



Healthy Teen Network

engaging community



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Conducted mixed methods needs assessment involving diverse stakeholders & key informants
- Mapped community teen sexual health & social determinants data
- Created a strategic plan to reduce teen births
- Gained political support to sustain implementation of strategic plan
- Actively collaborate on city-wide initiative

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COLLABORATING TO LEVERAGE FUNDING & RESOURCES: A STRATEGIC PLAN TO REDUCE TEEN BIRTHS IN BALTIMORE CITY

Healthy Teen Network partnered with the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) & the Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute & Center for Adolescent Health to develop a city-wide strategic plan to reduce teen births in Baltimore city. This collaboration generated community interest & resulted in an advisory group with sub-committees focused on clinical services, community & school programming, & faith-based organizations.

Healthy Teen Network & partners assessed current youth behaviors, identified resources & gaps, convened key stakeholders, & developed a city-wide strategic plan that was adopted & launched by the Mayor in 2010.

This plan currently guides the BCHD *Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative* (TPPI).

The TPPI is a direct result of the strategic plan & has made great strides in the past five years implementing many of the proposed strategies.

Under the TPPI, over 150 clinicians, social workers, health educators, & clinic administrators have been trained to provide youth-friendly services. A social marketing campaign created by teens provides outreach for young people to increase their access to reliable information, decision-making tools, & services. The Long Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) Project is a citywide, multi-agency collaboration to increase access to LARCs.

The TPPI is sustained by a public/private partnership of city agencies, foundations, nonprofits, faith-based & community organizations, & a Youth Advisory Council.