Teen Pregnancy in the United States



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Teen Pregnancy Is a Public Health Problem

Teen Mother

- Educational attainment
- Earnings

Pregnancy

- Preterm birth
- Low birthweight infant
- Infant death

Child

- Abuse and neglect
- Early development problems
- Sons: Incarceration
- Daughters:
 Teen pregnancy

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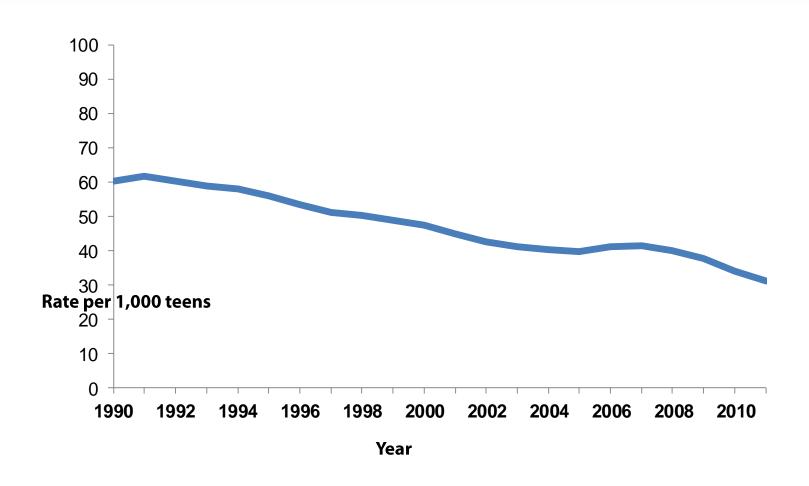
3 in 10 teen girls
will become pregnant before age 20
750,000 teen pregnancies every year

Teen Pregnancy in the United States



5 in 10 African American and Latina teen girls will become pregnant before age 20

Teen Birth Rates United States, 1990–2011



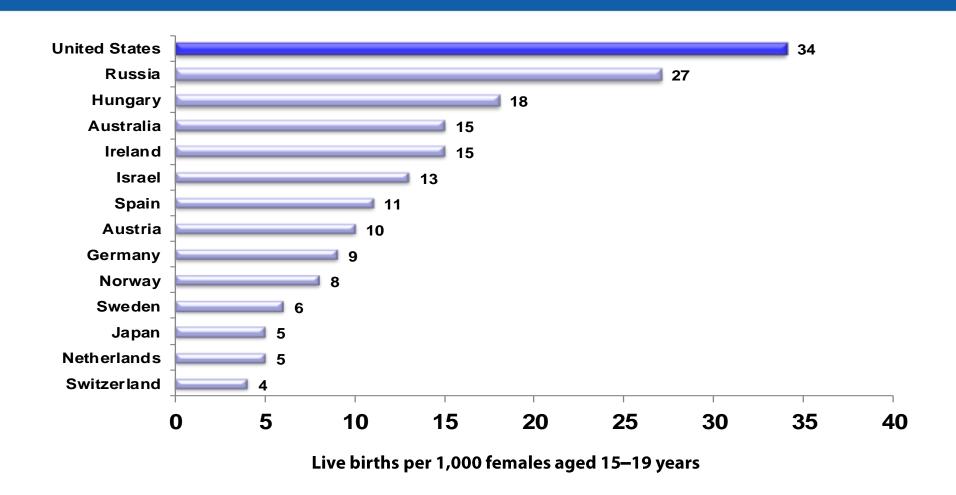
The Cost of Teen Births



☐ In 2008, teen births cost the United States >\$10 billion

Increased costs for health care, foster care, incarceration, and lost tax revenue

Teen Birth Rates in High-income Countries, 2010



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)

- Pregnancy Assistance Fund
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative
 - Replication of Evidence-based Programs
 - Research and Demonstration Projects
 - Untested and innovative strategies (with ACF)
 - Multi-component community-wide initiatives (with CDC)

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

- Personal Responsibility and Education Program
- State Title V Abstinence Grants

Teen Pregnancy and the Health Impact Pyramid Factors that Affect Health

Sexual health education

Strengthen effective clinical interventions

Promote long-lasting preventive interventions (LARC)

Improve the context to encourage healthy decisions (access to contraception, parent-child communication, social norms)

Address socioeconomic factors: Improve educational achievement, promote PYD, reduce poverty, decrease disparities **Smallest impact**

Largest impact

Integrating Services, Programs, and Strategies Through Communitywide Initiatives: The President's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative

- Short name: Communitywide Initiatives
- Partnership between CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
 - > Part of the President's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program
 - Goal: To test the effectiveness of innovative, multi-component, community-wide initiatives in reducing rates of teen pregnancy and births in communities with the highest rates
 - Focus on African American and Latino teens aged 15–19



Communitywide Initiatives 2010–2015 Grantees

AL AL Department of Public Health

CT City of Hartford, Department of Health and Human Services

GA GA Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

MA MA Alliance on Teen Pregnancy

NC Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of NC

NY New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

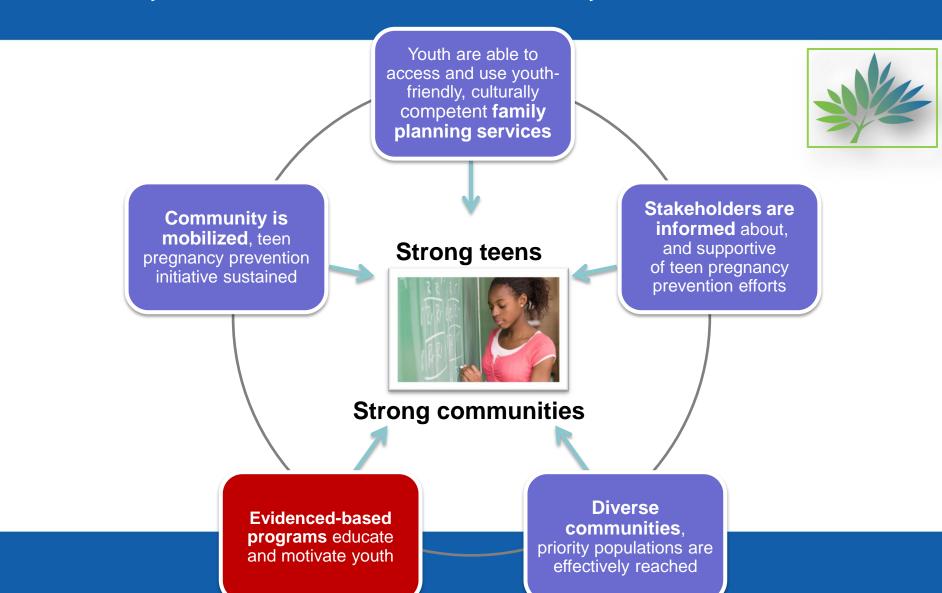
PA Family Planning Council of Southeastern PA

SC SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

TX The University of TX Health Science Center at San Antonio



5 Keys to Success of Communitywide Initiatives



Communities Are Expected to Select from 31 Available Evidence-based Programs

Be Proud! Be Responsible!	After school programs or community-based organizations
Be Proud! Be Responsible! Be Protective!	High schools
Becoming a Responsible Team (BART)	After school programs or community-based organizations
Children's Aid Society (CAS) Carrera Programs	After school programs or community-based organizations
iCuídate!	After school programs or community-based organizations
Draw the Line/Respect the Line	Middle schools
FOCUS	Specialized settings
Heritage Keepers Abstinence Education	Middle schools and high schools
Horizons	Health clinics
It's Your Game: Keep it Real	Middle schools



Teens and Education

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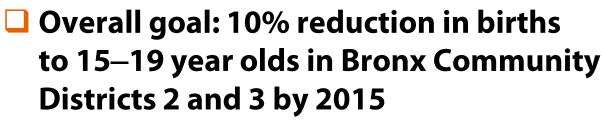
- > 86–99% of Richmond County youth respondents agreed these topics should be taught in high school
 - Use of protection
 - Basic facts of human reproduction
 - Communication, how to discuss sex with a partner
 - Dangers of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV
 - Healthy relationships





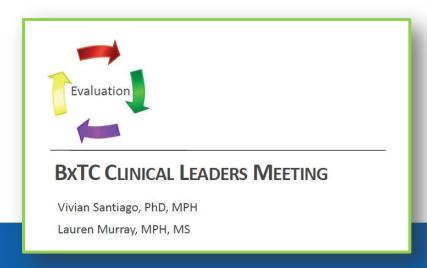


Bronx Teens Connection





- Implement evidence-based program in high schools
- Link high schools and youth organizations to quality reproductive health services



Example of an Evidence-based Program

PREGNANCY PREVENTION INTERVENTION IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Program Name: Reducing the Risk

Developers: ETR Associates (Education, Training and Research)

Program Description and Overview

The primary focus of Reducing the Risk: Building Skills to Prevent Pregnancy, STD & HIV is the development of attitudes and skills that will help teens prevent pregnancy and the transmission of STDs, including HIV. This approach addresses skills such as risk assessment, communication, decision-making, planning, refusal strategies and delay tactics. The activities motivate students to take steps to avoid high-risk behaviors.

Class 1: Abstinence, Sex and Protection – Pregnancy Prevention Emphasis Alternate Class 1: Abstinence, Sex and Protection – HIV Prevention Emphasis

Class 2: Abstinence: Not Having Sex

Class 3: Refusals

Class 4: Using Refusal Skills

Class 5: Delaying Tactics

Class 6: Avoiding High-Risk Situations

Class 7: Getting and Using Protection - I

Class 8: Getting and Using Protection - II

Class 9: Knowing and Talking About Protection: Skills Integration - I

Class 10: Skills Integration - II Class 11: Skills Integration - III



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Early successes



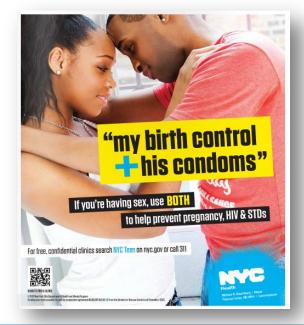
- Collaboration with the Department of Education and 11 high schools in the south Bronx
- Established 16 linkages between partnering high schools and clinics to provide direct referrals for sexual and reproductive health services and information
- ➤ To date, reached >740 teens, projected to reach >7,000 teens over the 5 years of the initiative

Bronx Teens Connection

☐ Public awareness campaign in 2012

 Promote use of contraception plus condoms (dual contraception use)







Teen Pregnancy and Contraception

Decline in teen pregnancy

- Majority is attributable to increased use of contraception
- Smaller proportion due to decreased percent of teens who ever had sex

Among teens who become pregnant

- About half are due to non-use of contraception
- About half are due to contraceptive failure
 - Failure of contraceptive method
 - Failure to use contraceptives correctly and consistently

Typical Effectiveness of Contraceptive Methods

- Most effective: <1 pregnancy per 100 women/year</p>
 - Single rod progesterone implant
 - Effective 3 years
 - Intrauterine device (IUD)
 - Copper IUD: Effective 10 years
 - Two LNG-IUDs: Effective 3 or 5 years

Long acting reversible contraceptives (LARC)



Typical Effectiveness of Contraceptive Methods

- Moderately effective: 6–12 pregnancies per 100 women/year
 - Contain estrogen and progestins or progestin alone
 - Injectable
 - Pill
 - Patch
 - Ring
 - Barrier: Diaphragm



Typical Effectiveness of Contraceptive Methods

☐ Least effective: ≥18 pregnancies per 100 women/year

- Male condom
- Female condom
- Withdrawal
- Sponge
- Spermicide
- Fertility-awareness based methods: Standard days method, two days method, ovulation method, and sympto-thermal method



Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)

- High typical effectiveness
 - Not dependent on adherence
- "Should be first-line recommendations for all adolescents" (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2012)

Long Acting Reversible Contraception Program



Welcome to the College's Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Program web page. This page provides a broad range of materials including clinical guidance, educational materials, and notices of upcoming LARC Program meetings and events. Check back frequently for updates and sign up for our LARC Program e-newsletter to

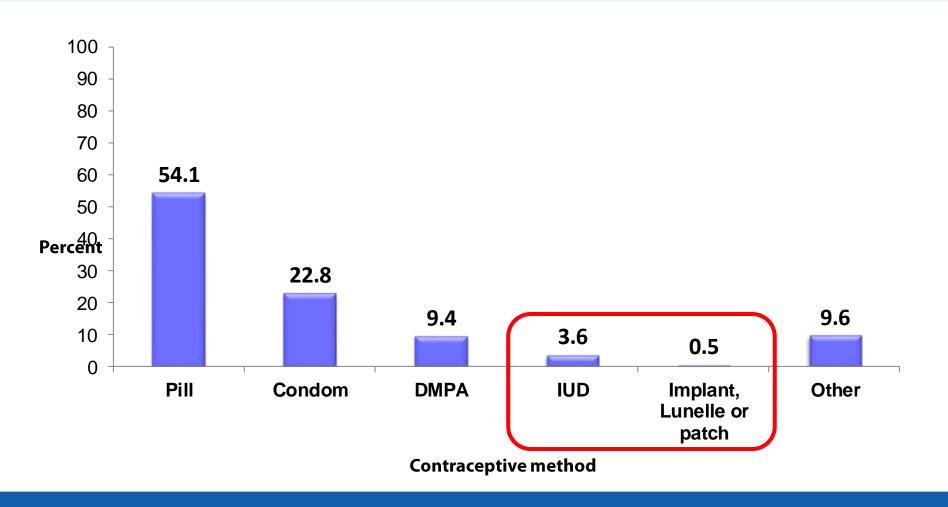
receive regular updates.



About the Long-Acting Reversible Contraception Program

The LARC Program provides information and guidance on LARC methods, specifically the contraceptive implant and intrauterine devices (IUDs), to reduce unintended pregnancy by increasing access to the full range of contraceptive methods. Learn more

Contraceptive Method Use among Teens



Teens and LARC

■ Why teens do not use LARC

- > Cost
- Knowledge
- Accessibility

Communitywide Initiatives

- Majority of teens have not heard of methods other than pills and condoms
- Other barriers: Confidentiality, unfavorable hours, transportation



Teens and LARC

■ Why providers do not offer LARC

- Patient preference
- Concerns about safety
- Not trained in IUD insertion
- IUDs not available

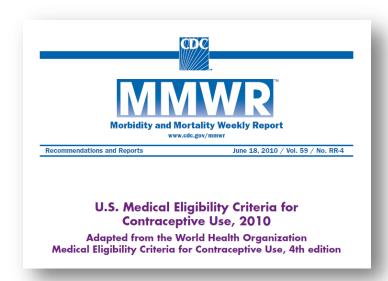
Communitywide Initiatives

> 70% of providers had "never" or "not often" prescribed an IUD to teens for these reasons



Contraceptive Guidance for Health Care Providers

- ☐ First U.S. edition, adapted from the WHO
- Intended to assist health care providers when they counsel patients about contraceptive method choice and use





U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (MEC)

- Evidence-based guidelines for which contraceptive methods can be used safely by women with certain characteristics and medical conditions
 - 17 contraceptive methods and >120 medical conditions



U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use: Recommendations for Teens

- ☐ Teens can safely use all methods of contraception
 - > Including implants and IUDs
- Teens with medical conditions and characteristics
 - Obesity
 - Smoking
 - Diabetes
 - Sexually transmitted infections
 - > HIV

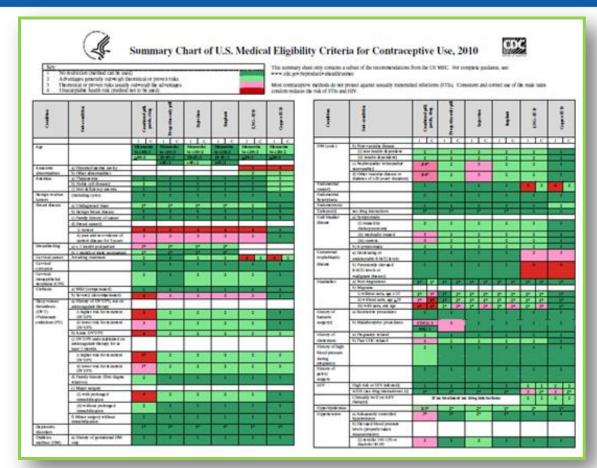
Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use (SPR)

- Guidance for health care providers on common, yet complex issues in management of contraception
 - Currently under development by CDC
 - Will be published in CDC's MMWR in the next few months
- Examples of guidance
 - When to start contraception
 - SPR: Guidance around "quick start" starting a woman on contraception on the same day as her visit
 - What exams and tests are needed before starting contraception
 - SPR: Guidance on the few exams or tests needed before starting contraception

Dissemination and Implementation of U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use (MEC)

- Updated
 - > 2 interim updates: Postpartum women and women with HIV
 - > Full update every 3–4 years
- Disseminated to health care providers
 - Presentations, publications, e-blasts
- Incorporated into national standards and protocols
 - E.g., Title X Family Planning Program
- Reprinted in textbooks

CDC Contraceptive Guidance Health Care Provider Tools



U.S. Medical Eligibility
Criteria for
Contraceptive Use

Smart phone app



Pocket-size wheel

Summary charts in English and Spanish

Summary

- Teen pregnancy rate in the United States is declining, but is still high
- Most teen pregnancies are due to non-use or inconsistent use of contraception
 - ➤ Teens are <u>not</u> using most effective methods: Long acting reversible contraceptives (LARC)
- CDC's evidence-based guidance can help providers to manage contraception
 - U.S. Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Use
 - > U.S. Selected Practice Recommendations for Contraceptive Use

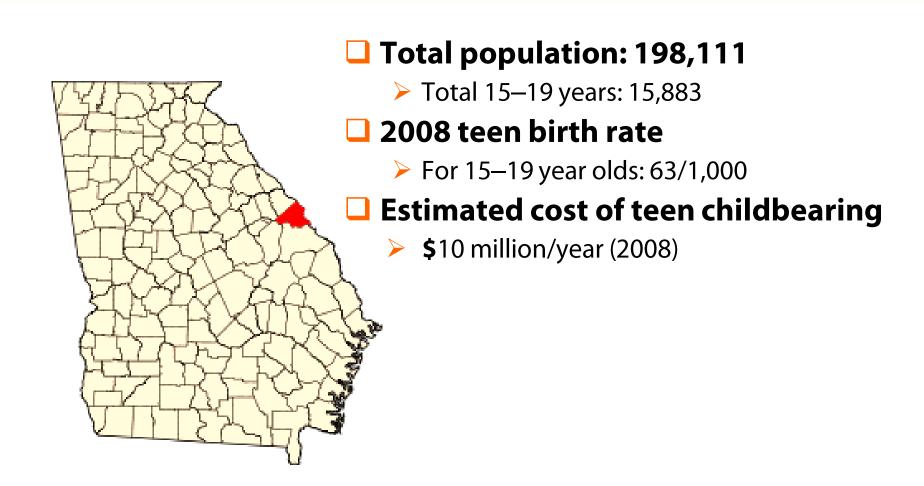
Community Mobilization for Teen Pregnancy Prevention



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Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential (GCAPP)

- Established in 1995 and funded by a CDC grant
- Goal: Implement a community-wide initiative to reduce pregnancy and births among teenagers in Richmond County, GA
- Brought together diverse community partners representing multiple sectors in Richmond County who formed "We are Change – Richmond County for a Brighter Future"

Community Mobilization Approach to Pregnancy Prevention

- "We Are Change": Community partnerships
 - Civic leaders, local organizations, parents, and youth to help lead planning and implementation
- Broader community mobilization strengthened by diversity in partners



Richmond County Community Partners

Program Partners

Department of Juvenile Justice Richmond County Juvenile Court East Central Public Health District Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy Planned Parenthood **Augusta State University** Jones Behavioral Health Kids Restart, Inc. New Bethlehem Community Center The Augusta Mini-Theater 100 Black Women of Augusta

Clinic Partners

Richmond County Health Dept. Family Planning
South Augusta Health Dept. Family Planning
Planned Parenthood Southeast
St. Vincent DePaul Clinic
Georgia Regional University



"We Are Change": Key Priority Reaching Youth with Evidence-Based Programs

- All program partners have reviewed and selected an evidence-based program (program proven to reduce teen pregnancy or related risk behaviors)
- Early progress among program partners
 - Within the first 6 months of implementation (June–December 2012) 450 youth participated in an evidence-based program



"We Are Change" Key Priority: Establishing Linkages

- Establishing linkages between teen pregnancy prevention program partners and clinics that serve atrisk youth from the target community
 - Ability to get needed resources and information in the hands of youth and their parents
 - Enhanced effectiveness of referrals for youth who are engaged in risky sexual behavior

Goals for Clinic Partners

- Provide a teen-friendly environment
 - Promote culturally competent reproductive health care services
 - Increase access for all community youth
- Examples of adoption of standardized, evidence-informed best practices provided by CDC and national partners to monitor and evaluate their performance
 - E.g., extending hours, Quick Start method

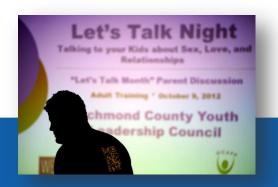
Parental Involvement

- Key for all aspects of the initiative
- Let's Talk month in October 2012
 - "We are Change" held an Open House for the Richmond County Health Department for parents and teens

To provide training on how to improve communication

between parents and teens

 To expose both parents and teens to the comprehensive clinical services available at the health department clinic

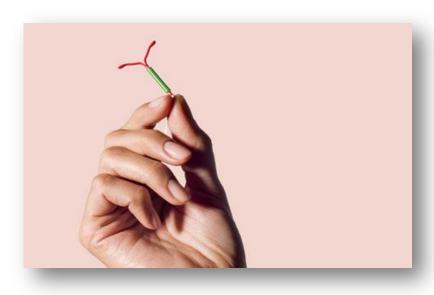




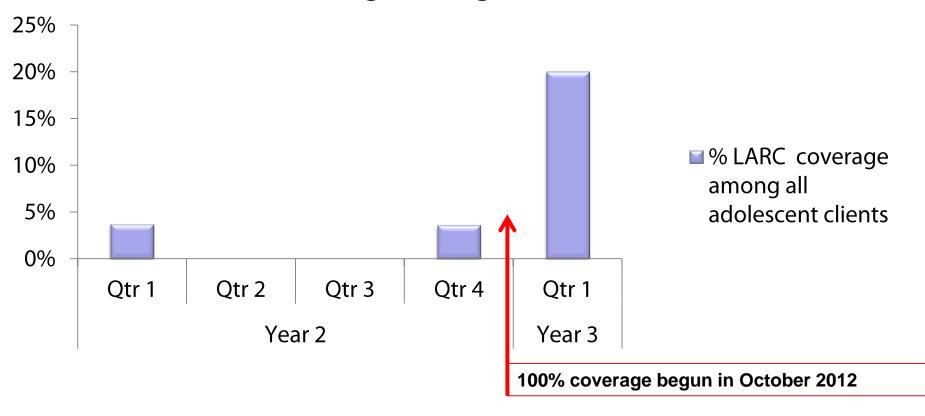


Leverage funds to provide LARC

- One clinic partner leveraged funds from a private donor to cover 100% cost of LARC among adolescent patients
- > 100% coverage began in October 2012



% LARC coverage among all adolescent clients



Raise awareness and build support for evidence- based teen pregnancy prevention programs



Faith-based community



Juvenile courts

Integrate teen pregnancy prevention into community events

Use of Social Media: Facebook and Twitter by Youth Leadership Team

Upcoming Wellness Jam, May 2013: Part of the Augusta, GA

MayFest Music Festival



Lessons Learned



Reaching out directly to teens



Involving parents



Building relationships between youth-serving organizations and clinic partners

Impact of Contraceptive CHOICE Project for Adolescents



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The Problem: Teen Pregnancy and Birth in St. Louis Region

Disparity in 2008 teen pregnancy and birth rates by

- Residency
- Race



Setting	Pregnancy rate/1,000	Birth rate/1,000		
National	67.8	40.2		
St. Louis				
City	80.9	62.5		
County	40.7	28.1		
Black	110.5	82.7		
White	20.9	14.2		

Contraceptive CHOICE Project

- ☐ Funded by the Susan T. Buffett Foundation
- Led by Dr. Jeffrey Peipert at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine
 - ➤ Developed in partnership with community clinics that provide reproductive health care to women in St. Louis area
 - Funded clinical services provided to study participants
- Developed January–July 2007
 - Recruitment launched August 1, 2007

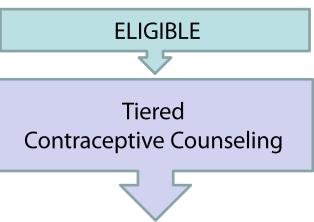


Contraceptive CHOICE Project Objectives

- Study question: Does access to no-cost contraception decrease unintended pregnancy?
- ☐ Goal: Eliminate barriers to use of most effective long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) methods
 - Education
 - Access
 - > Cost
- □ Cohort study of 9,256 women 14–45 years enrolled from 2007–2011 and followed for 2–3 years
 - > 1,404 teens 14-19 years
 - Recruited at university clinic and partnered with 8 community clinics

Contraceptive CHOICE Project Study Details

- Eligible women underwent a standardized contraceptive counseling session
 - Methods were presented from most to least effective
 - Counseling was provided by a non-clinician, either a research assistant or volunteer trained and tested to deliver a standardized counseling session
 - The typical session lasted 13 minutes



- "Menu of options" guided the counseling session
- Available in both English and Spanish

Which contraceptive method is right for you?

Hormonal IUD

It is inserted into the uterus by a health care provider. It can last up to 5 years. You do not need to use before sex. Periods are generally lighter and less painful. It does not provide protection against STD's.

Copper IUD

It is inserted into the uterus by a health care provider and can last up to 12 years. You do not need to use before sex, it does not provide protection against STD's.

Implant

The implant is inserted into your arm by a health care professional, and lasts up to 3 years. Periods are usually lighter and less painful. You do not need to use before intercourse. The implant does not provide protection against STD's.

Injections

Injections (a shot) are given by a health care professional every 3 months. Periods are generally lighter and less painful. You do not need to use before sex. Injections do not provide protection against STD's.

Pills (Oral Contraceptives)

The pill must be taken at approximately the same time every day. You do not need to use before sex. Periods may become lighter and less painful. Oral Contraceptives do not provide protection against STD's.

Patch

The patch is applied to the skin 1 time per week for 3 weeks, then it is removed for 1 week allowing for a period. Periods are generally lighter and less painful. The patch will not provide protection against STD's.

Vaginal Ring

The vaginal ring is inserted into the vagina and lasts for 3 weeks. After that it is removed for 1 week allowing for a period. Periods are generally lighter and less painful. The vaginal ring does not provide protection against STD's.

Condoms

The male condom is applied onto the penis just before sex. It must be used before every sexual encounter to provide protection against pregnancy and STD's.

Emergency Contraception

Emergency contraception can help prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex or contraceptive failure. It comes in the form of a pill or the copper IUD. The pill can be take up to 5 days after unprotected sex and the copper IUD can be placed up to 5 days after unprotected sex. It does not replace the consistent use of contraception. It does not provide protection against STD's.

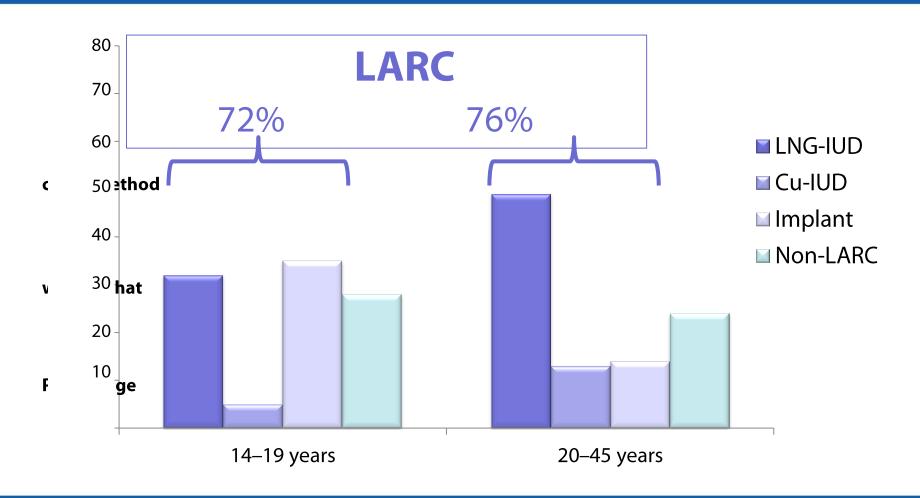
Contraceptive CHOICE Project Study Details

- 200 women were enrolled every month for 4 years
- Women were interviewed at specific times via telephone and offered STI screening annually
- During interviews, data was obtained on
 - Contraceptive method use, continuation, satisfaction, sexual behavior, and pregnancy
- ☐ To date, 7,429 (80%) women have graduated from the project

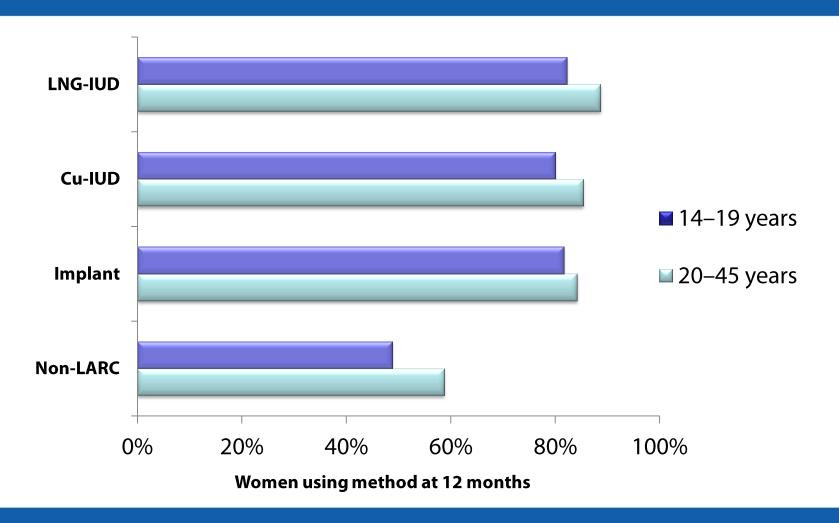
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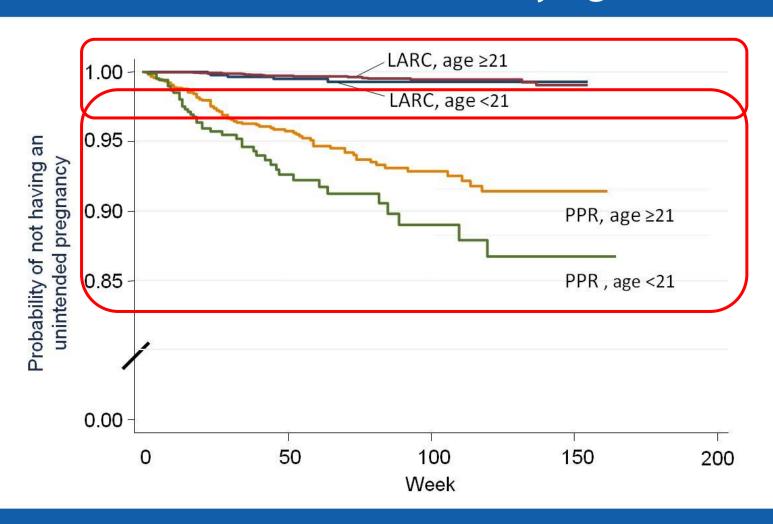
Contraceptive CHOICE Project LARC Uptake



Contraceptive CHOICE Project LARC Continuation



Contraceptive CHOICE Project Method Effectiveness by Age



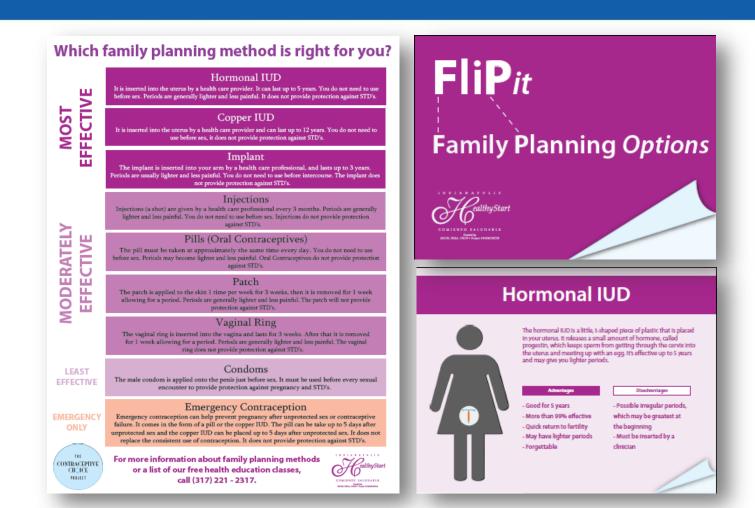
Teen Pregnancy Outcomes National Rates versus CHOICE Rates

Outcome	2008 National rate per 1,000 teens	Average annual CHOICE rate (2008–2010) per 1,000 teens	Percent reduction
Pregnancy	67.8	29.6	56
Birth	40.2	16.3	59
Birth (2010 data)	34.3	16.3	52
Abortion	17.8	9.1	49

Next Steps: Dissemination of CHOICE Model

- Create online resource center to disseminate CHOICE materials
 - Contraceptive counseling script, video, and training protocols
 - Triage system to manage and document calls
 - Practical responses to commonly asked questions
 - Tools to create a LARC-centered clinic and staff
- Provide technical assistance to users
- Evaluate how CHOICE materials are adopted and adapted for successful use

Examples of Dissemination



What if the CHOICE Model Were Adopted Nationally Among All Sexually Active Teens?

Outcome	Number in 2008	National rate per 1,000 sexually experienced teens	CHOICE rate	Percent reduction	Number prevented
Pregnancy	733,010	158.5	29.6	81	593,738
Birth	434,758	94.0	16.3	78	360,849
Abortion	192,090	41.5	9.1	83	149,830

Successful Implementation of CHOICE Model

Key element	Barrier	Facilitator	
Education Limited time for contraceptive counseling during appointment		Counseling provided by non-clinician trained in tier-based counseling	
Access	Outdated myths about teens being LARC candidates	Identify local "champion clinician" who is LARC proficient, trusted, and can dispel myths	
Cost	Lack of reimbursement for contraceptive method, insertion, and removal	Network with clinics that have identified how best to manage costs through effective billing or payer mix	
	Up-front cost of stocking LARC methods for same-day insertions	Investigate ways to purchase a few methods that serve as temporary supply	

Lessons Learned



- LARC methods are highly effective at preventing pregnancy regardless of age
- □ Teens overwhelmingly choose LARC and are much more likely to still be using them at 1 year compared to more commonly used non-LARC methods
- Successfully promote use of LARC among teens
 - Educate teens about LARC methods
 - Ensure access to providers
 - Remove cost barriers
- Work with families, community stakeholders, and providers to prevent teen pregnancy

Reducing Teen Pregnancy in the United States Challenges and Opportunities



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CDC's Winnable Battles

Healthcare-Associated Infections





Nutrition, Physical Activity, Obesity and Food Safety

HIV





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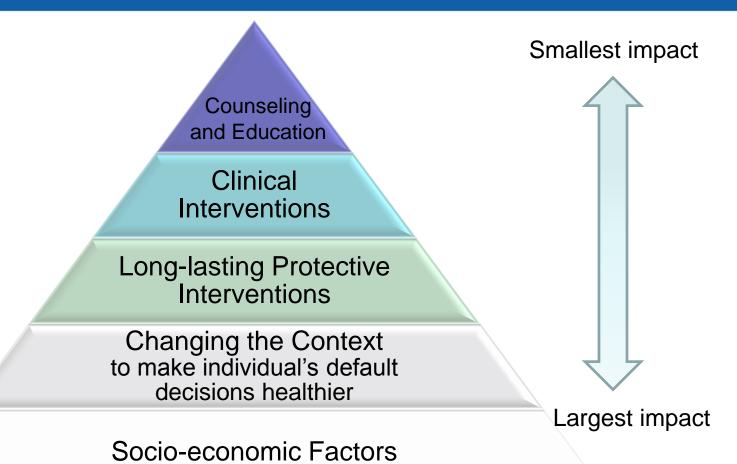
Motor Vehicle Injuries





Tobacco

CDC's Impact Pyramid Factors that Affect Health



Teen Pregnancy and the Health Impact Pyramid Factors that Affect Health

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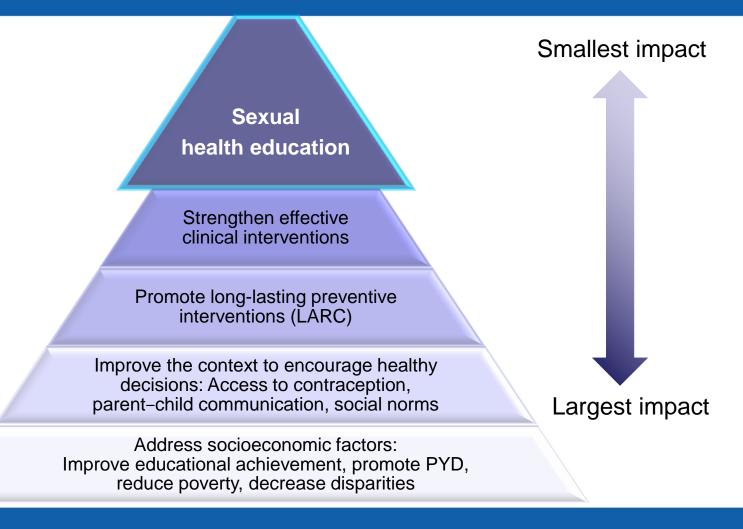
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Sexual Health Education

Challenges

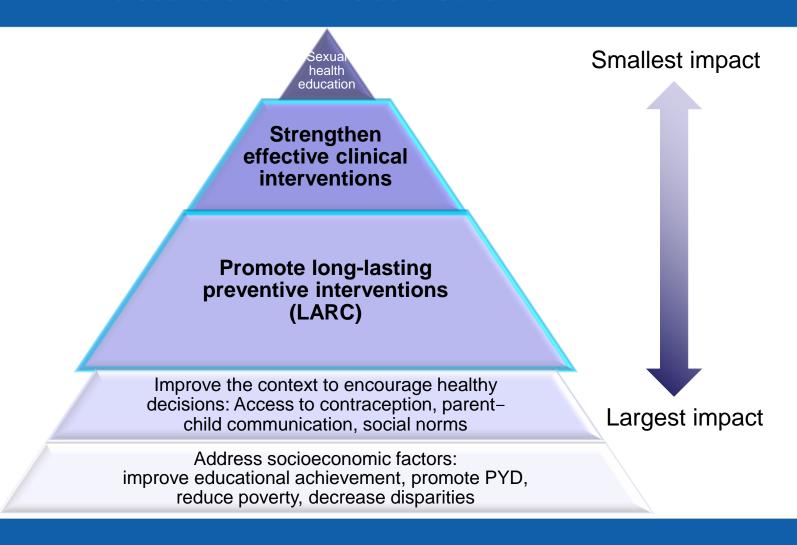
- Education about birth control methods lags behind other health education areas such as HIV and STDs
 - >96% of youth receive some type of sexual health education before age 18
 - About 70% of teen girls receive instruction on methods of birth control
- Translating and scaling-up evidence-based prevention programs efficiently and with fidelity

Sexual Health Education

Opportunities

- Educate state and local education officials about the benefits of sexual health education and facilitate their use
- Increase parent-child communication about responsible decisionmaking about sexual issues
- Expand sexual health education to other large systems that serve at-risk youth (e.g., Boys'/Girls' clubs, foster care, juvenile justice, etc.)

Teen Pregnancy and the Health Impact Pyramid Factors that Affect Health



Strengthen Effective Clinical Interventions and Promote Use of LARC Interventions

Challenges

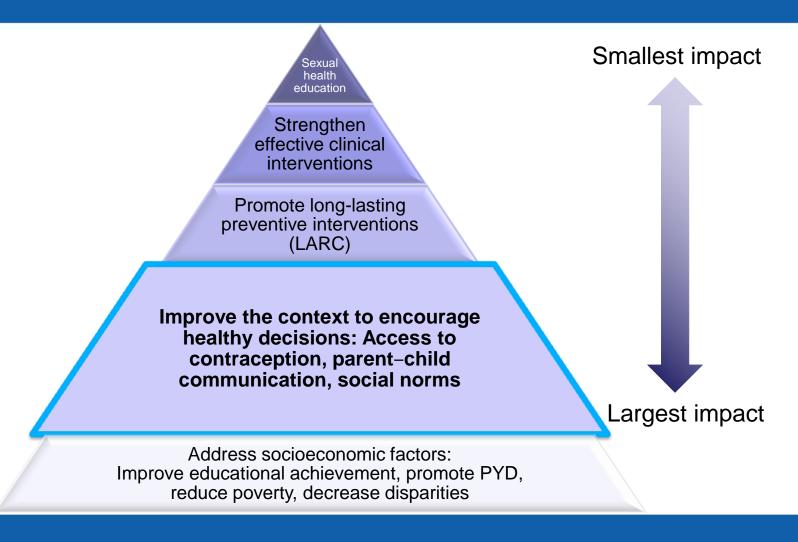
- Youth are poorly educated about contraception including safety and side effects
 - Too many providers have misconceptions about which contraceptive methods are safe and appropriate for teens
 - Education about today's LARCs being different from prior generation is critical
 This is not your mother's IUD!
- Barriers to teens' access to confidential services

Strengthen Effective Clinical Interventions and Promote Use of LARC Interventions

Opportunities

- CDC is working with states and CMS/Medicaid to remove logistical barriers to contraceptive use
 - Example: South Carolina provided information to CMS providers to effectively code and reimburse IUDs inserted during the immediate postpartum period
- CDC is working with partners to improve provider education on the LARC safety and effectiveness for better education of teens and parents
 - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
 - American Academy of Pediatrics

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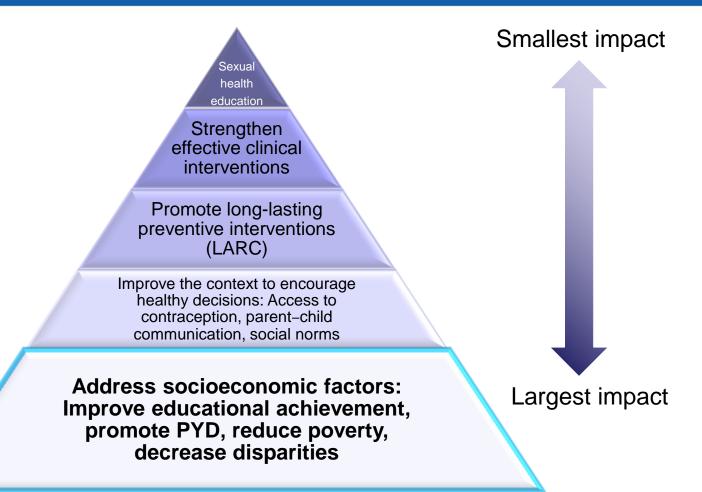


Improve the Context to Encourage Healthy Decisions

Challenges and opportunities

- Community mobilization
 - CDC's community demonstration projects
 - Exploring novel ways to create a more supportive atmosphere for youth to receive evidence-based prevention programs and obtain access to contraceptives and clinical services
 - Developing ways to increase foster youth's access to clinical services and to educate foster parents about the need for youth to receive those services
 - All grantees will meet in May 2013 to share their progress
- Collaboration with the Office of Adolescent Health/DHHS and the Agency for Children and Families holds promise to scale-up community practices nationwide

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Address Socioeconomic Factors

Challenges and opportunities

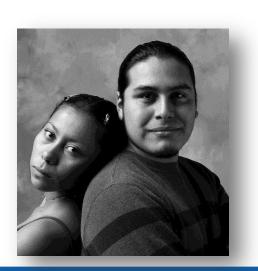
- Social determinants of health are important to reducing teen pregnancy
- ➤ The President's 2nd inaugural address highlighted the importance of taking care of our youth from the very beginning
 - Through programs such as early childhood education to set youth on a more healthy trajectory through life
 - Recent CDC review showed that helping kids throughout the elementary, middle, and high school years can sustain that positive trajectory

We ALL Have an Important Role to Play in Reducing Teen Pregnancy

"Every dollar we invest in early childhood education can save more than seven dollars later on boosting graduation rates, reducing teen pregnancy, and even reducing incidents of violent crime."

President Barack Obama







CDC PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS

Reducing Teen Pregnancy in the United States



