

Of Mississippi high school students...

48%
say they have had
sex.¹

18%
did not use
any method
to prevent
pregnancy.¹

44%
did not use
condoms.¹

83%
were never
tested for
HIV.¹

Ranks 3rd in the nation in teen birth rate.²

ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS

Adopt CHART Policy



Sign Memorandum of Understanding with MS State Department of Health



Train Teachers on Sex Education Curricula



Conduct Implementation and Evaluation

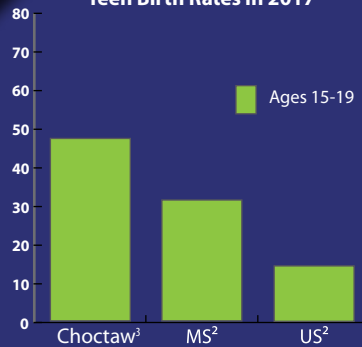
For more information, go to **teenhealthms.org** or contact **Josh McCawley** at **josh@teenhealthms.org**.

CHART,
an "abstinence-
plus" initiative, **HAS**
BEEN ADOPTED IN
21 COUNTIES
statewide.



CHOCTAW COUNTY IN 2017

Teen Birth Rates in 2017



Rank among 82 counties in Mississippi:
14th in teen birth rates
ages 15-19³

THE LAW: HB494

Requires sex education in MS public schools. Each school district must adopt an "abstinence-only" or "abstinence-plus" policy as well as a curriculum approved by the MS Department of Education.

THE EVIDENCE:⁴

**Evidence-based,
"abstinence-plus" curricula
meet the needs of ALL
students and are shown to:**

- Delay sexual activity
- Reduce # of partners
- Reduce frequency of sex
- Increase proper use of contraceptives

WHAT IS CHART?

- Abstinence-plus sex education
- Evidence-based, age-appropriate, and medically accurate
- A partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health and approved by Mississippi Department of Education
- **FREE** training and technical assistance to school districts