#### Promoting Science-based Approaches to Preventing Teen Pregnancy, STDs and HIV

#### Policy, Partnerships, and Creativity

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## Learning Objectives

- 1. Articulate systems-level approaches to teen pregnancy prevention
- 2. Understand how CDC's science-based approaches to teen pregnancy prevention framework can be applied at a local level
- 3. Identify reasons for selecting particular local partners
- 4. Recognize the importance roles flexibility and creativity play in carrying out a planned intervention

## About MOAPPP

Minnesota non-profit, 16-year history Mission: to develop and strengthen policies and programs that promote adolescent sexual health, prevent adolescent pregnancy and support adolescent parents.

- Resources
- Training
- Public Policy
- Outreach
- Communications

## Systems-Level Approaches

#### The Spectrum of Prevention

Influencing Policy & Legislation

**Changing Organizational Practices** 

Fostering Coalitions & Networks

**Educating Providers** 

**Promoting Community Education** 

Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills

The Prevention Institute: http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tool\_spectrum.html MOAPPP's Promoting Science-based Approaches to Teen Pregnancy Prevention (PSBA) Project

CDC's Framework:

Use a logic model to link risk and protective factors with program strategies and outcomes.

#### MOAPPP's Logic Model

Increase the knowledge, skills, commitment, confidence and application of SBA with:

Program ProvidersDecision MakersGeneral Public

#### MOAPPP's PSBA Project

CDC's Framework:

Use demographic, epidemiological and social science research to identify populations at risk of early pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections, and to identify the risk and protective factors for those populations.

## Minnesota Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates

#### Hennepin County

- Most populous county in the state
- Greatest number of teen pregnancies in state
- Greatest number of births to teens in the state
- Consistently ranked as one of the top 10 MN counties for teen pregnancies and births to 15-17-year-olds

# Hennepin County

- Establishing relationships
  Social and aciding apparture
- Seeing and seizing opportunities
- Offering MOAPPP's resources
- Gaining commitment

#### MOAPPP's PSBA Project

CDC's Framework:

Use health behavior or health education theory to select risk and protective factors that will be addressed by the program, and guide the selection of intervention activities.

#### **Theoretical Shorthand**

- Knowledge and Skills to Prevent Pregnancy, HIV and STDs
  - Social Learning Theory
- Access to Family Planning Services
  - Health Belief Model
- Motivation to Prevent Pregnancy, HIV and STDs
  - Social Cognitive and Social Influences theories

#### MOAPPP's PSBA Project

CDC's Framework:

Select, adapt if necessary, and implement sciencebased programs.

## **Knowledge and Skills**

Proven sexuality education curricula in schools and community-based organizations

# Access to Family Planning Services

School-based, community-based and private clinics

## Motivation

#### Youth Development Programs

- Role of service learning
- The Teen Outreach Program
  - Coordinated nationally by Wyman
  - www.wymancenter.org/teenoutreach.htm

#### MOAPPP's PSBA Project

CDC's Framework:

Conduct process and outcome evaluations of the implemented program, and modify approach based on results.

#### **MOAPPP's Evaluation Measures**

- Number and content of briefing papers created and disseminated to decision-makers
- Number and characteristics of briefing attendees
- Number of state and local decision-makers participating in training and TA activities

#### **Other Measures Identified**

#### Amount of new or redirected funding dedicated to SBP or SBA

# **Policy Impacts**

Teen Pregnancy Prevention/Youth Development becomes a primary focus of new county department workplan

County department designates 1 FTE to focus area

Superintendents and Parks and Recreation Departments agree to be part of the project

## **PSBA** Project

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#### Vision

 We will dramatically reduce teen pregnancy in HC when all communities within the county provide a strong foundation for all youth that includes information, family planning services and hope for the future.

#### Strategy

 Pilot projects in two cities that are rigorously evaluated and ultimately replicated throughout the county.

#### Intent

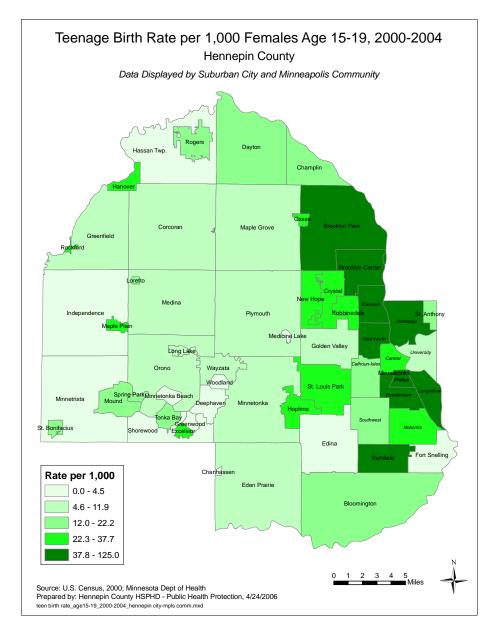
 Saturate the two cities with responsible sex education, family planning services and youth development programs.

### **PSBA** Project

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# Hennepin County Teen Birth Rates



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## **PSBA** Project

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#### Components

- Responsible sex education
- Family planning services
- Youth development programs

#### Mechanisms

- Competitive grants
- Training and technical assistance
- Evaluation

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# Hennepin County Evaluation Measures

#### Funded Programs

Will be based on which programs get funded

#### Teen Outreach Program

- How does TOP impact students' behaviors compared with students who are not receiving TOP, including:
  - school failure
  - substance use
  - pregnancy
  - sexual behavior

# Policy Impacts in Hennepin County

- County Board passed a resolution allocating two years of funding (\$400,000) for the teen pregnancy prevention initiative
- Two school districts are re-visiting their sex education curricula
- County Department issued a Request for Proposals to fund:
  - Responsible sex education
  - Clinic outreach
  - Youth development programs

# Policy Impacts in Hennepin County

#### Implementation of the Teen Outreach Program in one school district

- A required class in the Alternative Learning Center
- An elective in the regular high school
- An after-school activity

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