



Teen Pregnancy & Prevention *Partnership*

Partnership E-News

April 2010

Mark your calendar!
Professional Training Dates:

9:00 - 11:00 am
Fri, May 14, 2010
LGBTQIA Sexual Health 101

Fri, Sep 10, 2010
Fri, Nov 12, 2010
\$10 for nonmembers

Location: Vision for Children at Risk (VCR)
2433 N. Grand, 63106
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STATEWIDE KICKOFF MEETINGS A HUGE SUCCESS!

While space was limited, **over one hundred people from across the state** attended TPPP's incredibly successful kickoff events in St. Louis and Columbia! All of the attendees shared the same passion and energy for the Partnership's goal.

Board President Lorien Carter welcomed participants from diverse sectors, ranging from teachers and school administrators, to health and youth organization representatives, to policymakers and legislators. Executive Director Allison Hile gave an overview of the Partnership's work and vision, the issues, and the day's activities. Patti VanTuinen, State Director of Adolescent Health, introduced epidemiologists Dr. Mei Lin (in St. Louis) and Sarah Patrick, PhD (in Columbia), who provided **rich, up-to-date and sobering statistics on the issues of teen pregnancy and STIs** across the state.



Tom Klaus and Barbara Huberman from [Advocates for Youth](#) in Washington, DC, shared information on what other state teen pregnancy prevention organizations are doing and led participants through a brainstorming exercise that gathered valuable information and insights on what Missouri needs to do to promote sexual health for our teens. This information will be used to inform the Partnership's strategic planning.

Sixteen people from around Missouri indicated they would be interested in serving on the Partnership's board and six of the applications were accepted at our recent board meeting. We welcome our new board members and look forward to the work ahead!

NEWS HEADLINES

Teen Birth Rate Declines in 2008

The nation's teen birth rate declined 2% in 2008, according to data released on April 6th by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics. After declining every year between 1991 and 2005, the teen birth rate increased 5% between 2005 and 2007 and is now on the decline again. The teen birth rate in the United States

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now stands at 41.5 births per 1,000 girls age 15-19.

Declines were seen in all groups of teens except those 10-14 years old, where the birth rate held steady. **The biggest decline, 4%, was among the oldest teens - those 18 and 19 - where the increases in 2005-2007 had been concentrated.** In addition, the teen birth rate fell for all racial/ ethnic groups, with the largest declines being seen among Hispanics and Asian/ Pacific Islanders. In fact, the rate for Hispanic teens dropped by 5%, reaching the lowest rate on record.

For more information on the decline and teen birth data, visit the National Campaign's [website](#).

RESEARCH NEWS

Study Shows Teen Boys Don't Receive STI and HIV Counseling

Between 2001 and 2002, fewer than one-fourth of boys ages 15 through 19 received counseling from a health care provider about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and fewer than one-fifth discussed contraception with a health care provider, a [study](#) in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* shows, the *New York Times* reports.

Despite recommendations that teens receive reproductive health counseling, the study found that the proportion of boys who received it was unchanged since 1995. Other reports show that nearly two-thirds of sexually active young women receive sexual health counseling.

The new findings are based on a 2002 national survey of 1,121 male teens who were asked about sexual health counseling they received during the previous year. Respondents who had three or more female partners or engaged in anal or oral sex with a male partner during that time were more likely to have received sexual health counseling, the study found, though it noted that a similar proportion of this demographic received counseling in 1995.



PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

Interventions with Evidence of Success: Online Database Now Available

An online database of programs that have some evidence of success in changing behavior related to teen pregnancy is now available on The National Campaign's website. The programs included in this database are a compilation of programs listed in several National Campaign reports. In particular, **the programs are those that have been found**



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Missouri Family Health Council

Molina Healthcare of Missouri

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to have some evidence of success changing teens' behavior.

Specifically, the programs had to delay the initiation of sex, improve contraceptive use, and/or decrease teen pregnancy (including secondary pregnancies/births).

[Search the database](#) now to find effective programs to implement in your organization.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sex 411: What's the Deal with Teens and Sex?

A webinar offered by Answer

Cost: \$35

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm EST

More Information and Registration:

<https://answer.rutgers.edu/course/76>

Professional Development Hours: Certificates will be awarded to all participants at the end of the Webinar.

Have you ever wondered what teens really want to know about sex but are too embarrassed to ask in school? Have your students ever used a slang word that you had never heard before? Do you want a quick update about teens and sex but don't have time or funding to attend a full-day workshop? If so, then the Sex 411 Webinar is designed to meet your needs. This interactive and fun hour-long webinar will share cutting edge from the Sex, Etc. teen Web site and our experience interacting with over 15,000 teens who visit our site every day. Based on our experience hosting weekly live chats, answering thousands of "ask the experts" questions and moderating teen discussion boards, this webinar will provide the very latest on teens and sex for health teachers and professionals. It is just the quickie you've been looking for!

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The Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership brings together individuals and private and public organizations to improve communication and education so that youth make choices that decrease the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies.



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