

***The Office of Adolescent Health Recognizes
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month:
Evidence + Collaboration = Better Outcomes***

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Summary of remarks by
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Over the years, the Office on Women's Health (OWH) has had many efforts targeting pre-teens, adolescents, and young women. OWH supports a number of activities that are pertinent for the efforts around teen sexuality and pregnancy prevention. Dr. Lee discussed:

- Two award-winning websites that provide reliable, accurate information on the health of women and girls: womenshealth.gov and girlshealth.gov. They cover more than 800 topics on issues ranging from adolescent health to reproductive health to healthy aging.
- A toll-free number (800-994-9662) and trained information specialists that will answer calls in either English or Spanish.
- A toolkit for African-American and Hispanic parents. This toolkit will help parents improve how they communicate with their pre-teen daughters on difficult issues related to early adolescence. A train-the-trainer approach will be used to disseminate the toolkit to organizations that have direct access to parents and children.
- HIV/AIDS Prevention for Female Youth at Risk for Juvenile Delinquency. This program provides prevention and intervention services that focus on the intersection between juvenile delinquency and STD/HIV infection. Its audience is at-risk girls ages 9-17.
- Gender Toolkit for Women and Girls. The toolkit will educate OWH grantees, public health professionals, and health departments about the special vulnerabilities of women and girls for HIV/AIDS and other STDs.
- Environmental Scan of Girls' Health. In collaboration with the Office of Adolescent Health, OWH conducted an environmental scan of existing girl- and adolescent health-focused activities such as initiatives, programs, websites, and campaigns. A list of health issues that affect girls has been developed. We've also asked girls for their views on being healthy. This information will aid us with developing a strategy for a national health promotion campaign for girls, one with innovative approaches and sustainable outreach.