

## We Believe:

- Parents/Guardians are the primary sexuality educators of their children.
- Young people deserve comprehensive and accurate information about sexuality and reproductive health.
- Policies, organizational activities and program development addressing teen pregnancy prevention should employ science-based approaches.
- Young people should have access to safe and confidential sexual and reproductive health care.
- The promotion of a culture that recognizes sexuality as normal and promotes respect and responsibility will lead to a reduction in negative consequences of sexual behaviors.
- Pregnant and parenting teens should have access to quality health care, education and support services, with the main goal of promoting health and preventing repeat teen pregnancies.
- In the event of unprotected intercourse or when regular contraception fails, emergency contraception is an acceptable method of preventing pregnancy.



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**Our mission:  
To provide statewide  
leadership on the issue  
of adolescent pregnancy  
prevention through  
advocacy, education,  
and support for  
community efforts.**

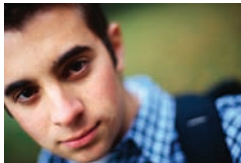


## About PCPTP:

Formed in 1993, the Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy encourages informed dialogue about adolescent sexuality and provides a unified voice on the need for statewide prevention efforts.

### Why We Care

- Teen pregnancy costs society billions of dollars a year.<sup>1</sup>
- Preventing teen pregnancy is a cost effective way to reduce child poverty.<sup>1</sup>
- Future prospects for teenagers decline significantly if they have a baby.<sup>1</sup>
- Children of teen moms are more likely to be of low birth weight, to have poorer school performance, to be at greater risk for abuse and neglect, and are more likely to become teen moms themselves.<sup>2</sup>
- The U.S. leads the industrialized world in teen pregnancy and birth rates.<sup>1</sup>
- Many urban and rural areas in Pennsylvania have teen birth ratios considerably higher than the national average.<sup>3</sup>



### Advocacy

PCPTP advocates for state attention to the issue of teen pregnancy prevention, research on adolescent sexual attitudes and behavior, minors' rights to receive confidential and accessible reproductive health care, and medically accurate comprehensive sexuality education.



### Education

PCPTP provides training and technical assistance to professionals and promotes science-based approaches that have been proven by research to be effective in reducing teen pregnancy. Science-based approaches ensure that programs have a greater chance of success. In addition, science-based approaches allow for programs to be developed that are specific to the needs of a community.



### Support for Community Efforts

PCPTP works to empower local coalitions to be an effective force in addressing teen pregnancy prevention in their communities. PCPTP facilitates networking across PA and provides resources for local coalitions including on-site training and technical assistance.

### Annual Conference

PCPTP holds an Annual Teen Pregnancy Prevention Conference in partnership with Penn State University. This professional conference features nationally recognized speakers and workshops facilitated by national and state leaders in the field.



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