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Grants to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Announced

(Washington, DC)—Eighty-one [federal grants](#) designed to prevent teen pregnancy were announced today by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) Director Evelyn Kappeler. The grants through the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) total \$86 million and were awarded to non-profit organizations, school districts, universities, and other groups nationwide. Although the nation's teen pregnancy and birth rates are at historic lows, roughly one in four teen girls still get pregnant at least once before they turn 20. OAH estimates that the new grants will serve more than 291,000 young people each year in communities where teen pregnancy and birth rates remain high. The awards represent the first year of funding for a five-year grant period.

Specifically, the grants “support replication of evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs in communities with the greatest need; increase capacity in communities to serve vulnerable youth, including homeless youth, parenting youth, and those in juvenile detention and foster care; fill gaps in the knowledge of what works to prevent teen pregnancy; and test new, innovative approaches to combating teen pregnancy,” according to an [OAH press release](#).

“One of the nation's great success stories of the past two decades has been the truly extraordinary and historic declines in teen pregnancy and childbearing and part of that success is due to the OAH investment in proven programs,” said Bill Albert, Chief Program Officer of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. “Since the first round of TPPP grants began in 2010, the teen birth rate in the U.S. has declined 29%, about twice as large as the decline in any other four-year period. Some in Congress want to eliminate or gut TPPP but why mess with success? These new grants represent the next iteration of gold-standard evidence-based policy making, with a clear focus on results, evaluation, and innovation.”

About The National Campaign. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families. Our specific strategy is to prevent teen pregnancy and unplanned pregnancy among single, young adults. We support a combination of responsible values and behavior by both men and women and responsible policies in both the public and private sectors. For more information, visit www.TheNationalCampaign.org.

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