







GROUP ACTIVITY

WRAP THEM UP!

VIDEO



(The National Campaign, 2010)

WHY IT MATTERS

DATA

1. ARIZONA'S TEEN BIRTH RATE CONTINUES TO BE HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE; DESPITE SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN THESE RATES SINCE 1998
 - a. ACCORDING TO THE ARIZONA VITAL STATISTICS REPORT OF 2010, 10,980 TEEN WOMEN UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE BECAME PREGNANT AND 9,416 OF THESE WOMEN GAVE BIRTH
2. IN 2010, THERE WERE 8,453 REPORTED CASES OF CHLAMYDIA AMONG 10-19 YEAR OLDS, CORRESPONDING TO 928.7 CASES PER 100,000 YOUTH IN THAT AGE GROUP
(ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, 2015)
3. IN 2015, THERE WERE 66 REPORTED PREGNANCIES OF YOUTH IN DCS CARE. AS OF JUNE 2016, THERE WERE ALREADY 36 YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN REPORTED PREGNANT THIS YEAR ALONE. THIS DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THOSE YOUTH WHO DO NOT HAVE NOT YET REPORT THEIR PREGNANCIES, HAVE RUNAWAY AND CMOPI/DCS IS UNAWARE OF THEIR CONDITION, OR WHO MISCARRY/ABORT THEIR CHILDREN WITHOUT CMOPI/DCS KNOWLEDGE

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ADVERSE OUTCOMES

1. TEEN CHILDBEARING COSTS U.S. TAXPAYERS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS DUE TO LOST TAX REVENUE, INCREASED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS, AND GREATER EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CARE, FOSTER CARE, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (THE OFFICE OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH, 2015)
2. TEEN MOTHERS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE REPORTED FOR NEGLECT OR ABUSE. THEIR CHILDREN ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE PLACED IN OUT OF HOME CARE AT AN ANNUAL PUBLIC COST OF \$2.8 BILLION (COMLOSSY, 2013)
3. ADOLESCENT MOTHERS AND FATHERS ARE LESS LIKELY TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL OR RECEIVE POSTSECONDARY TRAINING NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR A WELL-PAYING JOB (CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL POLICY, 2015)

ADOLESCENT HEALTH TASK FORCE

WHAT:

IS THE ADOLESCENT HEALTH TOOL KIT?

WHY:

WAS IT CREATED?

WHO:

HELPED MAKE IT, AND WHO SHOULD USE IT?

"THE TALK" TOOL KIT



WHAT DO WE HOPE TO CHANGE

- **EMPOWER** YOUTH TO MAKE SOUND DECISIONS
- **ENCOURAGE** ADULTS TO HAVE OPEN, HONEST, AND NON-JUDGEMENTAL DISCUSSIONS
- **DECREASE** THE NUMBER OF YOUTH IN CARE WHO BECOME PREGNANT, IMPREGNATE ANOTHER YOUTH, OR CONTRACT STDs/STIs

WHAT LEADS TO BETTER OUTCOMES

- BUILDING RESILIENCE—LEARNING TO FUNCTION WELL IN THE FACE OF STRESS, ADVERSITY OR TRAUMA; HAVING CONFIDENCE AND A SENSE OF CONTROL OVER ONE'S LIFE; ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING A POSITIVE SENSE OF SELF—AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND AS A YOUNG PARENT
- ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN A MOTHERHOOD OR FATHERHOOD PROGRAM THAT HAS STAFF WHO: (A) ARE ENGAGING, ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTIVE; (B) INTENTIONALLY WORK TO BUILD A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUTH; (C) UNDERSTAND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT; AND (D) ASSUME THAT THE YOUNG MOTHER OR FATHER WANTS TO BE A RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE PARENT
- DELAYING A SUBSEQUENT PREGNANCY OR INSEMINATION

(CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL POLICY, 2015).

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT



(The National Campaign, 2013)

GROUP DISCUSSION



PANEL Q&A



YOUTH PANEL MEMBERS

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- FLYERS AVAILABLE ON-SITE TODAY AT THE CMDP TABLE
- DCS POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL ([HTTPS://DCS.AZ.GOV/ABOUT/DCS-POLICIES](https://dcs.az.gov/about/dcs-policies))
- CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS ([HTTP://WWW.CASEY.ORG/ARIZONA](http://www.casey.org/arizona))
- HEALTHY TEEN NETWORK ([HTTP://WWW.HEALTHYTEENNETWORK.ORG/RESOURCES](http://www.healthyteennetwork.org/resources))
- NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ([HTTP://THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.ORG](http://thenationalcampaign.org))
- NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES ([HTTP://WWW.NCJFCJ.ORG/RESOURCE-LIBRARY/PUBLICATIONS/WHEN-YOU-DECIDE-JUDGES-GUIDE-PREGNANCY-PREVENTION-AMONG-FOSTER-YOUTH](http://www.ncjfcj.org/resource-library/publications/when-you-decide-judges-guide-pregnancy-prevention-among-foster-youth))

CONCLUSION

KEEP CALM AND KEEP TALKING!
KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, AND PREVENTION
IS IT'S BEST FRIEND!!!



All Ounce of Prevention is
Worth a Pound of Cure
- Scottish Proverb -



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