

Memorandum



DATE August 29, 2017

TO Honorable Members of the Human and Social Needs Committee:
Councilmember Casey Thomas, II (Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano (Vice Chair),
Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway, Councilmember Omar Narvaez,
Councilmember Mark Clayton, Councilmember B. Adam McGough

SUBJECT **Teen Pregnancy Initiative**

On Tuesday, September 5, 2017, you will be briefed on the Teen Pregnancy Initiative by Terry Greenberg, CEO of North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens. The briefing materials are attached for your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.



Nadia Chandler-Hardy
Chief of Community Services

[Attachment]

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Teen Pregnancy Initiative

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The North Texas Alliance to Reduce Teen Pregnancy is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that seeks to improve the quality of life for children, families, and communities by preventing unintended teen pregnancies.



Our vision is that every young person in our community has the opportunity to set goals, plan an education and a career, and become self-sufficient before becoming a parent.

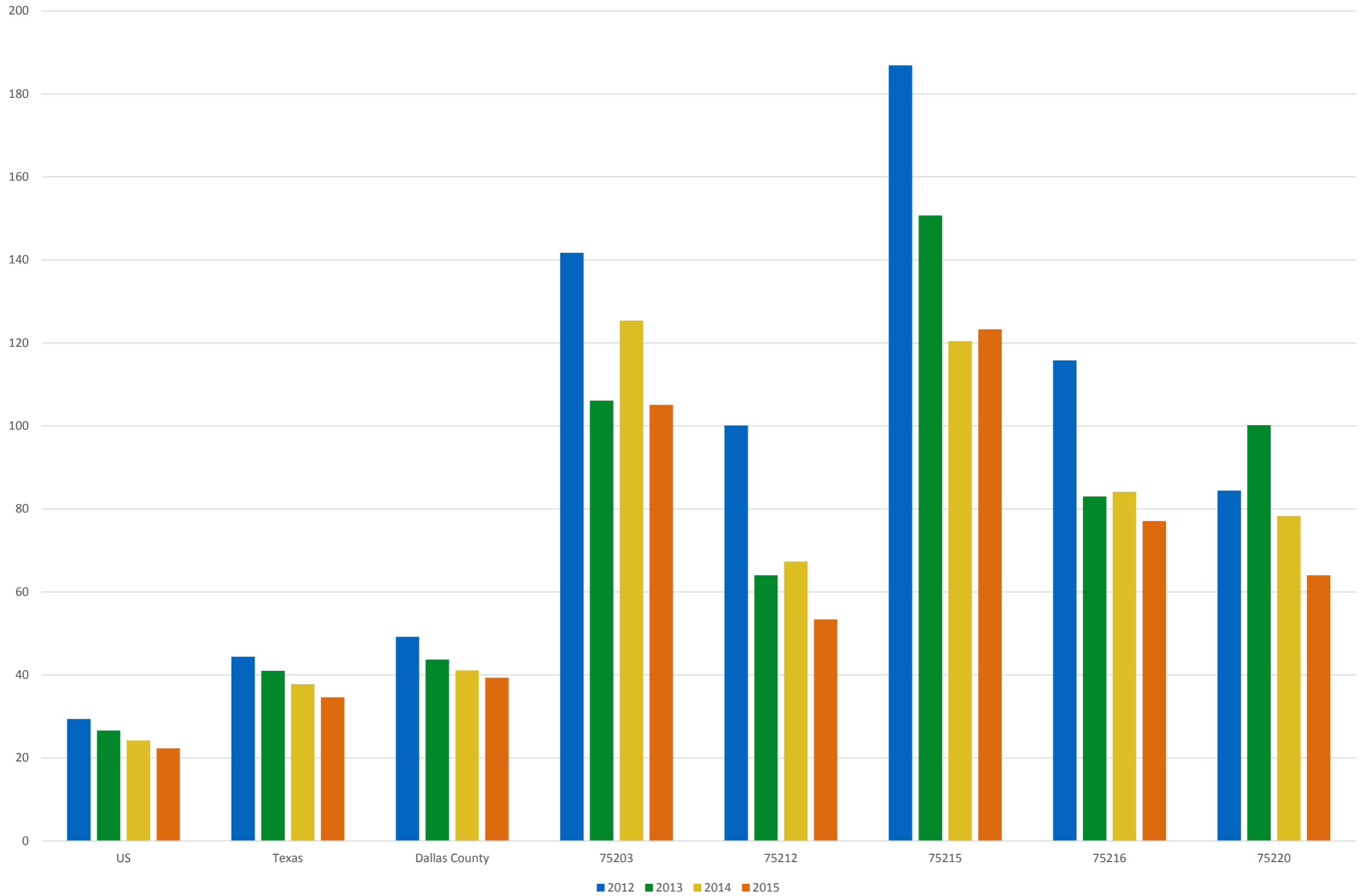


The North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens

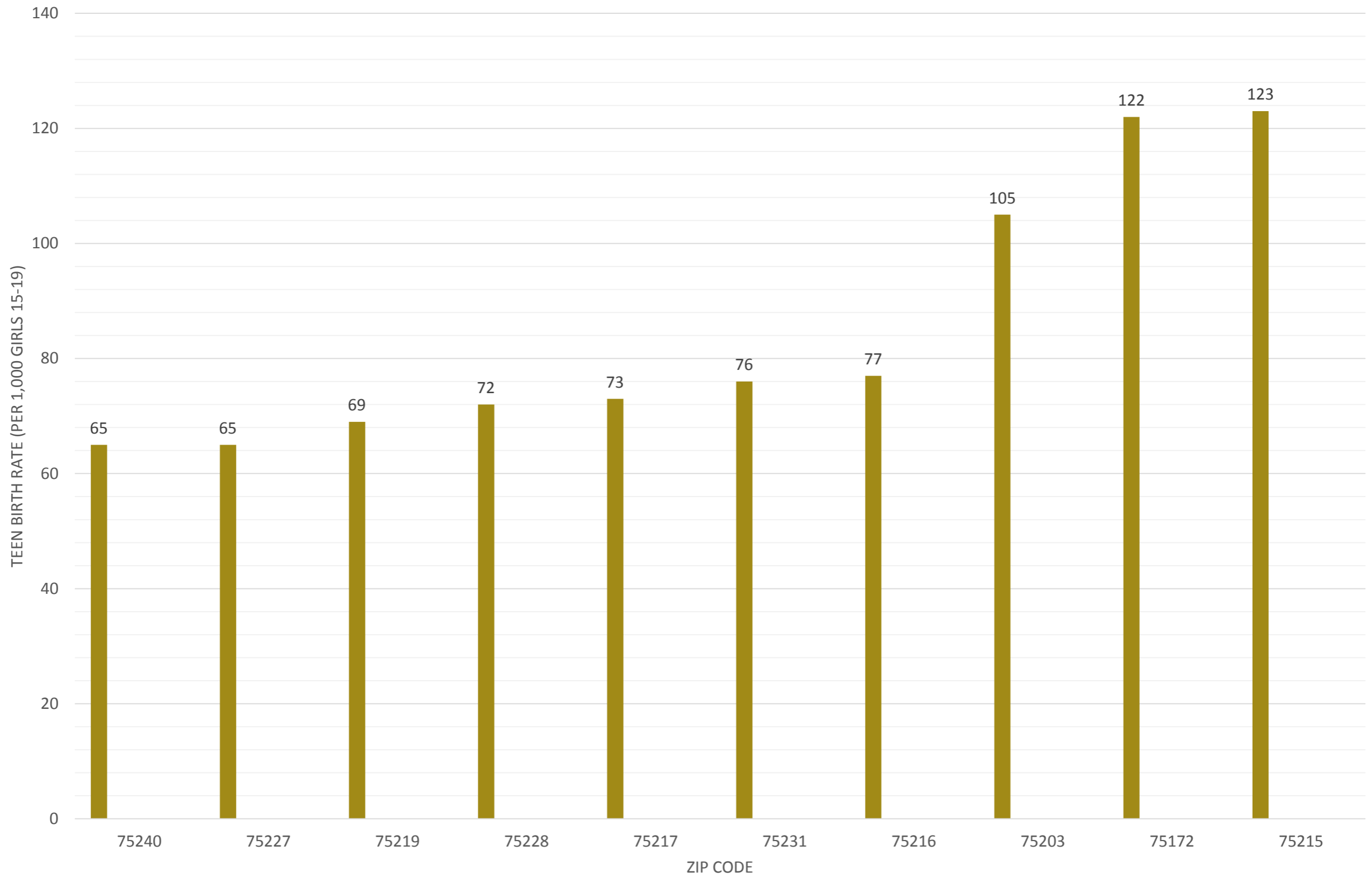
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 - Pronounced “interrupt”
 - Promote healthy communities by investing in teens

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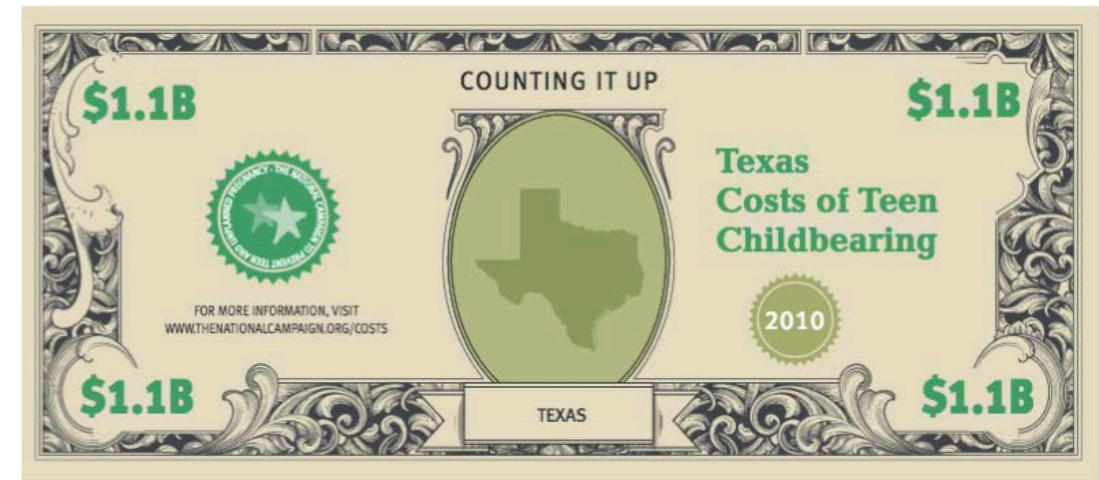
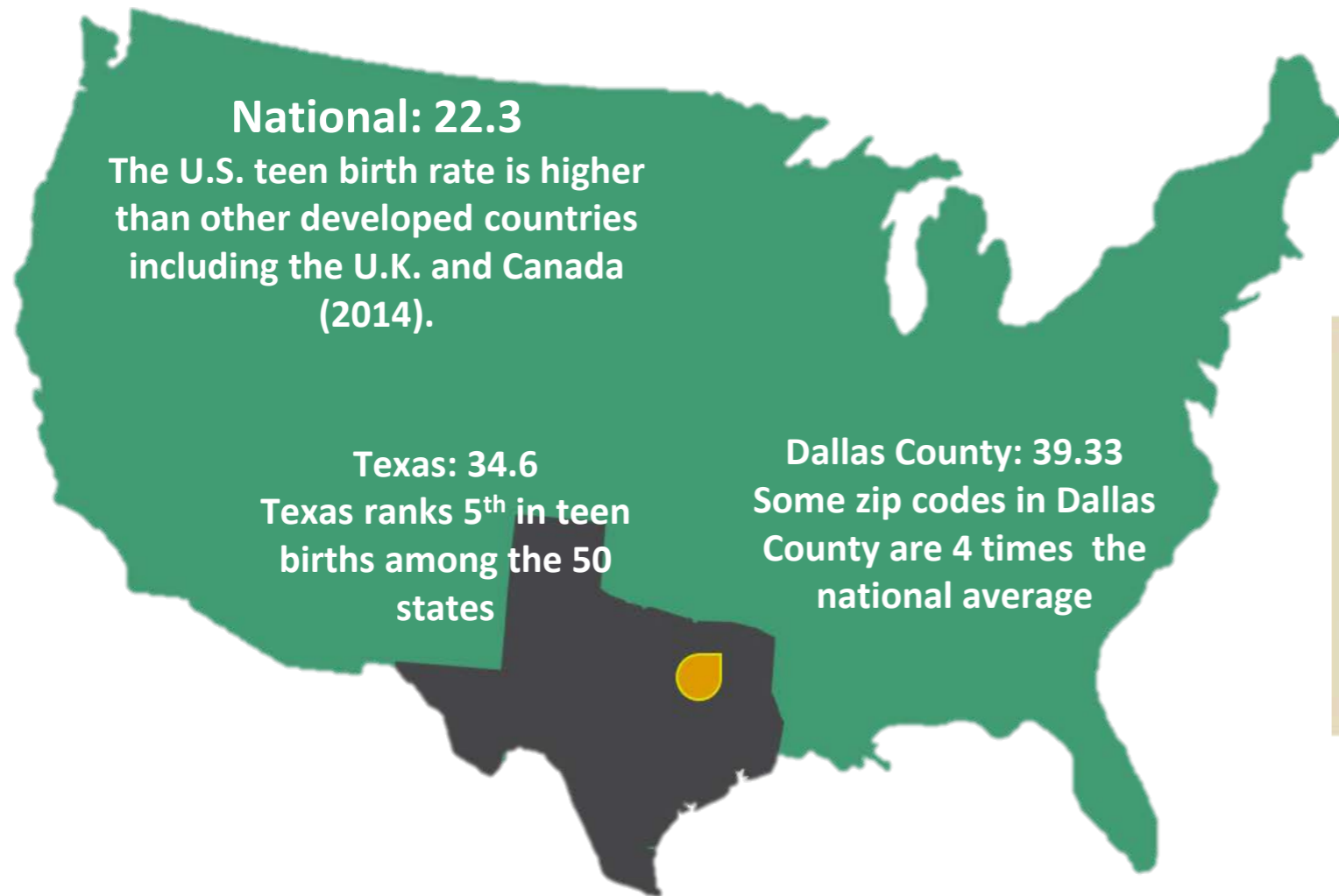
Teen Birth Rate (Number of Births per 1,000 Girls Aged 15-19)



10 Highest Zip Codes (TBR, Dallas, 2015)



Why Teen Pregnancy Prevention?









Dallas County spent almost \$12 Million dollars to pay for births to girls aged 15-19 in 2014.

Source: Brown, Shelton. "The Costs of Teen Children Having Children: Evidence from Texas, 2014." University of Texas, Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health Austin.

Source: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. Counting It Up: The Public Costs of Teen Childbearing in Texas in 2010
Source: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. National & State Data: Texas.

The COST of Teen Pregnancy

Dallas County: 2015

Costs for Teen Mothers	Costs for Children of Teen Mothers
 WIC: \$200,000	 Incarceration: \$28,400,000
 Medicaid: \$20,600,000	 Foster care: \$250,000
 SNAP: \$1,500,000	 Child abuse: \$10,800,000

Total Cost


\$22.3 Million

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\$39.5 Million

Loss of tax revenue:

\$41 Million

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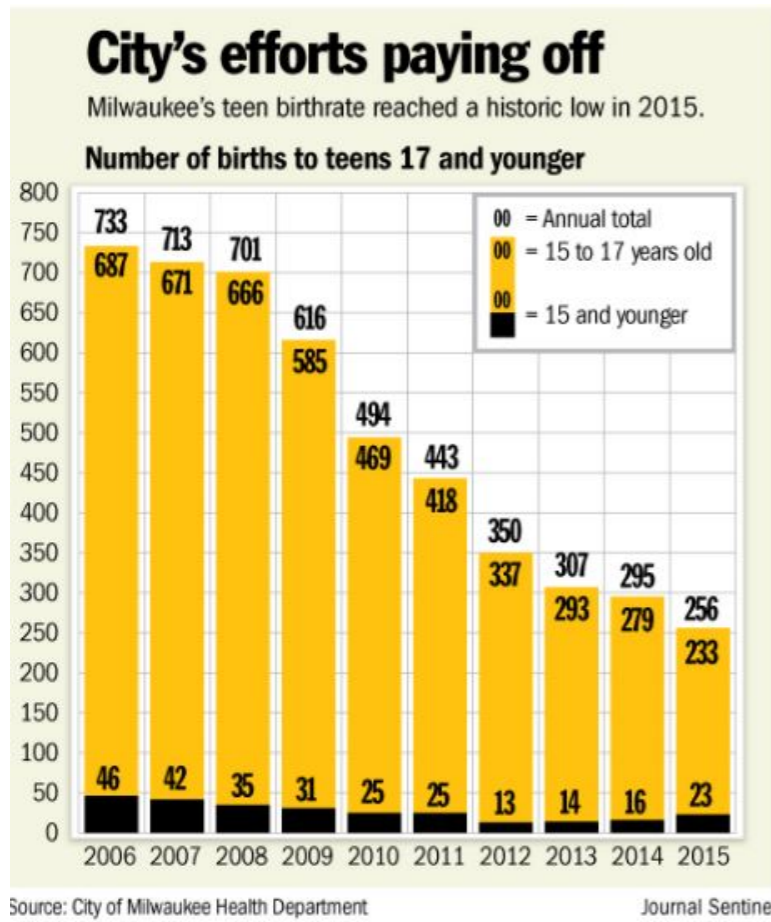
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Best Practices

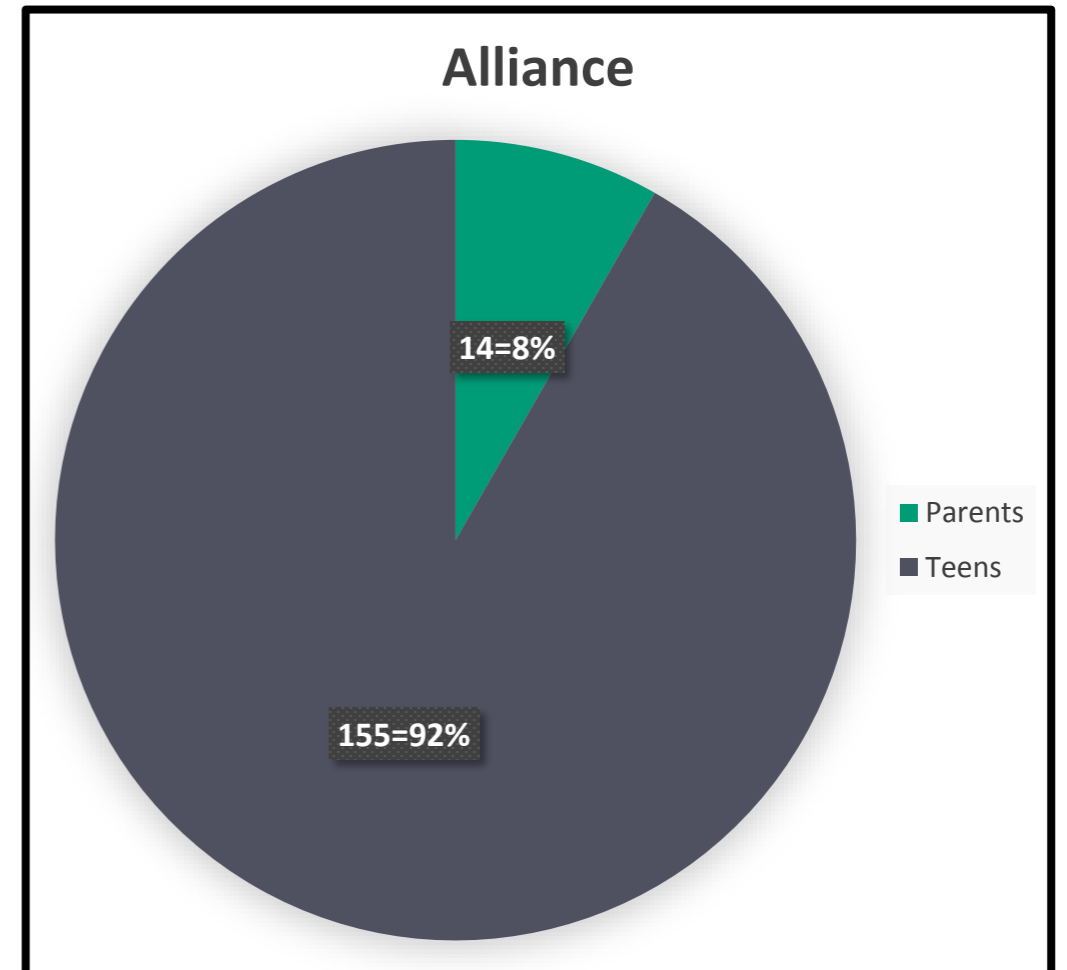
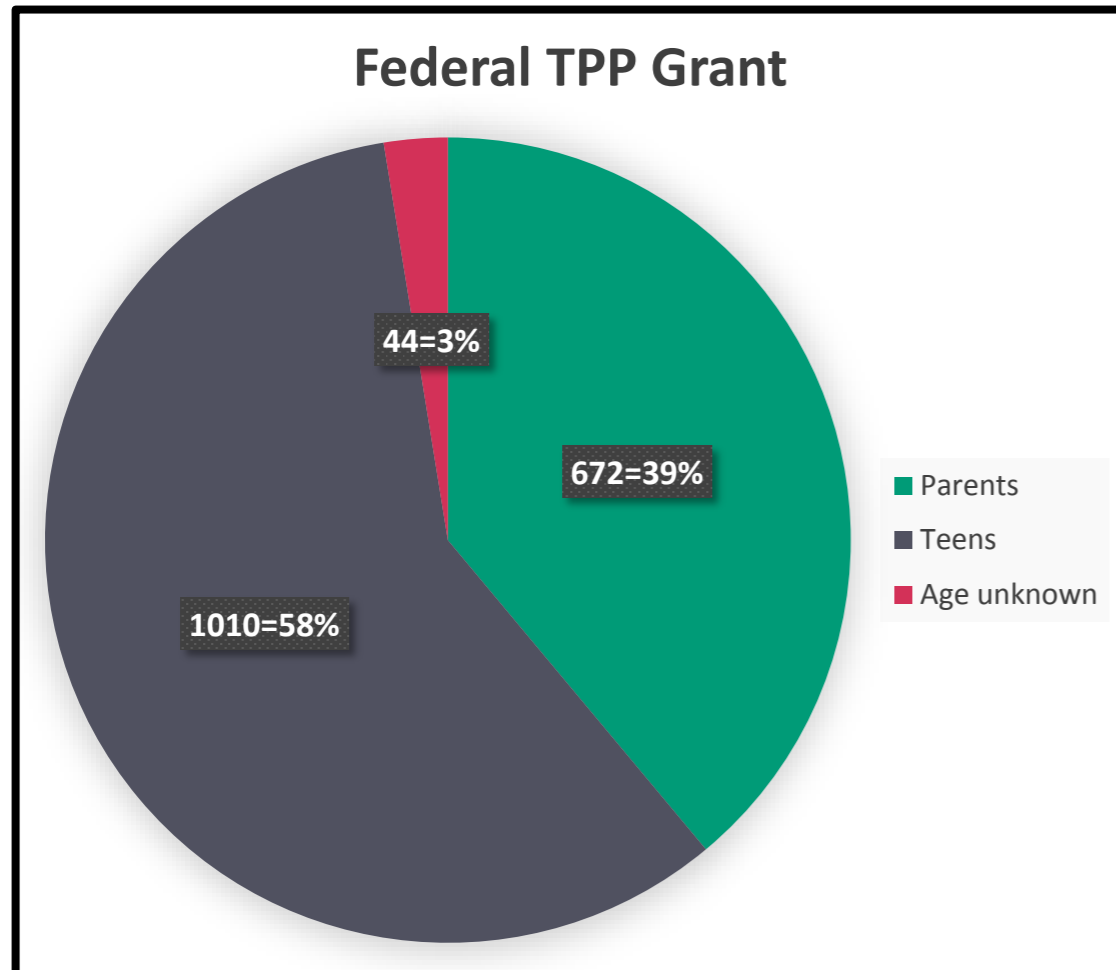
- **Teaching medically accurate, age appropriate, evidence-based sexuality education to adolescents**
- **Teaching skill building parent education classes**
- **Community Awareness to promote:**
 - Behavior change
 - Encourage action

•WHAT WORKED IN MILWAUKEE

- Brings together representatives from business, government, education, the medical field, the faith community, law enforcement and other nonprofits to create a focused, cumulative effort.
- Invests in programs to educate youth about the consequences of teen pregnancy and teach skills needed to cope with social pressures, with the goal of delaying sexual activity and avoiding pregnancy.
- Provides resources for medically accurate age-appropriate information on preventing pregnancy and promoting healthy relationships for youth.
- Encourages parents/guardians to talk to the youth in their lives by distributing the Family Communication
- Develops a robust public awareness campaign
- Released the 5-year progress report [*If Truth Be Told*](#) in May, 2011.



Total Reach: Evidence-Based Interventions July 2016-June 2017

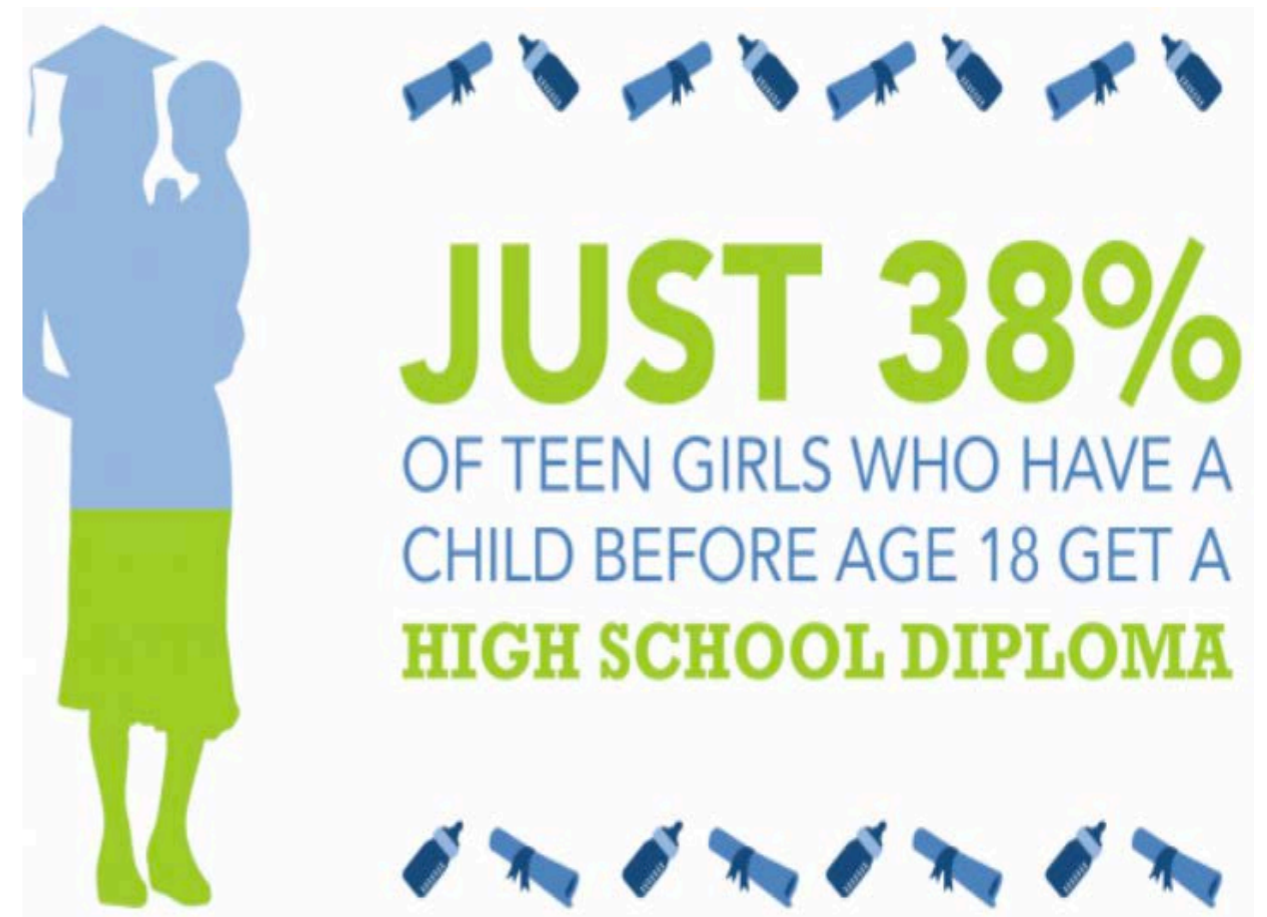


- 1165 Teens
- 684 Parents
- 44 Unknown Age
- **TOTAL:1893**

+ **207 Teens** at Dallas Healthy Teen Summit – June 16, 2017

Education

- 30% of teen girls cite pregnancy and parenthood as a reasons for dropping out of school
- Children born to teen mothers score significantly lower on school readiness assessments
- 67% of teen mothers who move out of their families household live below the poverty line



Source. Ng, A. S., & Kaye, K. (2012). *Why It Matters: Teen Childbearing, Education, and Economic Wellbeing*. Washington, DC: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

Violence & Crime

- The sons of teen mothers are 13% more likely to end up in prison.
- Girls in high school who reported experiencing dating violence were **4-6x** more likely to have ever been pregnant than peers who had not experienced dating violence.
- Approximately **50-60 percent** of adolescents who become pregnant have a history of childhood sexual or physical abuse.

Foster Care

- Girls in foster care are **2.5 times** more likely to get pregnant than girls in general. Almost half in foster care have been pregnant at least once by age 19.
- The children of teen parents are twice as likely to be placed in foster care as children born to older parents.

Poverty

- Nearly **80%** of teen mothers receive some type of government assistance within the first year after the birth of their child.
- Approximately 48% of teen mothers live in poverty.
- In Dallas County alone, 5777 mothers aged 14-17 received WIC benefits (2014).

Maternal and Infant Health Outcomes

- Teen mothers are 2x likely to not have prenatal care in the first trimester
- Infants of teen mothers are more likely to be preterm and more likely to have a low birth rate

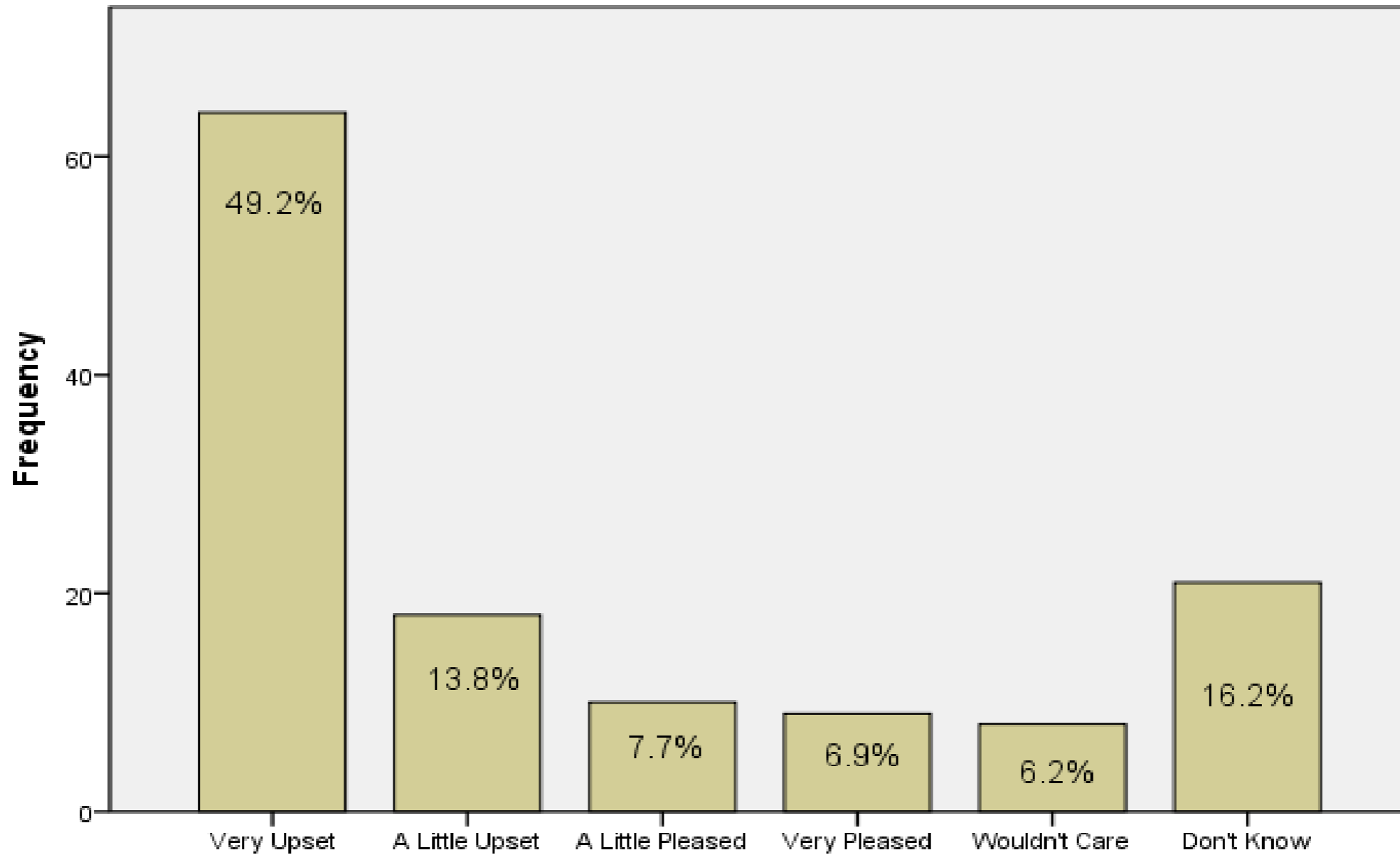


Needs Assessment Results

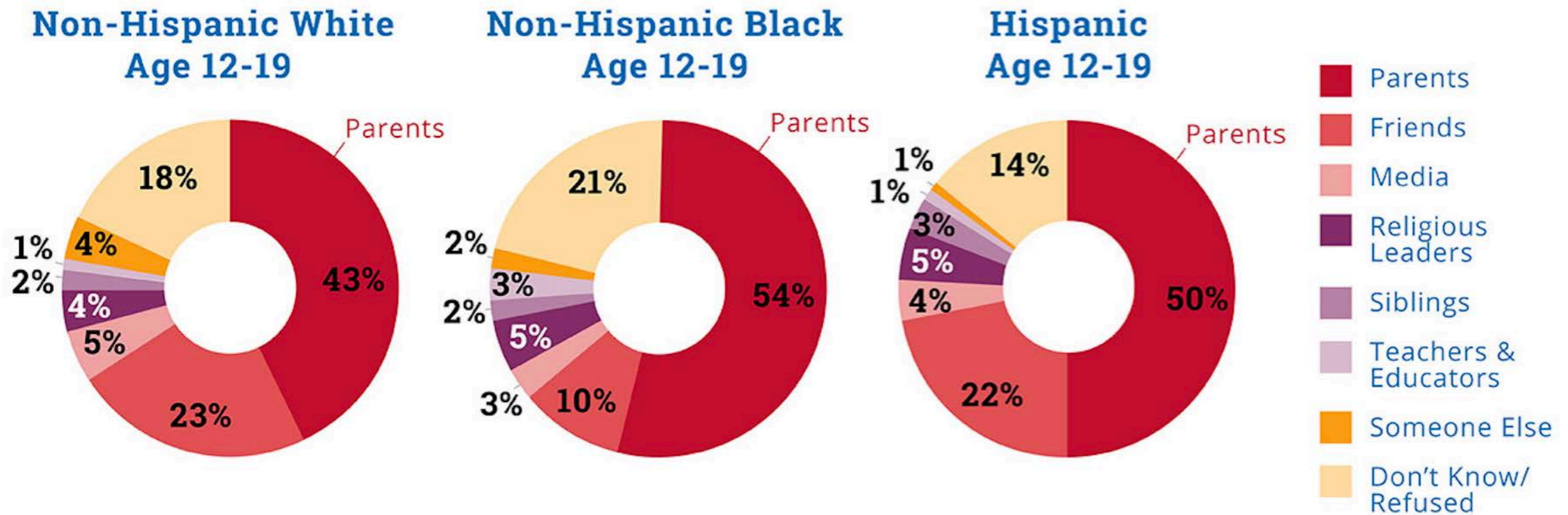
- Overwhelming majority of educators, medical providers and community leaders felt the lack of contraceptive education puts youth at greatest risk for unintended pregnancy
- Teens want to discuss sex before becoming sexually active
- Most common parental concern: How to teach children about sex without giving them permission?

THE "WHY"

If you found out today that you were pregnant/had gotten someone pregnant, how would you feel?



Who most influences your decisions about sex?



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Source: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. Survey Says: October 2016: Parent Power.

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Education

- Medically accurate, evidence-based sexuality education
- Courses for teens
- Courses for parents

Resource Referral

- Linkages to youth friendly healthcare
- Other teen friendly community resources

Partners



*“People talk about sex, but nobody **REALLY** talks about sex.”*

-Dallas Area Teens

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