

# Monitor MOAPPP

## Latino outreach forum draws communities together

**T**he Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting co-sponsored a statewide forum with leaders of the Minnesota Latino community examining escalating teen pregnancy and birth rates among Latina teens. The December forum goals were to increase understanding and awareness about adolescent pregnancy in the Latino community, identify opportunities for healthy Latino youth development, and increase connections between Latino youth-serving professionals across Minnesota.

The teen pregnancy rate for 15 to 19 year old Latina teens in Minnesota increased 80% during the 1990s while the rates declined for every other ethnic group. The Latina teen pregnancy rate in

Minnesota is five times the rate for white teens and the second highest among any ethnic group after African Americans. Minnesota ranks second highest in Latino teen birth rates in the country.

In his keynote address, Roberto Avina, director of La Familia Guidance Center, stressed the importance of advocates, parents, teachers, and others to understand the differences between cultures, education levels, and experiences of our families. "We will continue to have new immigrants. Yet, we fail to understand who we are working with.

One size does not fit all. We miss opportunities to grow self-esteem in our children. In Minnesota, we have lots of resources. We need to connect families to resources they can use," he said.

The forum featured a regional panel of program representatives from Mankato, Worthington, Northfield and the metropolitan area. Panelists described teen parent programs, oral history projects, leadership efforts, and career and education fairs that can contribute to a healthy outlook of Latino youth. Latino teens also presented their ideas about how to remain goal-oriented, healthy, and positive and answered audience questions.

"Latino community members must join together to discuss the escalating teen pregnancy and birth rates in our community. This collaboration is the first of its kind in our state and comes at a time when our teens are most in need of academic achievement and opportunities for success in our schools, in our

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## Advocates and youth development professionals gather for policy briefing

**L**ast November, over seventy-five advocates, youth development professionals and program staff gathered for a policy briefing on the University of Minnesota campus focused on "Meeting the Needs of Adolescents: Global and Local Perspectives." Minnesota's internationally respected adolescent health experts, Dr. Robert W. Blum and Dr. Michael Resnick, presented the international and national trends in adolescent reproductive health. Dr. Blum provided the international data, drawing attention to the increasing youth population that will number 1.3 billion by the year 2025. Meeting the needs of today's young

people both here in the United States and around the world is critical, and our programs and policies must address the educational, health and reproductive welfare of adolescents. Complications of pregnancy, child birth and unsafe abortion are the major causes of death for women ages 15 to 19, and young people ages 15 to 34 have the highest infection rates of sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS.

Migration because of war, drought or economic dislocation has had the most substantive effect on adolescents worldwide. "The traditional family was

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## Dear Friends,

Overall, teen pregnancy rates are at an all-time low. The rates have continued to decrease due to the strong economy of 1990's, a continuing decrease in teen sexual activity and increased use of contraception by sexually active teens. But warning signs are everywhere that the good news may not continue.

Given the current economic downturn and budget deficits, there are real threats of reducing funding for these effective efforts, including youth development programs, family planning services, and initiatives to address the disparities in teen pregnancy rates in populations of color. We all need to double our efforts to maintain the funding for programs and services that lead to decreasing teen pregnancy rates. And we need to implement effective strategies to address the high rates in our populations of color.

You know what teens need and you know your efforts are making a difference. Take the next step and actively participate in the policy and funding conversations taking place locally with school boards and county

boards; at the state level with the legislature; and nationally with Congress. MOAPPP will work with you to make sure policymakers hear the voices of youth, research and reason.

Tough decisions will have to be made. Your stories about the success of teens who are benefiting from your work or the unmet needs of teens you are unable to serve will make a difference. But if the stories go untold, decisions will be made that will mean fewer teens have access to the services they need.

Young people are our future. It's up to the adults in their lives to make sure the policies and programs reflect what's best for their health. Please write, call or set up a visit with at least one policymaker today. Let's do our part to keep the teen pregnancy rates heading in the right direction.



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## Creating success for teen parents and their children

Wendy Wolf, Ph.D. Senior Fellow at the Center for Assessment and Policy Development conducted a workshop on creating success for teen parents and their children for administrators and service providers in Hennepin County in November 2001.

"Most communities do not have a comprehensive system to serve teen parents. In fact, the numbers of teen parents are much larger than we ever imagined because these teens are much more hidden," Wolf argued. The majority of those on welfare began their

childbearing as adolescents. Forty-seven percent of all poor children under six had an adolescent parent at birth and face multiple barriers. "If we care about poor children, we must care about teen parents," Wolf said.

Wolf discussed the effect of welfare reform on teen parents and concluded that much more can be done to prevent long-term welfare dependency. Wolf emphasized the need to address the school performance of teens. "We have to bring alternative education options to these young people," Wolf said. Pregnant and parenting teens are not a homogeneous group. The diverse needs of these teens can be met by a range of options that can include stand-alone schools for pregnant and parenting teens, traditional high schools and alternative education programs. Wolf concluded her presentation by outlining the major characteristics of coordinated community programs for adolescent parents.

Staff from Hennepin County, the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support and the Minneapolis Public Schools provided a Report Card on the current status of teen parents in Hennepin County. The Report Card provides a baseline assessment that will be updated each year and presented to policy makers and community decision makers.

The workshop was coordinated by the Hennepin County Center for Health Policy and Community Services Integration, the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support, the Minneapolis Public Schools' Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Programs, and MOAPPP. The workshop was supported by the Emma B. Howe Memorial Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation. •

### CHARACTERISTICS OF A COORDINATED SYSTEM SERVING ADOLESCENT PARENTS

Wendy Wolf, Ph.D., Center for Assessment and Policy Development  
Go to [www.capd.org](http://www.capd.org) for more resources on services for teen parents.

#### Self-Sufficiency Outcomes for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

- increased school attendance
- increased progression toward school completion
- increased graduation from high school with diploma
- more successful movement from school to further education and training or employment
- increase length of time between first birth and second pregnancy

#### Developmental Outcomes for Children of Adolescent Parents

- increased healthy births
- increased age-appropriate physical, emotional, cognitive and social development
- increased readiness for school success
- increased on-time receipt of appropriate health and child development services

#### Outcomes for Families

- increased practice of good parenting skills, including ability to obtain needed services for one's children and to provide developmentally appropriate nurturing and stimulation

- reduced use of inappropriate discipline
- reduced incidence of child neglect or abuse and domestic violence

#### Services for Adolescent Parents

- flexible, quality educational options
- quality child care and child development programs
- access to prenatal care and family planning services
- case management services
- family support services that include the teen's own family and potentially the child's father
- parenting, child development and nutrition education
- support services, including transportation assistance
- transition support to post-secondary education, training or employment services

#### Services for Children

- quality child care and child development programs
- well-child care, including immunizations and physical examinations
- developmental and other screens with appropriate follow-up services
- access to health care services



## The 11th Annual MOAPPP Conference

April 25 - 26, 2002 ■ 8:00-4:30 Thursday ■ 8:00 - 3:30 Friday

Earle Brown Heritage Center ■ Brooklyn Center, MN

The Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) will convene approximately 400 social service and health care providers, educators, advocates, program directors, volunteers, and youth who work to prevent adolescent pregnancy and support pregnant and parenting adolescents. The conference theme, "Surrounding our Youth with Hope" highlights the key role "HOPE" plays in shaping the lives of our youth and in sustaining the commitment of those who work with them.

### Conference Goals:

Participants in the MOAPPP Conference will:

- Learn about new research; promising strategies; and innovative and creative program ideas;
- Develop skills in program implementation, coalition building, community organizing and policy advocacy;
- Identify strategies and policies that comprise a comprehensive approach to adolescent pregnancy prevention and support services for adolescent parents;
- Learn how to integrate diverse cultural values, experiences and knowledge into program practice; and
- Network with other youth serving professionals from around the state.

### Keynote Speakers:

#### Surrounding All Youth with Hope: Reducing Disparities in Teen Pregnancy Rates

Gloria Lewis, Director, Office of Minority and Multi-Cultural Health, Minnesota Department of Health

Gloria Lewis was named director of the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health in July 2001. In this role, she is responsible for the development of policies and strategies aimed at reducing health disparities affecting Minnesota's ethnic and racial communities. While teen pregnancy rates are decreasing overall, rates are increasing for Latino and Asian youth and great disparities exist between the white populations and communities of color. Ms. Lewis will speak about the disparities in teen pregnancy rates in Minnesota. She will frame the issue, share the Department of Health's vision, and define the role all of us can play in making a difference in this issue.

### Faith Matters: Religion, Sexuality and Teenage Pregnancy

Debra Haffner, Director, The Religious Institute for Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing

Debra Haffner, M.P.H is an educator and author who has been at the forefront of sexuality education for more than twenty-five years. For twelve years, she served as president and CEO of SIECUS, the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States. She is a student at Union Theological Seminary and a candidate for ordination. Ms. Haffner joins the conference to speak about faith and sexuality. In her keynote address, she will explore religious influences on sexuality, share current efforts for promoting sexual health in faith communities and identify strategies for developing partnerships with faith-based institutions.

### Workshops:

The conference will offer thirty-five workshops that support "HOPE" through Health, Opportunity, Partnerships and Education. Specific areas of focus include:

- Faith and Sexuality
- Reducing Health Disparities
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- Positive Youth Development
- Teen Parent Programs
- Involving Boys and Men
- Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

### Entertainment:

#### Twice Told Tales

Penumbra Theater Company

A theater piece created in collaboration with MOAPPP that examines issues related to teen pregnancy prevention and parenting. *Twice Told Tales* will be available as a resource to schools and community groups throughout Minnesota.

### Any Questions?

Registration materials will be mailed and also may be found online at our Web site [www.moappp.org](http://www.moappp.org) during the coming weeks. Call Marilyn Colby Rivkin 651-644-1447 or send an e-mail to [marilyn@moappp.org](mailto:marilyn@moappp.org).

## Voice your opinions – contact your state legislators

The 2002 session is a prime opportunity for you to call your new legislators or reconnect with your reelected legislators to talk about the status of teen pregnancy and the needs of teen parents in your community. Find your county's teen pregnancy and birth data online at [www.moappp.org](http://www.moappp.org)! MOAPPP is encouraging youth and adults to write a letter, send e-mail, or call your legislator's office as the session opens this month.

We'll make it even easier for you to find out who your legislators are and let them know what is needed in your community to ensure positive adolescent health! It's easy and it's free and IT'S IMPORTANT that you do your part!! Don't know the name, address, phone, or e-mail of your legislator?

- Just call House Information at 651-296-2146 for your State Representative and Senate Information at 651-296-0504 for your State Senator.
- Find your legislator on the Internet at [www.house.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us) and [www.senate.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us)
- Sign up to be on the MOAPPP Action Alert network! Call or email MOAPPP TODAY or go on-line at our new web site and sign-up under the Advocacy Button on the Toolbar and we'll add you to our list of active voices!

### Teen pregnancy prevention provisions to be reviewed during 2002 Congress

During the 2002 Congressional Session, the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (welfare reform) will be reauthorized. The reauthorization debates will provide an opportunity for reframing the provisions to better meet the goals of welfare reform, including "preventing

and reducing the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies."

Since 80% of teen births are non-marital and families that started with a teen birth account for more than half of Minnesota's welfare recipients, teen pregnancy prevention is a key strategy in preventing future welfare dependency. We know what works: comprehensive sexuality education that includes information about abstinence and contraception are effective in delaying the onset of sexual activity and increasing the use of protection; service learning and youth development programs are having a similar impact; and publicly funded family planning services avert 386,000 teen pregnancies in the United States each year.

The key provision for teen pregnancy prevention in the 1996 Welfare Reform Act included funding for abstinence-until-marriage education, an unproven strategy. As of fiscal year 2002, at least \$533 million will have been earmarked in federal and state funding for abstinence-until-marriage education. According to the Minnesota Sexuality Education Survey, a majority of Minnesota adults do not support funding for abstinence-until-marriage programs.

In testimony before the House Committee on Ways and Means on November 15, 2001, Sarah Brown, Director of the

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, stated that Congress should consider the following in the reauthorization of welfare reform: "As a general matter, states and communities need: (1) adequate resources to prevent teen pregnancy; (2) access to good information about what works so they can make informed choices about the best way to invest their resources; (3) a clear signal from the federal government that teen pregnancy prevention is important and is directly linked to the other goals of welfare reform; and (4) flexibility to design strategies to reduce teen pregnancy that respect diverse local values and cultures. Consistent with the devolution philosophy underlying the rest of welfare reform, family and community values, rather than federal mandates, should prevail, especially on such sensitive issues as teen sexuality."

### For more information about reauthorization issues, refer to:

- Center for Law and Social Policy, [www.clasp.org](http://www.clasp.org)
- Brookings Institution, [www.brookings.org](http://www.brookings.org)
- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, [www.teenpregnancy.org](http://www.teenpregnancy.org) Especially "Emerging Answers: Research Findings on Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy." •



Local administrators, school educators, providers, and members discuss options for creating a coordinated service system for teen parents and their children.

## News and Notes

### New teen pregnancy reports released

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Brookings Institution released new information on teen pregnancy. The CDC report, "**Births to Teenagers in the U.S., 1940-2000**," contains state-by-state analysis based on birth certificates filed in state vital statistics offices and reported to CDC. The report finds that the teen birth rate reached a record low in 2000 with 49 births per 1,000 women ages 15 to 19, about one-half the peak record of 1957. The report is available at [www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/01facts/teenbirths.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/01facts/teenbirths.htm).

The Brookings Institution policy brief, "**What Can be Done to Reduce Teen Pregnancy and Out-of-Wedlock Births?**" written by Isabel Sawhill, proposes that Congress provide additional funds for teen pregnancy prevention efforts while maintaining emphasis on work and child support enforcement when the federal welfare reform act is reauthorized in 2002. It also recommends a federally funded national resource center to collect and disseminate information about effective teen pregnancy prevention. The brief can be obtained at <http://www.brookings.edu/wrb>.

### Condom use and perceived HIV risk among Latino adolescents studied

A study in a recent issue of AIDS Care examines why Latino adolescents did or did not use condoms at first intercourse as well as whether they perceive themselves at risk for contracting HIV.

Thirteen percent of the participants perceived themselves to be at risk for contracting HIV. In contrast, the remaining 87% believed they were not susceptible to contracting HIV. Participants who felt they were not at risk for HIV were asked to name the reason or reasons for this perception. Among males who felt they were not at risk, reasons included: "no sexual contact" (58%), "protected sex" (15%), "HIV tested negative" (8%), "no sex with infected person" (7%), "no I.V. drug use" (7%), "don't feel sick" (6%), "no blood transfusion" (5%), "monogamous" (5%), and "heterosexual sex only" (0.4%). Among females who felt they were not at risk, reasons included: at risk for HIV than their peers who were not sexually active. Older participants were more likely to perceive themselves at risk for contracting HIV.

For more information, click on [www.siecus.org](http://www.siecus.org) for the report by C.D. Sneed, "**Don't Know and Didn't Think of It: Condom Use at First Intercourse by Latino Adolescents**," AIDS Care, vol. 3, issue 13, pp. 303-09.

### New resources available

"**Beyond The Big Talk: Every Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Teens-From Middle School to High School and Beyond**" by Debra W. Haffner, M.P.H. This book helps parents and caregivers address sexuality issues with their children.

It provides specific information for each age group: middle school (grades seven and eight), early high school (grades nine and 10), late high school (grades 11 and 12) and beyond (ages 19 and up). Each section includes values exercises to help parents determine their own beliefs on certain topics as well as discussions and tips to help parents and caregivers communicate those beliefs to their teenager. For more information click on [www.newmarketpress.com](http://www.newmarketpress.com)

"**Sex & Sensibility: The Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking Sense about Sex**" by Deborah Roffman. This book for parents is intended to inspire honest communication about sexuality between parents and their children. Chapters include "Age Appropriateness: Too Much, Too Little, or Just Right?" "Values: Becoming Your Child's Cultural Interpreter," "Sexuality: More Who We Are Than What We Do," "Sexual Health: Five Universal Needs Along the Way," "Limit Setting: Keeping Our Children Safe and Healthy," and "Sexual Orientation: Why and How It's Everyone's Business." For more information click on [www.pereusepublishing.com](http://www.pereusepublishing.com)

**Program Archive on Sexuality, Health and Adolescence (PASHA)** is a collection of 25 promising teen pregnancy and teen STD/HIV/AIDS prevention programs for use in schools, community organizations and clinics. Two new programs available for implementation include: The Family Growth Center, a comprehensive community-based family support program created to reduce repeat pregnancy and school drop-out rates among adolescent mothers; and The Quantum Opportunities Program, a comprehensive education and youth development program designed especially for disadvantaged high school students. For information about PASHA products, contact Sociometrics Corporation, 1-800-846-3475 or [www.socio.com](http://www.socio.com).

### Plan ahead for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

The month of May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and it is never too early to plan your community activities! Designed to draw attention to the issue of teen pregnancy, the month emphasizes strong partnerships between the community and families in helping young people develop responsible and healthy attitudes about sexuality. MOAPPP staff can help you plan your activities. Call us at 651-644-1447 or start planning one of these ideas: ask your mayor to proclaim May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month; hold a community forum on teen pregnancy and prevention efforts; recruit area churches and faith organizations to include information about teen pregnancy in their newsletters; make contacts with local reporters or write an editorial highlighting effective programs in your community; invite area elected officials to visit teen programs and meet with a teen; offer a workshop for parents and teens on sexuality, communication and adolescent development. •

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## Latino outreach forum

communities, and in our homes," said Marlenis Millan, Latino Outreach Coordinator for MOAPPP. The forum was planned and co-sponsored by MOAPPP, the Hispanic Health Network, the Minnesota Department of Health Office of Minority Multicultural Health, Centro, Neighborhood House, Ramsey County Community Human Services Department, Hennepin County Human Services, Children and Family Services, and La Oportunidad, Inc. •



"Meeting the Needs of Adolescents: Global and Local Perspectives" panelists. Back row from left to right: Bob Diamond, M.D. and MOAPPP board member, Nancy Thorne, Population Resource Center and Nancy Nelson, MOAPPP Executive Director. Front row, left to right: Claire Wyneken, Senior Vice President for Programs, Wyman Center, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, Michael Resnick, Professor and Director, National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center, University of Minnesota, and Robert W. Blum, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Director, Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health, University of Minnesota.

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## Policy briefing

rural, agrarian-based in most of the world. The shift to the cities means that social norms do not apply anymore. In urban environments there are no social networks," explained Blum. Some consequences of migration have been a rise in unemployment and juvenile violence.

Education also has a profound effect on youth sexual activity globally, according to Blum, and often delays the onset of marriage. "Education and marriage are very intertwined. When girls have more education there is a delay in the age of marriage," Blum reasoned. In the country of Bangladesh, the government is using an interesting strategy to keep girls in school. "The government program Rice for Education provides fifty kilograms of rice to the family when daughters reach the sixth grade. Enrollment rates have increased with this very creative strategy," said Blum.

Dr. Resnick directed his remarks to teen pregnancy prevention in the United

States while acknowledging the need for advocates to be internationally educated. The US has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and births in the Western industrialized world with nearly four in ten young women becoming pregnant at least once before they reach the age of 20. "As educators and advocates, legislators and social service professionals, we do not want our next legislative session to be focused only on the state's economy, homeland defense and the Twins," Resnick suggested. "All of our efforts at prevention need to be renewed. Advocates must have a strategy firmly based in evidence."

Resnick discussed the characteristics of effective teen pregnancy programs around the country and emphasized the positive benefits of academic achievement and community involvement as a means to preventing teen pregnancy. While there are biological and social factors that influence teen pregnancy, education is central to prevention efforts on the individual, family and community levels. "We must teach young people new skills and make them feel needed," Resnick concluded.

Claire Wyneken, Senior Vice President for Programs, Wyman Center, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, provided a description of the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) which originated in St. Louis, and has been replicated throughout the country. TOP is one of the few youth development initiatives with more than a decade of experience and evidence of significant outcomes, including a reduction in teen pregnancy rates, a decrease in school dropout, and an increase in school attendance and academic achievement. TOP combines three specific components: community service, classroom-based activities, and service learning for junior and senior high teens during the school day or in after-school programs. Information about TOP, which is also available in Spanish, is on the Cornerstone Consulting Group's web site at [www.cornerstone.to](http://www.cornerstone.to).

The briefing was made possible through the generous support of the Martin Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and was organized by MOAPPP, the National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center and the Population Resource Center. •

## CALENDAR

### January

**Sexuality Education for Life** - MN is holding a Advocacy Training on Friday, Jan 18, 2002, 9-noon. The event is free and is being held at Open Book, 1011 Washington Ave, Mpls. Bill Smith with SIECUS is the keynote. Contact MOAPPP to register 651-644-1447, Marnie@moappp.org

### February

**Adolescent Parent Network Meeting**, Thursday, February 14, 2002, 9:00 – 11:00 at the Division of Indian Work in Minneapolis. For more information, call 651-644-1447.

**Women and Girls Come to the Capitol** February 18th, 2002 - President's Day. For more info contact MN Women's Consortium at 651-228-0338 or info@mnwomen.org

### March

**Adolescent Parent Network Meeting**, Tuesday, March 12, 2002, 2:30 – 4:30 at Catholic Charities –Seton Services in St. Paul. For more information, call 651-644-1447.

### April

**Adolescent Parent Network Meeting**, Thursday, April 11, 2002, 9:00 – 11:00 at the Division of Indian Work in Minneapolis. For more information, call 651-644-1447.

**April 25 and 26: MOAPPP 11th Annual Conference**, 8:00–4:30 Thursday and 8:00 – 3:30 Friday at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. For more information, contact Marilyn at 651-644-1447 or marilyn@moappp.org

### May

**Adolescent Parent Network Meeting**, Thursday, May 9, 2002, 9:00 – 11:00 at Catholic Charities –Seton Services in St. Paul. For more information, call 651-644-1447.

**Advocates for Youth Fifth Annual European Study Tour**, May 24 - June 10, 2002. Advocates for Youth and the University of North Carolina will sponsor the fifth annual European Study Tour. The organization will select 30 participants to explore and identify strategies, programs and policies in the Netherlands, France and Germany that have influenced adolescent sexual behaviors and outcomes. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2002. Contact Barbara Huberman at (202) 347-5700 or check out the web site [www.advocatesforyouth.org](http://www.advocatesforyouth.org)

**April 25 and 26: MOAPPP 11th Annual Conference**

## MOAPPP launches redesigned web site!

MOAPPP staff worked hard with Andy Korf of doctype, over the summer and fall months to improve our web site. Our goal was to make the site more user-friendly, dynamic and organized. With so much information to impart to our supporters, our web site can be an effective tool for advocates, youth development professionals, policymakers and members of the local media. On our web site, [www.moappp.org](http://www.moappp.org), you can find up-to-date information about new MOAPPP activities, including Latino Outreach Project, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, and the Adolescent Parent Network. Download our current Monitor newsletter or read archived issues, sign-up for the E-Monthly or Legislative Alerts, or find national links to learn more about teen pregnancy and parenting. Track your county teen pregnancy and birth rates to educate your legislators. Complete your registration form for our 2002 Annual Conference on-line! We are very proud of these efforts and hope that our web site can be a resource for you. Happy surfing! •

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