

### Our Mission

Healthy Teen Network builds capacity among professionals and organizations through education, advocacy, and networking so that they can assist all adolescents and young adults, including teen parents, to have access to the services and education that allow them to make responsible choices about childbearing and family formation, and are supported and empowered to lead healthy sexual, reproductive, and family lives.

### Our Vision

Healthy Teen Network envisions a national community where all adolescents and young adults, including teen parents, are supported and empowered to lead healthy sexual, reproductive, and family lives.

### Our Values

In order to be prepared to fully participate in modern life, adolescents and young adults need generous opportunities to pursue education and other enrichments—opportunities which are enhanced by delaying and spacing childbearing.

Society has an obligation to support all adolescents and young adults, including teen parents, because all young people deserve the opportunity to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

## WHAT WE DO

Healthy Teen Network (HTN) is devoted to making a difference in the lives of teens and young families. We are a national organization focused on adolescent health and well-being with an emphasis on *teen pregnancy prevention, teen pregnancy, and teen parenting*. HTN serves as a leader, a national voice, and a comprehensive resource to professionals working in the field of adolescent health.

## HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HTN provides critical services to its members and affiliates through the following approaches:

### Network & Information Sharing

HTN prides itself on supplying the adolescent health community with relevant and timely resources, research and support to help professionals effectively support young people, including teen parents. Our broad dissemination mechanisms – annual national conference, publications, weekly electronic newsletters, policy statements, committees and more – advance the conversation and create a forum for change.

### Research & Program Evaluation

Through research and program evaluation, Healthy Teen Network leads the way in promoting evidence--based programs and policy, building knowledge in the field on relevant issues and shining a light on emerging programs.

### Training & Technical Assistance

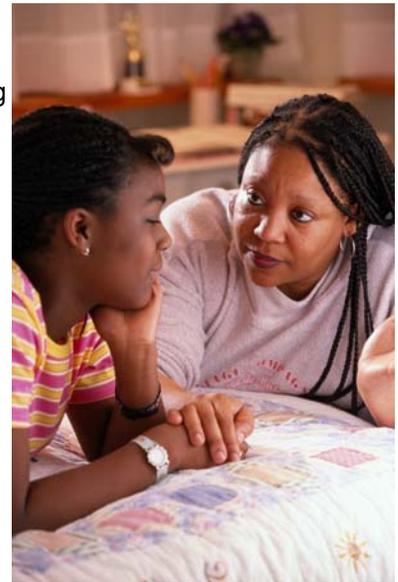
Healthy Teen Network provides skills-building, interactive training and customized technical assistance with high impact results for local, state and regional organizations to improve program and organizational outcomes.

### Organizational & Coalition Capacity Building

As the national convener of state and local organizations working in the adolescent reproductive health field, Healthy Teen Network understands the importance of and contributes to strengthening organizational power and building coalition capacity to encourage others to make a difference in the lives of teens and young families.

### Policy & Advocacy

Healthy Teen Network advocates for policy advancements supporting adolescent reproductive health and parenting at state, local and national levels through the development and dissemination of relevant policy statements, the improvement of practices and policies, involvement with committees, and collaborations with other organizations.



## CURRENT PRIORITIES

HEALTHY TEEN NETWORK FOCUSES ON PROMOTING EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES; INTEGRATION OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES INTO TEEN PREGNANCY AND STI/HIV PREVENTION; INCREASING ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND SERVICES FOR ALL YOUTH; AND SUPPORTING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF TEEN PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN



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### Primary Prevention

- Build the science around programs that target marginalized populations through research and evaluation, training and technical assistance.
- Increase knowledge about and use of long acting reversible contraceptives through print and electronic resource development supported with training and technical assistance.
- Support capacity building and collaborative approaches that use evidence-based approaches to reduce teen pregnancy, STI and HIV among youth through strategic planning, training and technical assistance.
- Promote male involvement in reproductive health and family planning through resource development and promotion.
- Promote access to confidential contraceptive services for all youth with relevant resources, training and technical assistance.
- Develop and implement a strategic advocacy plan that supports our values.

### Pregnant and Parenting Teens and their Children

- Continue to build the evidence-base for what works to support healthy development and future success among teen parents, including teen fathers, and their children through research and evaluation, supported with resource development, training and technical assistance.
- Continue efforts to identify, test and implement new frames for this population that change public perception and increase political will through focus group research and communications.
- Promote healthy relationships, including effective co-parenting, through resource development supported by training and technical assistance.
- Promote delay of subsequent births through access to comprehensive education and services through resource development.
- Continue on-going advocacy efforts to gain support for teen parents and their children.