



TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION FACT SHEET

California Alliance Concerned with School Age Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention

Did You Know...

- In 1999, more than 57,000 babies were born to teenage mothers in California
- Over the last decade, we have seen a 40% decline in teen birth rates in our state because of our intensive, aggressive teen pregnancy prevention programs.
- These programs are comprehensive in content and in approach:
 - * Community Challenge Grant programs include youth development tactics and life skill development
 - * Male Involvement Programs target young men with a message of responsibility and safety.
 - * Information and Education programs use in-class and after-school presentations to address comprehensive sex education.
 - * TeenSmart Outreach programs provide information on clinical services, and teen pregnancy and STI prevention.
 - * FamilyPACT provides clinical services to promote safe sex and healthy life styles.
- The “youth quake” in California and the nation means that the number of teen births is in danger of increasing, costing taxpayers millions in medical care, welfare, and social costs.
- Cutting these valuable programs by 10% or more will ensure a loss of progress and savings from the reduction of teen births.

California is facing a fiscal crisis, but the answer is not across-the-board cuts. Governor Schwarzenegger is proposing that cutting spending by 10% across-the-board will make the cuts “fair to everyone.” However, cutting education, Cal-Works, MediCal, and public health programs doesn’t hurt everyone—it hurts only our most vulnerable populations.

Our young people deserve a brighter future, and *that* truth is across-the-board. By cutting programs and services to lower-income youth, such as our teen pregnancy prevention programs, California is sending the message that a bright future is not for everyone, but only for the wealthy. We need a solution to our fiscal problems that includes revenue generation, rather than relying solely on cuts to kids.

Please join the California Alliance Concerned with School Age Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention (CAC SAP) in opposing the Governor’s proposed cuts. Because *everyone* deserves a fighting chance.



**Speak Out! Say NO
to across-the-board
budget cuts**

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