

About the Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

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Who We Are

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded on the belief that reducing the rate of teen pregnancy is one of the most direct means available to improve overall child well-being and reduce persistent poverty. Teen pregnancy prevention requires the thoughtful and deliberate attention of parents, youth, community leaders, educators, policy makers, faith leaders, and others who have an interest in the healthy development of Alabama's children and youth.

We envision sexually healthy people and communities throughout Alabama and advance our mission of leading Alabama in embracing evidence informed sexual health education as critical to healthy youth development.

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is governed by a diverse, volunteer Board of Directors from across the state of Alabama. The Alabama Campaign is run by its Executive Director and Policy and Outreach Manager.

Why We Care



Knowledge

Young people should have the knowledge and skills to enter health and satisfying relationships throughout their lives. ACPTP values youth as assets in our communities and believes in their capacity to make positive choices when they are informed, educated, and empowered by supportive communities.

Parents want resources and educational opportunities to empower their youth to make healthy relationship decisions. ACPTP values access to medical-accurate and complete reproductive health information and care and the implementation of teen pregnancy prevention programs that are evidence-based and proven effective in changing risk-taking behavior.



Resources



Skills

Youth serving professionals need training and professional development opportunities to build their capacity to talk about sexual health with young people. ACPTP values the participation of parents, caregivers, community-based organizations, schools, faith communities, and policy makers in addressing teen pregnancy and responsible parenting.

Policy makers should hear from constituents about the importance of policy and funding to support comprehensive sexual health education in Alabama. ACPTP values the diversity of opinion and the power of working in partnership to affect positive change and the role of advocacy to raise awareness and open dialogue about public policies affecting youth health issues.



Policy



Partnership

Partners in this work value our contribution to their efforts to build the capacity of the youth they serve to lead sexually healthy lives. ACPTP values the investment in teen pregnancy prevention and services for pregnant and parenting youth for the development of healthy families and strong communities.

What We Do

Training

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy offers professional development and curricula training to youth-serving professionals in Alabama and beyond. Professional development opportunities include workshops and conferences, and cover topics related to sexual health, anatomy and physiology, and classroom management. Curricula training is based on evidence-based sexual health curricula.

Resources

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy provides access to the most up-to-date research and information currently available in the field of adolescent sexual health. Resources created by the Alabama Campaign include fact sheets, monthly newsletters, and maps and graphs that reflect current teen pregnancy and birth rates. The Alabama Campaign also curates resources from national sources for youth-serving professionals, parents, and youth.

Advocacy

The Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is committed to reducing teen pregnancy through the advancement of evidence informed public policies and access to reproductive health services. The Alabama Campaign regularly engages policy and decision makers about our policy priorities .

2017 ACPTP Policy Priorities

1. Expand Personal Responsibility Education Programming (PREP) for Alabama public schools.
2. Remove homophobic language from Alabama Sexual Health Education law.
3. Mandate comprehensive and inclusive sex education in public schools.
4. Ensure reproductive health access for all Alabamians.

Partners

The Alabama Campaign works collaboratively with local and national partners to distribute teen pregnancy resources, announce information on training opportunities, determine needs of local communities and strategies to assist communities, gather information and highlight community programs that have been implemented to address issues of teen pregnancy and teen birth, conduct workshops and deliver presentations relevant to the specific needs of communities, and identify financial resources/grant opportunities that may be available to community organizations.