



# Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership

## TPPP Quick Update

### 2008 Meetings

**Time: 9:30 a.m.**

**Location: VCR**

Vision for Children  
at Risk

**2433 N Grand**  
(314) 534-6015

**Friday  
Mar 15th**

Latina Teen Pregnancy  
and Prevention Efforts  
with Zoila  
Rendon-Ochoa

Friday May 9th  
Friday Sep 12th  
Friday Nov 14th

New 2008 TPPP  
Members

### Organizational

Barnes-Jewish  
Hospital:  
Ob/Gyn Clinic / Teen  
Pregnancy Center

Community Action  
Agency of  
St. Louis County

Epworth Children and  
Family Services

Lutheran Family and

Feb 2008

### TPPP NEWS

#### TPPP Interim Director

Board member, Allison M. Hile, M.A. has agreed to be TPPP's interim Director. She will work to jump start our progress toward a fully staffed organization. Allison is an AASECT certified sexuality educator who has been in the field over 20 years, most recently as Director of Education at Hope Clinic for Women. She was a founding member of TPPP and holds the organization's mission in high regard.

#### New Office Location

The TPPP office is now located at Vision for Children at Risk (in the CHIPS building) at **2433 N. Grand Blvd.**, St. Louis, MO 63106. To reach us by **phone** call (314) **361-4101**. Our e-mail remains [Info@TeenPregnancy-StL.org](mailto:Info@TeenPregnancy-StL.org).

The move is due to our former building being for sale. We shared office space with the Missouri Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice whose new address is 462 N.Taylor, Suite 102.

### Teens, Romance, and...Contraception?

#### **News from Child Trends: February 21, 2008 [The Quality of Teen Relationships Influences Decisions About Contraception](#)**

New research from Child Trends indicates that teens in strong, positive romantic relationships are more likely to use contraception. The study finds:

- Teens who identify their relationships as "romantic" and who spend more time with their partners in dating activities are more likely to use contraceptives.
- Female teens who discuss contraception with their partners before sex are twice as likely to practice safe sex.
- Female teens whose partners are similar to themselves, particularly in age, are more likely to use contraception.
- Teens continue habits from previous relationships. Those who used contraception consistently in an earlier relationship (either on their own initiative or from a partner) are more likely to also do so in a current relationship, indicating that teens

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## Individual

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may learn from their experiences across relationships.

A [new fact sheet](#) summarizes the findings of the study, which was published in the journal *Demography* and analyzes survey data from high school students to identify contraceptive use patterns. [PRESS RELEASE](#)

### [Assessing Adolescent Reproductive Health: A Guide for Out-of-School Time Practitioners](#)

Many out-of-school time programs serving adolescents seek to reduce the occurrence of reproductive health problems, such as pregnancies and STIs, among program participants. Other programs, even if not directly concerned with improving participants' reproductive health, can still be attuned to reproductive health issues facing adolescents and may wish to monitor participant health and sexual risk-taking. [This brief](#) discusses adolescent reproductive health and provides program practitioners with questions that can be used to screen or monitor reproductive health among out-of-school time program participants.

## Mission

The Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership is a coalition of individuals and private and public organizations working together to improve communication and education so that youth in the St. Louis Metropolitan area make choices that decrease the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies.

