

WHY PREVENTION MATTERS:

Teen Pregnancy in Georgia 2010 Fact Sheet

In Richmond County...

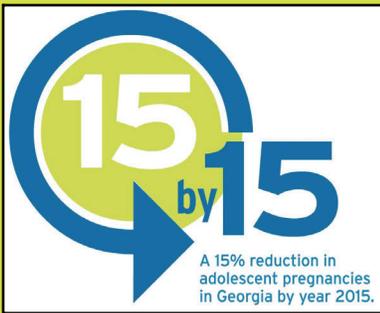
- Over 629 pregnancies a year occur among teenage girls.¹
- More than 12 new pregnancies occur every week.
- Over one-fourth (29%) of teen pregnancies occur among girls who have already been pregnant at least once before.²

Teen Pregnancy (Ages 15 to 19) in Richmond County³

County	# of pregnancies	Rate / 1,000	% Repeat Pregnancies
Richmond	629	86.6	29%
GA	22,231	66.7	27.2%

What impact does teen pregnancy have on Richmond County?

- 40% of teen mothers do not graduate from high school and only 2% graduate from college.⁴
- Children of teen mothers are at a higher risk of: having chronic medical conditions, problems in school, ending up in foster care, becoming incarcerated or continuing the cycle of teen parenthood.⁵
- Nearly 80% of fathers of children born to teen mothers do not marry the mother. Two-thirds of families begun by a young unmarried mother are poor.⁶
- Teen pregnancy cost Richmond County taxpayers **approximately 15 million dollars in 2004.**⁷



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We Can Make A Difference

The Richmond County teen pregnancy rate declined by 14.6% between 2007 and 2008. We can help the county continue moving in the right direction by—

- Advocating for state and local-level teen pregnancy prevention efforts, including adolescent public health services, educational programs and youth development initiatives.
- Supporting public investment in programs that address the early risk factors of teen pregnancy, such as school failure, child abuse and neglect, and child poverty.
- Endorsing research-based prevention programs that are proven to be effective.⁸
- Championing local prevention initiatives in your community.
- **Working together with G-CAPP in support of the 15 by 15 state-wide reduction goal, an effort to reduce Georgia's teen pregnancy rate another 15% by year 2015.**

Richmond County's teen pregnancy rate will drop to 84 per 1,000 if the 15 by 15 goal is met.⁹

Contact G-CAPP for more information on how teen pregnancy impacts our state and how you can help (404) 524-2277 or www.gcapp.org.

¹Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS) Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Information and Policy. Data accessed on September 14, 2010 from <http://oasis.state.ga.us/>.

²Ibid

³Ibid

⁴The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (2006). *Why it Matters: Teen Pregnancy and Education*. Retrieved February 26, 2010 from www.thenationalcampaign.org/why-it-matters/pdf/education.pdf.

⁵The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (2006). *Why it Matters: Teen Pregnancy, Poverty, and Income Disparity*. Retrieved February 26, 2010 from www.thenationalcampaign.org/why-it-matters/pdf/poverty.pdf.

⁶Ibid

⁷The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (2006). *By the Numbers Calculator*. Retrieved on September, 14, 2010 from www.thenationalcampaign.org/costs/calculator.asp.

⁸Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Adolescent Reproductive Health. (2007). *Promoting Science-Based Approaches*. Retrieved August 1, 2007 from www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/AdolescentReproHealth/ScienceApproach.htm.

⁹Rate based on 15% reduction from 2000 teen pregnancy rate of 98.8/1000.