



Politics and Policies of Unplanned Pregnancies: Indiana's Success at Finding Common Ground

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INDIANA PERINATAL NETWORK

**Statewide not-for-profit organization
dedicated to improving the health and
lives of pregnant women, infants and
families throughout our state –
especially those who are underserved**





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ACTIVITIES

- **Professional and public education**
- **Developing and replicating model programs throughout the state**
- **Conducting research**
- **Promoting and advocating for sound public policies**



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UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS

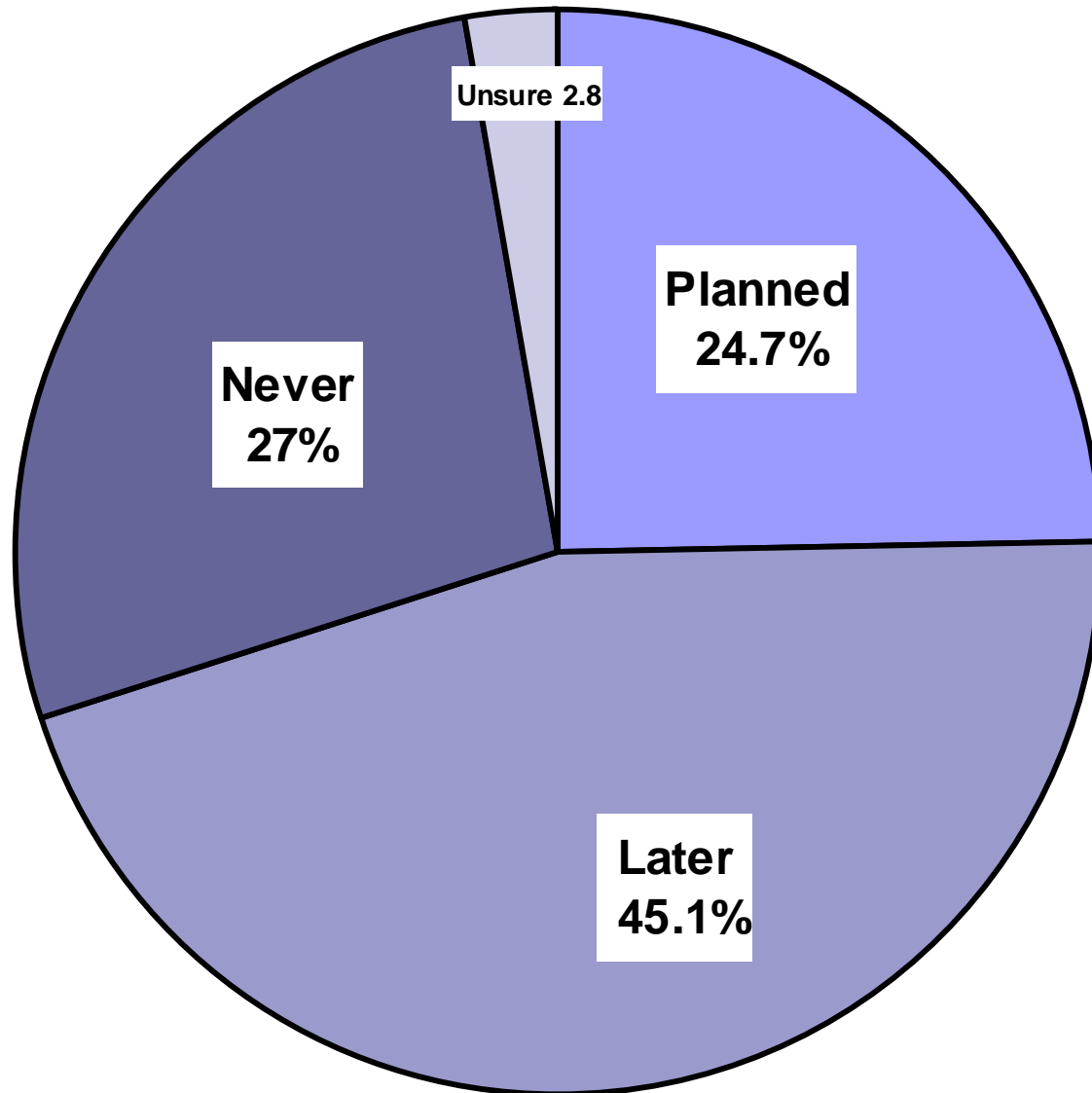
- **Neutral forum**
- **Multi-disciplinary**
- **Public and private organizations**
- **Competing health systems**
- **Consensus – State Perinatal Advis. Brd.**
- **ISDH**



WHY THIS ISSUE AND WHY NOW

- **525 face to face interviews with women during postpartum hospital stay**
- **162 item survey**
- **Results linked to birth certificate**
- **July 2003 – Feb. 2004**

INTENT OF PREGNANCY





CALL TO ACTION

Advisory Group Members

- **MD's – Ob/Gyn, Peds, Adol, FP**
- **Planned Parenthood**
- **IN Catholic Conference**
- **Ministers**
- **Other Family Planning Providers**
- **State and County Health Depts.**
- **Family and Consumer Sciences**
- **Fatherhood Program**
- **Min. Health Coal. – Prim. Health Care Assoc – Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention**



CONVENING STRATEGIES

“Finding Common Ground”

- **Respect others viewpoints**
- **Cooperate and coordinate**
- **Allow one person to speak at a time**
- **Don't dominate discussion**
- **Respect group's time – follow agenda**
- **Strive to reach consensus**
- **“Silence implies consent”**



DOCUMENT CONTENT

- Rationale
- Position Statements
- Consequences
- Financial Impact on the State
- Contraceptive Use
- Role of Men
- Parents
- Faith-based organizations
- Call to Action



DOCUMENT CONTENT Cont.

- 3 goals
- Measuring Success – 5 measures
- Recommendations:
 - Providers (5)
 - Community Organizations (3)
 - Public Policy Makers (4)
- References



IMPACT TO DATE

- **Family Planning Waiver**
- **IN ACOG and AAP Endorsement**
- **Ongoing quantitative and qualitative research**
- **2 day statewide summit – new partners**
Increased media attention
- **Starting Conversations**
- **Part of National Campaign to expand focus to young adults**



LESSONS LEARNED

- **Clear expectations and vision**
- **Take advantage of good timing**
- **Be inclusive but stay away from the extremes**
- **Keep process moving – follow-up**
- **Role of MPH students**




For More Information:

[http://www.indianaperinatal.org/files/education/
Unintended_CTA_041907.pdf](http://www.indianaperinatal.org/files/education/Unintended_CTA_041907.pdf)

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All this will not be finished in the first 100 days. Nor will it be finished in the first 1,000 days, not in the life of this Administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us at least begin!

John F Kennedy 1961