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Agenda

- Introduction
- Statistics and Data
- Cuddle Up & Read program
- Traditional lapsit 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/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/aboutyalsab/aboutyalsa.cfm>

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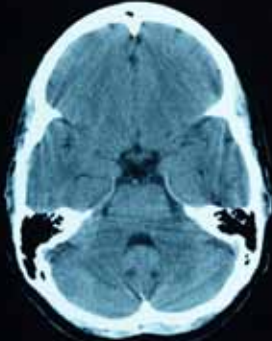
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Poll – Type Your Response in Chat Box

What challenges do you face when working with teens?



The Brain is only **80%** developed in adolescents.



Ruder, Debra Bradley. A Work in Progress: The Teen Brain. Harvard Magazine [September-October 2008]. <http://hmag.harvardmagazine.com/2008/09/20/the-teen-brain.html>

Teen Cognitive Development

- Developing thinking skills
 - Abstract thinking
 - Reasoning



Adolescent Growth and Development by Novella Ruffin publication 330-850

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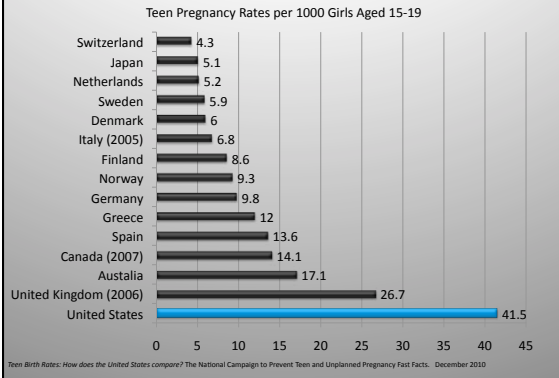


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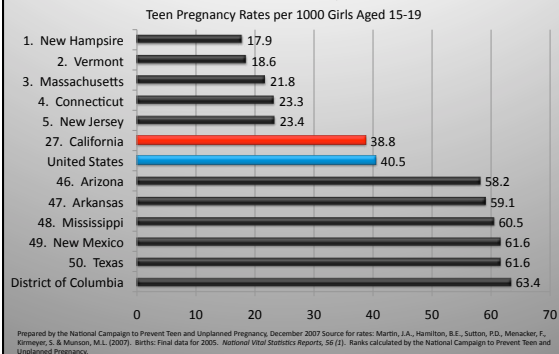
- Have a “It can’t happen to me” syndrome and participate in risky behavior

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World Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates, 2008

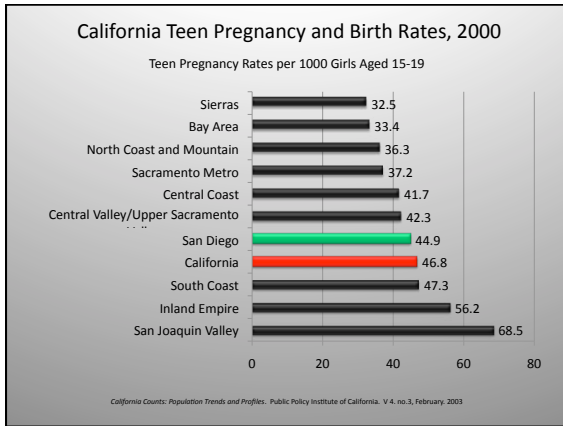


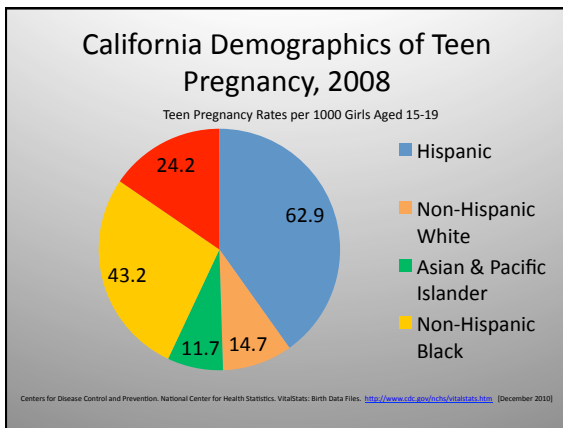
Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates in the United States, 2005

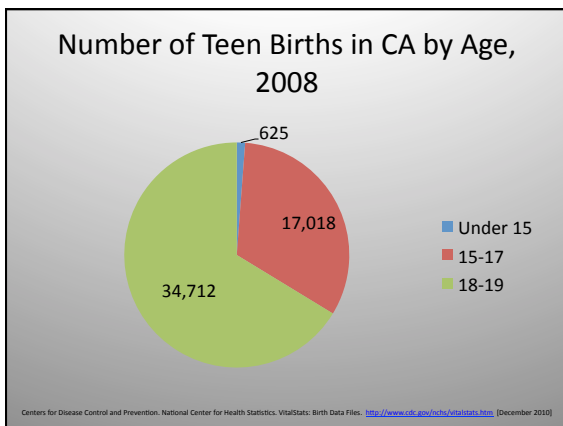


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Teen Pregnancy and Societal Impact

In 2008 it cost taxpayers a total of

\$1.1 billion in CA

\$10.9 billion in the United States

Counting It Up: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing in California in 2008. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy (June 2011)

Teen Pregnancy and Societal Impact

Teen Parents

- Lower levels of educational achievement

By the Numbers: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing in California, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, November 2006

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- Live in poverty
- Dependent on welfare assistance

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- Experience abuse and neglect
- Higher incarceration rates (sons)
- Give birth as a teenager (daughters)

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Cuddle Up & Read: San Diego County Library

California School Age Families Education Program (CAL-Safe)
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/cg/pp/>


Grossmont High School



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San Diego County Library

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



Taken at: La Mesa Library

Classroom Time



Taken at: Grossmont High School

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Classroom Time



Taken at: Grossmont High School

Lessons Learned: Issues

- Teaching in a way that resonates



Taken at: Garfield High School

Lessons Learned: Issues

- Teaching in a way that resonates
- Attendance



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Lessons Learned: Issues

- Teaching in a way that resonates
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Lessons Learned: Issues

- Teaching in a way that resonates
- Attendance
- Storytime etiquette learning curve
- Teenage distractions
- Communal environment
- Partnership support & administrative buy in

Lessons Learned: Positive Surprises

- Collaboration across system lines



Taken at: Mission Valley Library

Lessons Learned: Positive Surprises

- Collaboration across system lines
- Teacher support at school sites



Taken at: Grossmont High School

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Lessons Learned: Positive Surprises

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Taken at: Garfield High School

Lessons Learned: Positive Surprises

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Taken at: Grossmont High School

Lessons Learned: Positive Surprises

- Collaboration across system lines
- Teacher support at school sites
- A few girls willing to model
- Flexibility is key!
- Be willing to try anything




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Next Up


- Invitation to return to schools



Taken at: Garfield High School

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- Invitation to return to schools
- Adding a few different elements to the program?



Taken at: Grossmont High School

Thanks!

- We can take time now to field questions if you have any...
- If you think of a question after the webinar ends, feel free to contact us:

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