

## Facts on Sex Education and Teen Pregnancy in Texas

- Texas receives more federal funding for abstinence-only programs than any other state in the country. In 2007, Texas received \$18,213,472 in federal funding. This is 27 percent more than the next highest state.
- At the same time, Texas has the highest rate of births<sup>1</sup> *and* repeat births<sup>2</sup> to teenage girls in the nation.
- In 2004, teen childbearing in Texas cost taxpayers at least \$1 *billion*.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2007, 52 percent of high-school aged teenagers in Texas reported having had sex.<sup>4</sup> Only fifty-six percent of Texas high school students report using a condom the last time they had sex.<sup>5</sup>
- According to the Center for Disease Control, 1 in 4 teenage girls have a sexually transmitted disease.
- In a 2004 Scripps Howard Poll, 90% of Texans surveyed said they favored teaching public school students age-appropriate, medically accurate sex education that includes information on abstinence, birth control and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV.
- A 2008 Pineda Consulting poll of female Hispanic voters in Texas found that 83% favor teaching students in public schools about the role birth control and condoms play in preventing teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

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<sup>1</sup> Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2007

<sup>2</sup> Child Trends, 2007

<sup>3</sup> National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, "By the Numbers: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing in Texas," November 2006.

<sup>4</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2008). Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance?United States, 2007. *Surveillance Summaries*, June 4, 2008. MMWR; 57(SS-4); Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (2007). *Youth Online: Comprehensive Results*. Retrieved June 2008 from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/> Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<sup>5</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2008). Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance?United States, 2007. *Surveillance Summaries*, June 4, 2008. MMWR; 57(SS-4); Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (2007). *Youth Online: Comprehensive Results*. Retrieved June 2008 from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/yrbss/> Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.