

FOCUS4TEENS — MISSISSIPPI

ABOUT FOCUS4TEENS

Focused Pregnancy Prevention for Mississippi Teens

(Focus4Teens) is dedicated to reducing teen pregnancy and improving the lives of adolescents in the Mississippi Delta.

Focus4Teens will expand access to youth-friendly reproductive healthcare among youth at high risk for pregnancy by 1) building the capacity of community-based health centers to provide youth-friendly reproductive healthcare and 2) building the capacity of youth-serving organizations to establish linkage and referral systems to these partnering health centers. These efforts will have far reaching impacts and improve educational attainment and employment outcomes for youth in the Mississippi Delta.

Our partners include a network of health centers and youth-serving organizations such as high schools, community-based organizations, and other youth-serving organizations in **Coahoma, Quitman, and Tunica** counties.

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MISSISSIPPI: BY THE NUMBERS

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Mississippi's 2014 gonorrhea infection rate was the third-highest in the US (CDC, 2015).

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In 2014, Mississippi ranked third in the nation for teen childbearing, with a rate of 38 births per 1,000 teen girls ages 15-19 (Hamilton, Martin, Osterman, et al., 2015). In the northern Mississippi Delta, teen birth rates are even higher. Coahoma ranks #7, Quitman ranks #5, and Tunica ranks #2 out of 82 counties (MSDH, 2012).

48%

On the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 48% of Mississippi high school students reported ever having sex, and 33.8% of Mississippi high school students reported being currently sexually active (YRBS, 2015).

71%

71% of the Mississippi high school students that reported being currently sexually active did not use birth control pills; an IUD or implant; or a shot, patch, or birth control ring before last sexual intercourse and 44.2% did not use a condom (YRBS, 2015).

1%

Under 1% of girls ages 15-19 in Mississippi seeking contraceptive services at Title X service sites in 2013 used long-acting reversible contraception (LARCs)—the lowest percentage in the nation (Vital Signs, 2015).

38%

Only 38% of teen mothers who had a child before age 18 get a high school diploma (Perper, Peterson, & Manlove, 2010) and 30% of teen girls who have dropped out of school identify pregnancy or parenthood as a reason for dropping out (National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, 2012).

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Mississippi's 2014 chlamydia infection rate was the fifth-highest in the US (CDC, 2015).

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