



Annual Awards

Each year, Teenwise Minnesota honors individuals, agencies, policy makers and programs that make outstanding contributions toward the promotion of adolescent sexual health, the prevention of adolescent pregnancy and the support of adolescent parents in Minnesota. Below is a list of award recipients.

2011

Legacy: Nancy A. Nelson
Agency: Minneapolis Public Schools
Advocate: John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney
Teen: Otis Mays
**Judy Ojeda
Community
Partner:** Red Lake Community Education

2010

Individual: Christine Austin-Roehler, Wright County Public Health
Program: El Colegio Charter School
Advocate: North High School Peer Educators, Minneapolis
Teen: Phoebe Chastain, Southwest High School, Minneapolis
**Community
Partner:** The memory of Judy Ojeda, Neighborhood House

2009

Individual: Terry Bosacker, West Suburban Teen Clinic
Program: Community Doula Program, American Indian Family Center
Advocate: Glynis Shea, Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota
Teen: New Beginnings Cast of Characters, Carver Scott Educational Cooperative
**Community
Partner:** Aquí Para Ti, Hennepin Family Care East Lake Clinic

2008

Individual: Gary Greenfield, Minnesota Department of Health
Program: The Center Clinic, Dodge County, Minnesota
Advocate: Donna Amidon, School-Based Clinics, Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support
Teen: Abbie McMillian, Coalition for Responsible Sex Ed, Minnesota Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, First Minneapolis Church of Minneapolis.



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Community Partner: Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder

2007

Individual: Charlnitta "Chi" Ellis, The City, Inc.

Program: Bright Futures, a collaborative Olmsted County Adolescent Parent Support
Seen on da Streets, Reproductive Health of Young Men

Advocate: Michelle Fallon, Center for Early Education and Development and Clinical Director, Baby's Space Partnership

Teen: Tracina "Traci" Coward, Robbinsdale Senior High School, Kwanza Community Church and Youth Coordinating Board and

Community Partner: Sexual Violence Prevention Program, Minnesota Department of Health

2006

Individual: Chicka Merino, Peer Education Coordinator, Lutheran Social Service

Program: Mankato Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program

Policy Maker: Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter

Teen: Minnesota Teens for AIDS Prevention (or MN-TAP)

Community Partner: Jorge Amerigo, Publisher, Vida y Sabor, the first Latino entertainment magazine in Minnesota

2005

Individual: Martha Larson, Winona Teen Parent Program

Agency: Family Tree Clinic

Policy Maker: State Senator Sandy Pappas

Teen: Planned Parenthood Teen Councils of Twin Cities, Duluth and Rochester

Community Partner: Denise Johnson, Editor, Star Tribune

Member: Dana O'Connor, MOAPPP Board Member

2004

Individual: Carolyn Rehn, formerly with Planned Parenthood
Paula Baker, Early Success, Bemidji Teen Parent Program

Program: "Keeping It Real," program of the MN Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice - sex education program for African American youth

Policy Maker: State Senator John Marty for the Comprehensive Unintended Pregnancy Prevention and Abortion Reduction bill



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Teen: Joe Ubani, Annex Teen Clinic—Dads Make a Difference
Member: Clarence Jones and Suzanne Payne, MOAPPP Board Members

2003

Individual: Sue Hebeisen, RN—Minneapolis Dept of Health and Family Support
Claudia Pineda, Casa de Esperanza, St. Paul
Program: Life Program, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Grand Rapids
Juventud Viva, La Escuelita
Policy Maker: Commissioner Mike Opat, Hennepin County Board Chair
Teen: Alessandra Williams, Minneapolis, Lutheran Social Service
Darnell Poole and Tristen Hurt, Young Men in Transition, Catholic Charities, St. Paul
Member: Vern Xiong, Lao Family Community, St. Paul

2002

Individual: Corinne Ryan, Pregnant and Parenting Students' Program Coordinator, Cottage Grove, MN
Mark Eastwood, attorney with Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, MN
Program: The National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Policy Maker: Sen. Julie Sabo (DFL), Minneapolis, MN
Rep. Jim Davnie (DFL), Minneapolis, MN
Teen: Ashley Boevers, MN ENABL with Project Sight, Fairbault
Becky Gerhardson, Partners in Parenting Peer Education, Fergus Falls
Member: Helen Jackson, Call to Action and the youth council T.O.W.M (Teens With One Message)

2001

Individual: Denise Jourdain, Division of Indian Work, Minneapolis
Dr. Matthew Bernard, Cyndee Ebnet—Dodge Co. Women's Health Clinic
Program: Co-Madres, Neighborhood House, St. Paul
Fairview Health Services and Fairview Southdale—Mentor Program
Policy Maker: Rep. Neva Walker
Sen. LeRoy Stumpf
Governor Jesse Ventura



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Teen: Burgette Perkins, Annex Teen Clinic, Dads Make a Difference
Member: Kay Guenther, New Beginnings
Jenny Oliphant, The National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

2000

Individual: Ruth Hiland, Minneapolis Public Schools
Nathan Blake, Northfield
Program: North High Pilot City Peer Educators, Minneapolis
Policy Maker: Sen. Sheila Kiscaden
Sen. Linda Higgins
Teen: Helena Hoff and Brandie Davis, Woodbury Jr. High
Kellen McWhite, Robbinsdale Armstrong HS
Member: Lynn Brofman, MOAPPP Board
Barbara Kyle, Minneapolis Public Schools, TAPP

1999

Individual: Lorie Schuetzle, Anoka
Program: Dads Make a Difference
Policy Maker: Rep. Greg Gray
Teen: Tiffany Hermanson, Thief River Falls
Member: Brian Russ and Robbin Frazier

1998

Individual: Julie Kilpatrick, Washington Co. HELM and
Marlene Lindquist, West Suburban Teen Clinic, Excelsior
Program: Teen Indian Parent Program, DIW, Minneapolis
Policy Maker: Sen. Becky Lourey
Teen: Nearneshka Mullins, St. Paul
Partner: The Poll Group
Member: Jeffry Jeanetta Wark



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1997

- Individual:** Mary Ruth Sigan, Pine River Backus High School
- Program:** MICE Program at North High, Minneapolis
- Policy Maker:** Sen. Jane Ranum
Rep. Richard Jefferson
- Teen:** Greg Holloway, Edina; Jamaica Oyster, Freshwater ENABL
- Member:** Grit Youngquist, St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health
Kathy Brothen, MN Department of Education

1996

- Coalition:** Park Rapids Area Youth Issues Network
- Individual:** Dorothy Headly, Project SIGHT, Northfield
- Program:** Winona Area Learning Center Teen Parent Program
- Policy Maker:** Attorney General Skip Humphrey
- Member:** Tisha Bolger and Noya Woodrich
- Teen:** Katie Hiniker, Kasota

1995

- Coalition:** Pine River-Backus Community Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force
- Individual:** Jeanne Jacobs, Partners in Parenting, Fergus Falls
- Program:** Wilder Juvenile Horizons, St. Paul
- Policy Maker:** Sen. Jane Krentz
- Teen:** Sally Burg, Park High School, Cottage Grove
- Member:** Kathy Truax, Rochester



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1994

- Coalition:** The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Network of Central MN, St. Cloud
- Individual:** Ruth Colby, AGAPE, St. Paul
- Member:** Nancy Harold, St. Paul
- Policy Maker:** Emily Anne Staples, Hennepin Co. Commissioner
- Agency:** Health Start, St. Paul