



National Day To Prevent Teen  
Pregnancy Memphis Community  
Awareness Breakfast

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2011

# VISION

A future where all teens are taught comprehensive sex education, teens' onset of sexual intercourse is delayed, teen pregnancies are *reduced/eliminated*, and teen parents are provided assistance.

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# MISSION

Coordinated community response to teen pregnancy and parenting that includes:

- Comprehensive sex education for teens including abstinence and contraceptive information
- Services, support, and education to pregnant and parenting teens
- Strong policies and programs that promote adolescent sexual health

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# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Dedicated to making resources for teens and teen parents more transparent and easily accessible.
- Promote a non-judgmental environment where teens have access to comprehensive sex education.
- Promote strategies that focus on both boys and girls.
- Promote programs based on evidence and best practices.

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# National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

# NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

- Tenth Annual National Day
- Why It Matters
- Participating Organizations
- Activities

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# NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

- Mission
- Goal

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# TEEN PREGNANCY STATISTICS

- National
- State
- Shelby County

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

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Most teen mothers in Memphis are between 17 & 19 years old.

Tennessee Department of Health 2010.

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More than 80% of teen mothers with children live in poverty during their children's important developmental years.

Hoffman, S. A. and Maynard, R.A. (Eds.). (2008). *Kids having kids: Economic costs and social consequences of teen pregnancy*. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute Press.

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Only 40% of adolescent mothers  
aged 17 or younger will  
graduate from high school.

Hoffman, S.D. (2006). *By the numbers: The public costs of teen childbearing*.  
Washington, DC: National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

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Infants born to teenage mothers are at higher risk of being born at a low birth weight, have more health problems, and a higher mortality rate.

United States Department of Health and Human Services. (2006). *Preventing infant mortality fact sheet*. Retrieved from <http://www.hhs.gov/news/factsheet/infant.html>

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About one-third of teen girls  
in the U.S. become pregnant at  
least once by age 20.

National Campaign to Prevent Teen & Unplanned Pregnancy The National Campaign to  
Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (2011). *Fact sheet: How is the 3 in 10 statistic calculated?*  
Retrieved from [http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/FastFacts\\_3in10.pdf](http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/resources/pdf/FastFacts_3in10.pdf)

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

Children born to teen mothers are more likely to die before their first birthday.

March of Dimes. (2009). *Teen pregnancy*. Retrieved from [http://www.marchofdimes.com/Professionals/medicalresources\\_teenpregnancy.html](http://www.marchofdimes.com/Professionals/medicalresources_teenpregnancy.html)

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

85 % of teenage pregnancies are unintended compared to about 50 % among adult women.

Alford, S. (2008). *Reproductive health outcomes and contraceptive use among U.S. teens*. Retrieved from <http://advocatesforyouth.org/storage/advfy/documents/outcomes.pdf>

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

A sexually active teen who does not use contraception has a 90 % chance of pregnancy within one year.

Harlap S., Kost K., & Forrest J. D. (1991). *Preventing pregnancy, protecting health: A new look at birth control choices in the United States*. New York: The Alan Guttmacher Institute.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

Nearly 70% of babies born to teenage girls in the U.S. are fathered by men aged 20+ yrs.

De Vita. C. J. (1996). The United States at mid-decade. *Population Bulletin*, 50 (4).

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

Adolescent girls are often in abusive relationships at the time of their conceiving.

Rosen, D. (2004). "I just let him have his way": Partner violence in the lives of low-income, teenage mothers. *Violence Against Women* 10 (1), 6–28.  
doi:10.1177/1077801203256069.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

Approximately half of teens who become pregnant have a history of childhood sexual or physical abuse.

The Allan Guttmacher Institute. (1994). *Sex and America's teenagers*. Author: New York.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

As many as 62% of adolescent mothers have a history of being raped or sexually molested.

Boyer, D. & Fine, D. (1993). Sexual abuse as a factor in adolescent pregnancy and child maltreatment. *Family Planning Perspectives*, 24 (2), 4-11.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

In the U.S. eight out of ten teenage fathers do not marry their first child's mother.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. (2010).  
*Why it matters: Teen pregnancy and responsible fatherhood*. Retrieved from  
<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/why-it-matters/pdf/fatherhood.pdf>

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

In Shelby County, more than 85%  
of teen mothers report annual  
incomes of less than \$15,000 a year.

The Urban Child Institute. (2009). *The implications of teen parenting in Shelby County, Tennessee*. Retrieved from [http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/sites/all/files/2009-04-Teen\\_Parenting\\_Brief.pdf](http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/sites/all/files/2009-04-Teen_Parenting_Brief.pdf)

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

Over 1/4 of teen mothers begin receiving welfare within 3 years of the birth of their first child.

Kaye, K. & Chadwick, L. (2006). *The lives of teen parents after welfare reform and the role of TANF*. Unpublished manuscript, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

Children of teen mothers are more than twice as likely to be physically abused, abandoned, or neglected.

Afifi, T. O. & Brownridge, D. A. (2008). Physical abuse of children born to adolescent mothers: The continuation of the relationship into adult motherhood and the role of identity. In T. I. Richardson & M. V. Williams (Eds.), *Child Abuse and Violence* (19-42). Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

Adolescent mothers are less likely to be sensitive and accepting toward their child's needs.

American Academy of Pediatrics: Committee on Adolescence and Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption, and Dependent Care. (2001). Care of adolescent parents and their children. *Pediatrics*, 107 (2), 429–434.  
doi:10.1542/peds.107.2.429

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# Tale of a Teen Mother

In 2008, 15% of all births in Shelby County were to teen mothers.

Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Division of Health Statistics, Birth Certificate Data, 2005-2009.

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# Tale of a Teen Father

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In 2009, 62% of high school students in Memphis City Schools reported having had sexual intercourse.

Centers for Disease Controls. (2009). *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*. Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/index.htm>

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# Tale of a Teen Father

More than half of sexually active teenage boys don't plan on getting someone pregnant but believe it's likely to happen anyway.

Rosengard, C., Phipps, M. G., Adler, N. E., & Ellen, J. M. (2005). Psychosocial correlates of adolescent males' pregnancy intention. *Pediatrics*, *116*, 414–419.  
doi:[10.1542/peds.2005-0130](https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2005-0130)

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# Tale of a Teen Father

Male teens who did not use contraception during a first sexual relationship were 66 % less likely to have used contraception in their latest relationship.

Santelli, J. S., Morrow, B. , Anderson, J. E., & Duberstein Lindberg, L. (2006).  
Contraceptive use and pregnancy risk among U.S. high school students, 1991-  
2003. *Perspectives on Sexual & Reproductive Health* , 38 (2), 106-111.

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# Tale of a Teen Father

Absent teen fathers pay less than \$800 annually for child support, often because they are quite poor themselves.

Hoffman, S. A. and Maynard, R.A. (Eds.). (2008). *Kids having kids: Economic costs and social consequences of teen pregnancy*. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute Press.

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# Tale of a Teen Father

The perception that young men do not want to be involved in their children's lives can prevent young fathers from being involved in decision making.

Minnesota Fathers & Families Network. (2004). *Infosheet 4: Young fathers*.  
Retrieved from <http://www.mnfathers.org/documents/InfoSheetYoungDads.pdf>

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# Tale of a Teen Father

Teen boys, like other fathers in Tennessee, are financially responsible for their children until their children turn 18.

Tennessee Department of Human Services. (2010). *Tennessee child support handbook*. Retrieved from [http://www.tn.gov/humanserv/cs/cs\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/humanserv/cs/cs_handbook.pdf)

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# Tale of a Teen Father

On average, teen fathers will earn less money during their lifetimes than men who delay parenting.

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# Tale of a Teen Father

The national average cost of raising a child from birth to 17 years costs about \$287,000.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture. (2009). *Expenditures on children by families*. Retrieved from <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/Publications/CRC/crc2009.pdf>

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# Tale of a Teen Father

Teen fathers are less likely to receive a high school diploma than other teen boys.

Fletcher, J. M. & Wolfe, B. L. (2011). The effects of teenage fatherhood on young adult outcomes. *Economic Inquiry*. doi: 10.1111/j.1465-7295.2011.00372.x

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Teen fathers are more likely than other teens to join the military.

Fletcher, J. M. & Wolfe, B. L. (2011). The effects of teenage fatherhood on young adult outcomes. *Economic Inquiry*. doi: 10.1111/j.1465-7295.2011.00372.x

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# Tale of a Teen Father

Men over age 25 father twice as many children of teenage mothers than boys under age 18.

Fagot, B., Pears, K. C., Capaldi, D. M., Crosby, L., Leve, C. S. (1998). Becoming an adolescent father: Precursors and parenting. *Developmental Psychology, 34*(6), 1209-1219.

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# Tale of a Teen Father

Many young dads will never receive adequate support or opportunity to develop a relationship with his child.

Minnesota Fathers & Families Network (2004). *Infosheet 4: Young fathers*.  
Retrieved from <http://www.mnfathers.org/documents/InfoSheetYoungDads.pdf>

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In Shelby County, teen mothers are 50% less likely to receive prenatal care than older mothers.

The Urban Child Institute. (2009). The implications of teen parenting in Shelby County, Tennessee. Retrieved from [http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/sites/all/files/2009-04-Teen\\_Parenting\\_Brief.pdf](http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/sites/all/files/2009-04-Teen_Parenting_Brief.pdf)

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Young women growing up in high-poverty are more likely to give birth as teens.

The Urban Child Institute. (2010). Data book 2010: The state of children in Memphis and Shelby County. Retrieved from [http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/sites/all/files/databooks/TUCI\\_Data\\_Book\\_V\\_2010.complete.v2.pdf](http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/sites/all/files/databooks/TUCI_Data_Book_V_2010.complete.v2.pdf)

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Over 85% of teen mothers in Shelby County report annual incomes of less than \$15,000 a year.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother's Child

A child born to a teenage mother is 50 % more likely to repeat a grade in school.

Hoffman, S.D. (2006). *By the numbers: The public costs of teen childbearing*.  
Washington, DC: National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother's Child

A child raised by a teen mother who did not finish high school is likely to develop a smaller vocabulary.

The Urban Child Institute. (2011). Retrieved from  
<http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/perceptions/editorials/2011/01/the-implications-of-teen-parenting-for-early-childhood-development-in>

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Children of teen moms are unlikely to have regular contact with their biological dads.

Maynard, R., W. Nicholson, and A. Rangarajan (1993). Breaking the cycle of poverty: The effectiveness of mandatory services for welfare-dependent teenage parents. Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother's Child

Children exposed to repeated or long term stressful situations experience increased levels of chemicals that can cause lasting brain damage.

National Scientific Council on the Developing Child. (2010). *Persistent fear and anxiety can affect young children's learning and development: Working Paper No. 9*. Retrieved from <http://www.developingchild.harvard.edu>

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# Tale of a Teen Mother's Child

Children of teen moms are two to three times more likely than children of older moms to report having run away from home.

Hoffman, S. A. and Maynard, R.A. (Eds.). (2008). *Kids having kids: Economic costs and social consequences of teen pregnancy*. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute Press.

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# Tale of a Teen Mother's Child

In 2008, nearly one in six kids in Shelby county were born to a teen mom.

Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Division of Health Statistics, Birth Certificate Data, 2005-2009.

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Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Policy, Planning and Assessment, Division of Health Statistics, Birth Certificate Data, 2005-2009.

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Teen childbearing costs Tennessee taxpayers at least \$181 million/year (federal, state, and local.)

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unintended Pregnancies. (2006). *Teen childbearing in Tennessee costs taxpayers \$181 million annually*. Retrieved from [http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/pdf/states/tennessee/press\\_release.pdf](http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/pdf/states/tennessee/press_release.pdf)

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# Tale of a Community

Children of teen mothers are more likely to become teen mothers themselves.

Furstenberg, F. F., Levine, J. A., Brooks-Gunn, J. (1991). The Children of Teenage Mothers: Patterns of Early Childbearing in Two Generations. *Family Planning Perspectives*, 22(2), 54-61.

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# Tale of a Community

Children of teen mothers had higher health system use rates, and a larger fraction of their health care costs were paid by the public sector.

Hoffman, S. A. and Maynard, R.A. (Eds.). (2008). *Kids having kids: Economic costs and social consequences of teen pregnancy*. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute Press.

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# Tale of a Community

One in three boys born to teen mothers are likely to be arrested before they reach 18.

Center for Urban Child Policy, The Urban Child Institute, 2011. Flanagan, P. (2005). Adolescent pregnancy and childbearing: Epidemiology and psychosocial characteristics. Unpublished manuscript, Brown University, Providence, RI.

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<http://www.theurbanchildinstitute.org/perceptions/editorials/2011/01/the-implications-of-teen-parenting-for-early-childhood-development-in>

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The majority of Shelby county residents (60%) feel that the most effective way to avoid teen pregnancy is to have more open conversations with parents.

Mid-South Survey Research Center. (2009). *Early Childhood Public Opinion Poll*.  
Memphis, TN: Author.

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# Tale of a Community

The majority of Shelby County residents (70+%) feel that contraceptives should be widely available throughout the community.

Mid-South Survey Research Center. (2009). *Early Childhood Public Opinion Poll*.  
Memphis, TN: Author.

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Memphis is ready...

Let's do this thing!

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# Preventing Teen Pregnancy: What works?

# What works?

- The CDC has identified *Preventing Teen Pregnancy* as one of six “winnable battles” in public health
- Winnable because we don’t have to find a cure or discover a solution – we already know **what works!**

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# What works?

1. Increase public awareness
2. Support evidence-based education programs
3. Increase access to contraception
4. Get parents involved

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# What works?

First Step:

Increase Public Awareness

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# Ways to Raise Public Awareness

- Today's breakfast!
- Newspaper columns & editorials
- Talk to civic clubs and organizations
- Talk to pastors and faith leaders
- Talk to colleagues & professionals
- Talk to friends & neighbors
- Talk to teachers & school administrators

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# Memphis Teen Vision

## *Coming Up:*

- Roundtables on Increasing Adolescent Access to Reproductive and Prenatal Healthcare
- Commissioning Study of the Economic Impact of Teen Pregnancy for Memphis / Shelby County
- Keeping communication open among partners

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# Please sign up

Let us know how you or your agency would like to be connected to MemTV

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# “Take One” Tables Upstairs

Boys Inc.

Center for Research on Women,  
University of Memphis

Creative Counseling Inc.

Exchange Club Family Center, First STEPS

Families Matter

Girls Inc.

LeBonheur Children’s Hospital –  
Community Health & Well Being

Life Choices

Memphis Area Women’s Council

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health

Memphis City Schools – Adolescent  
Parenting Program, Student Advocacy  
Services, School Coordinated Health

Planned Parenthood Greater  
Memphis Region

Project Single Moms

Shelby County Health Department,  
Family Planning Program

SOLIDS

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

SUNRISE Program, The MED

TennderCare

Tennessee Presumptive Prenatal  
Program

The Urban Child Institute

United Healthcare

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