those that were sexually active,

78%

used some form of birth control at last sex





15%

Only **15%** of births to Oklahoma teen moms were intended.[3]

$169 MILLION

Teen childbearing costs Oklahoma taxpayers an estimated **$169** million in **2010**.[1]

THIS IS A 17% DECREASE FROM 2003, IN STUDENTS REPORTING BEING SEXUALLY ACTIVE.[4]*

*Note: Sexual intercourse with at least one person during the 3 months before the survey.

TEEN PREGNANCY:

Oklahoma Healthy YOUth Project

INDIVIDUAL.

We empower youth through our Public Health Youth Council Initiative to be health advocates within their local communities.

Using the positive youth development model, we assist in the development and facilitation of youth leaders of today and tomorrow.

SCHOOL.

We deliver evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention curricula in school settings.

We collect, analyze and distribute data to improve teen pregnancy prevention efforts.

ORGANIZATION.

We promote healthcare equity to address access and delivery of health care services for teens.

We train and support healthcare professionals in adolescent health matters.

COMMUNITY.

We provide resources to parents and community members to develop resilient and healthy youth.

We partner with local professionals to identify strengths and diminish risks through collaborative efforts.

REDUCE TEEN BIRTHS, ENHANCE OVERALL CHILD WELL-BEING.

By addressing teen pregnancy, we address serious social problems.

How can you help?

1. Provide a safe place where young people are free to discuss their concerns about love, sex and relationships.
2. Use teachable moments to educate young people.
3. Make resources readily available and accessible for parents and community members.
4. Increase community resource sharing and collaborations.
5. Encourage healthy parent-child communication.
6. Build positive assets in youth!
7. Know and share teens' health care rights.
8. Participate in programs and activities that promote positive youth development.
9. Provide youth with opportunities for work and education.

Support Healthy YOUth!

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