



Talking Points for Legislative Visits

1. Teen pregnancy prevention programs don't cost the state money; in fact they save money. For every \$1 spent on prevention, the state and taxpayers save \$4 in other costs associated with teen births.
2. Male Involvement, TeenSmart Outreach, and Information and Education programs have been proven to work. Evaluations have shown

Just in FY 2006-2007:

Information & Education (I&E)

- I&E programs served approximately 56,483 youth and families through direct, face-to-face interventions.
- Increased participant's knowledge of the risk of pregnancy at first intercourse from 75 percent to 86 percent.
- Increased teens' knowledge of where one can obtain birth control from 83 percent to 90 percent.

Male Involvement Program

- Approximately 30,381 youth and families were served by MIP programs.
- Participants' knowledge of California's statutory rape law increased from 84 percent to 90 percent.
- Sexually active males participating in the MIP indicate positive feelings toward contraception. The majority believes that ensuring contraceptive use is a shared responsibility and report they are able to communicate with their partners about contraception and sex.

Teen Smart Outreach (TSO)

- Reached more than 37,000 youth through 2067 group presentations
- Reached more than 44,000 youth through one-on-one outreach activities
- Recruited 203 youth to become peer providers
- Used 92 trained peer providers to reach more than 20,000 teens in their communities
- Built new relationships with 306 community organizations
- Participated in 516 collaborative activities with existing partners
- TSO agencies reported that, during the year, 60,170 teen clients (ages 10-19) visited their clinics for the purpose of receiving family planning or reproductive health care. Of these, approximately 37% of these teens were visiting the clinic for the first time, and 63% were established clients returning for their first visit this fiscal year.
- An estimated 65% of teen clients were seen by the six agencies based in the Family PACT Waiver target counties

Sources of data and further information can be found:

On the web: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tpp/Pages/default.aspx>
under "Program Information"

On the phone: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, Office of Family Planning, (916) 650-0414

3. Although California has dramatically cut its teen birth rate over the last decade and a half, we have seen an increase in the rate since 2004. It was in this year that programs began to be cut; with further cuts the birth rate will continue to rise, costing the state and taxpayers even more money.

Message Box

North: *Value*. **All teens should have access to medically accurate information regarding their health, and to positive opportunities to interact with their communities.**

East: *Barrier*. **However, the elimination of TSO and MIP programs, and the cuts to I&E programs, have severely reduced the number of quality, proven programs that provide these things.**

South: *Ask*. **We need you to reinstate funding to MIP and TSO, and reverse cuts to I&E programs.**

West: *Vision*. **So that California's teens can have the resources they need to make good decisions for themselves.**