

Program Highlights

Georgia Teaches College Students How to Prevent Unplanned Pregnancies

Teen birth rates among older teens remain high. And that's a problem for young people who want to get a college degree. [About 61% \(PDF, 169KB\)](#) of community college students who have children end up dropping out.



The state of Georgia has set out to address the problem among African American, Latino youth and others. The state's [Personal Responsibility Education Program](#) funds nonprofits that teach first-year college students how to make healthy decisions and avoid getting pregnant.

Each year, facilitators teach three groups of 15 to 30 students at Albany State University, Clayton State University, and Armstrong State University. They use [Making Proud Choices!](#), an evidence-based curriculum, along with lessons from the program entitled [Relationship Smarts](#).

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Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month Highlights

Thank you to all who helped the Family and Youth Services Bureau observe [National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month](#) in May.

On May 21, we hosted a "[Thunderclap](#)" to promote the month through many of your social media feeds. Our goal was to increase awareness of the need to prevent teen pregnancy. We also wanted to garner the support of youth service providers and get them to take action. Thanks to our supporters, we exceeded our goal for the number of people signing up. We reached more than 146,000 people through Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr.



We also hosted a [Twitter chat](#). FYSB's National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth teamed up with the School-Based Health Alliance using #NCFYTalk. They got people on Twitter to talk about working teen pregnancy prevention into the adolescent health conversation. Messages sent during the chat reached people's timelines 525,347 times.

Grantee Spotlight: South Carolina

The South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy proudly honored Darnell McPherson at its annual summer institute this month. McPherson received the [Murray L. Vincent Outstanding Prevention Professional Award](#).



McPherson is a longtime child advocate, social worker, and volunteer. As executive director of Darlington County First Steps, she has enhanced services over the years. Most recently, she added evidence-based programs for pregnant and parenting teens. The programs were added through South Carolina's PREP grant.

Evaluation Highlights

Upcoming Brief Will Highlight Findings from the Report to Congress on PREP Performance

In January 2015, ACF reported performance measures to Congress on State and Tribal PREP

grantees. The period of performance for the report was August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014. [A new brief](#) summarizes the findings and readers can learn about the following:

- Attendance (participant counts).
- Reach (populations served).
- Dosage (count of youth receiving 75% of intended program hours).
- Percentage of youth served by evidence-based programs.
- Percentage of programs in which the majority of youth were from a highly vulnerable group.



New Brief: Designing an Impact Study of Four Selected Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy

Earlier this year, we released a [report](#) which provides an overview of our impact evaluation of four PREP-funded programs. We've now released [a brief to accompany the report that details](#) the overall design

of the evaluation. You'll also get details about how the study will improve our understanding of what works to reduce teen pregnancy.



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