

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



REDUCING TEEN BIRTH AND STI/HIV in Claiborne County



CLAIBORNE COUNTY IN 2017

Rank among 82 counties in Mississippi:

6th HIV rates³

3rd in Chlamydia infection rates⁴

10th in Gonorrhea infection rates⁵

16th in Syphilis rates⁶

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:⁷

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

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