

Family Engagement Series: Session X

Supporting and Engaging Teen Parents

in Early Childhood Programs

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Today's objectives

Learn	Consider	Discover
Learn ways to engage teen parents in daily communication and goal setting.	Consider ways to support teen parents in your early childhood program.	Discover strategies to guide teen parenting.

An Average of **3,977,450** babies are Born each year in the United States.

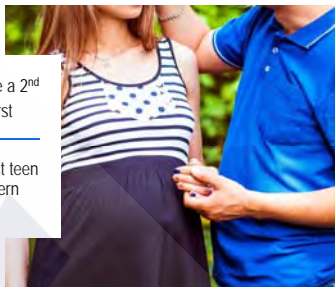


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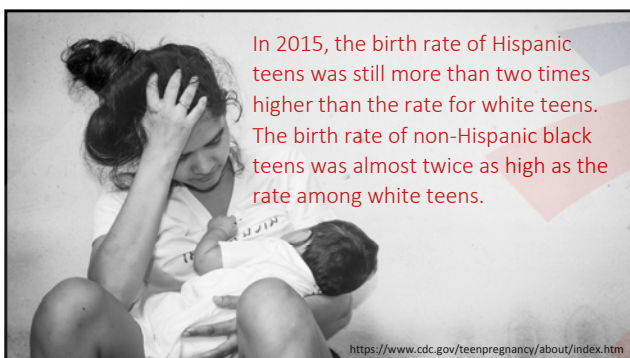
229,715 babies, are born to teen moms between the ages of 15 to 19.

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About 25% of teen moms have a 2nd child within 24 months of first

The U.S. has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the western industrialized world.



In 2015, the birth rate of Hispanic teens was still more than two times higher than the rate for white teens. The birth rate of non-Hispanic black teens was almost twice as high as the rate among white teens.

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Risk Factors

- Dating at a young age
- Using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
- Being the child of a teen mother
- Being in an environment where teen pregnancy is common
- Being a victim of sexual abuse



Risk Factors

- Lack of self-discipline
- Having little social support
- Living in Poverty
- Few positive role models
- Feeling like they have no opportunities
- Suffering from depression

	Mixed Emotions
Depression	
	Achievement
Guilt	



TEEN DADS

2.8 out of 10 teen dads don't marry the mother of their child.

Paternity, for any child born to teen parents, can be established before the child turns 21.

Less likely to finish high school than their peers.

- 1 Children not living with both parents 5 times more likely to be poverty stricken
- 2 Lack of programs for teen fathers
- 3 Unmarried fathers have rights and responsibilities
- 4 Young fathers are more often economically disadvantaged
- 5 Teen fatherhood appears to be associated with negative consequences
- 6 Evidence indicates that teen fathers want to be (and are) involved with their children

Teen Mom/Adult Dad

"Men between the age of 20 and 29 father 39% of the children born to teen moms, age 15. That means grown men father a larger percent of children born to teens but teen mothers are presented as the problem."

ReThink TPPM, TeenMomNYC.com

Socioeconomic Consequences

Impact on Education

- Leading reason girls drop out
- Less than 2% complete college by age 30



Supporting Teens in Your Program

- School Districts
- WIC
- Child Care Subsidy Office
- Clothing/Diaper Closets
- Churches
- Parenting Classes
- Early Head Start
- Mental Health Services

ENGAGING TEENS
PARENT HANDBOOK
CONTACT INFO
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

ORIENTATION
FAMILY CONFERENCES

Daily Written Communication

Print
Digital

Family Conferences

- Review Assessment
- Discuss Development
- Goal Setting
- Provide at home Activities

PLAY WITH ME at Home Activity

Play with me at home activity for children with autism spectrum disorders. Includes a table for tracking activities.

Activity	Frequency	Notes
Reading		
Art		
Music		
Games		
Exercise		
Meals		
Hygiene		
Communication		
Social Interaction		
Emotional Regulation		
Self-Care		
Community Involvement		

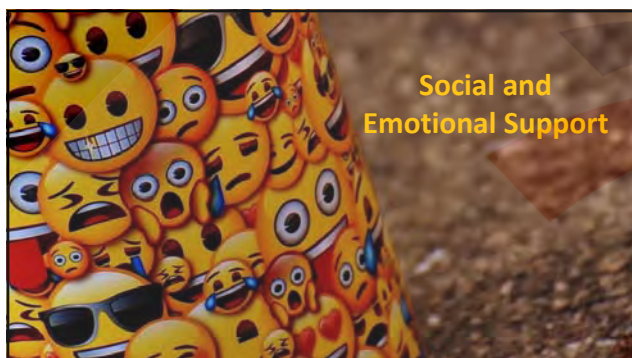


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- 1** Ben & Jerry's Foundation-Funds to support social change, <http://benandjerrysfoundation.org/>
- 2** Women Helping Others Foundation-supports community-focused charities that serve the overlooked needs of women, children, and families, in the US. <https://www.whofoundation.org/>
- 3** Ceres Foundation-Funding for family strengthening programs that help disadvantaged parents overcome obstacles to break the cycle of abuse. <http://?????>

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Resources

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<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-teen-pregnancy>

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