

**The Office of Adolescent Health Recognizes
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month:
Evidence + Collaboration = Better Outcomes**
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HHS, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Great Hall

Summary of remarks by:

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The Administration for Children and Families/Administration for Children, Youth, and Families

The Administration for Children and Families/Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (ACF/ACYF) funds over 80 different grant projects that will help us better understand how to prevent teen pregnancy, in particular among those youth most at risk. Dr. Clark shared information about:

- The 2010 Abstinence Education Grant Program. This initiative provides 30 states with \$33.4 million dollars in funding, enabling states to provide medically accurate abstinence education, and at the option of the state, mentoring, counseling and adult supervision to promote abstinence from sexual activity. The program targets at-risk youth most likely to bear children out-of-wedlock, with a particular focus on foster care youth.
- Personal Responsibility Education Program – Tribes and Tribal Organizations. Soon, the funding opportunity announcement for this program will be released. The program sets aside \$6.5 million the first year, and \$3.5 million in subsequent years, for programs operated by federally recognized Tribes and tribal organizations.
- Personal Responsibility Education Program - Innovative Strategies (PREIS). Released through the joint funding announcement with OAH, PREIS funds 13 projects, for 5-year cooperative agreements, at a total of \$9.7 million. These research and demonstration projects implement innovative strategies for preventing pregnancy among vulnerable youth ages 10-19, pregnant and parenting youth up to age 21, and their partners.
- Three Federal evaluation studies. All grantees, if selected, participate in one of three Federal evaluation studies currently being planned or implemented to examine the impact of teen pregnancy prevention programs: the Evaluation of Pregnancy Prevention Approaches (PPA) study; the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Replication Study; or the Evaluation of Community-Based Approaches. The latter evaluation- is a rigorous quasi-experimental evaluation study of a subset of programs that represent multi-component, community-wide approaches to prevent teen pregnancy.