Cuddle Up & Read: Storytimes for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

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Agenda
- Introduction
- Statistics and Data
- Cuddle Up & Read program
- Traditional lap-sit storytime vs. baby storytime with teen parents
- Lessons Learned: Roadblocks and Challenges
- Lessons Learned: Positive Surprises
- Where we go from here

Poll – Raise Your Hand
How many of you work with teens?

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   Of, relating to, or applicable to those aged 13 through 19.
   http://www.thefreedictionary.com/teenaged

Library Service Definition of TEEN
YALSA (Young Adult Library Service Association) defines teens as ages 12-18
   http://www.ala.org/al/a/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsa/aboutyalsa.cfm

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Poll – Type Your Response in Chat Box

What challenges do you face when working with teens?

The Brain is only 80% developed in adolescents.

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This leads to:
- Have a "It can't happen to me" syndrome and participate in risky behavior

World Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates, 2008

Teen Pregnancy Rates per 1000 Girls Aged 15-19

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California Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates, 2000
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California Demographics of Teen Pregnancy, 2008
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Number of Teen Births in CA by Age, 2008

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Teen Pregnancy and Societal Impact

*In 2008 it cost taxpayers a total of*

*$1.1 billion in CA*  
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Cuddle Up & Read: San Diego County Library
California School Age Families Education Program (CAL-Safe)
http://www.cde.ca.gov/lis/cg/pp/
Grossmont High School

Cuddle Up & Read: San Diego Public Library

• San Diego Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Program (San Diego Unified School District)
• Alternative High Schools—
  Mark Twain High School
  Garfield High School
• Juvenile Court & Community School—
  Lindsay Community Day School

Campus Requirements

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Poll – Raise Your Hand

How many of you are incorporating Early Literacy Skills into your storytimes?

Traditional Storytime vs. Storytime for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

Classroom Time

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Next Up

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• Adding a few different elements to the program?

Thanks!

• We can take time now to field questions if you have any...
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