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

CHOCTAW COUNTY IN 2017



Rank among 82 counties in Mississippi:

14th in teen birth rates ages15-193

ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS Ranks 3rd in the nation in teen birth rate.2

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 McCawlev at josh@teenhealthms.org.

REDUCING TEEN BIRTH AND STI/HIV

in Choctaw County



Creating Healthy and Responsible Teens

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

CHART,

an "abstinenceplus" initiative, HAS **BEEN ADOPTED IN** 21 COUNTIES

statewide.



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

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