

The 1st Annual Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Conference: Teen Pregnancy Prevention in Alabama

Thursday, May 13, 2004, Birmingham, AL - Bringing together experts from four different prevention perspectives, this conference highlighted the Carrera model by setting it in the context of national prevention efforts. The Carrera model is designed as a holistic approach to teen pregnancy prevention. By supporting teenagers in their education, health care needs, after school and summer work, by encouraging responsibility, financial independence, and lifetime athletic endeavors, programs throughout the nation using the Carrera model have experienced a 50 percent reduction in births to teen girls. Linking teen pregnancy to other social issues including poverty, welfare dependency, child well-being and workforce development, this program illustrated the negative repercussions that high teen pregnancy rates can create, and allowed the participants to hear first hand about initiatives that can assist them in their work in preventing teen pregnancy.

Welcome:

Rebel Jackson, Director, Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Keynote Speakers:

Karen Troccoli, Senior Editor and Program Consultant, National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Michael Carrera, Director, The Stern National Adolescent Training Center, The Children's Aid Society

Bob McCannon, Director, New Mexico Media Literacy Project

Semoon Chang, Director, Center for Business and Economic Research, University of South Alabama

Co-Sponsors:

**Children's Health System
The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Alabama Department of Public Health
Department of Human Resources**

Quick Facts:

"It is my belief that unorthodox and daring prevention interventions are essential because orthodox approaches have clearly failed; our best thinking and our best efforts have got us where we are today. In that light, we can be sure that without changing, no change will occur."

Michael Carrera, Director, The Stern National Adolescent Training Center, The Children's Aid Society

"Almost one-half of all teen mothers and over three-quarters of unmarried teen mothers began receiving welfare within five years of the first birth of their child"
Karen Troccoli, Senior Editor and Program Consultant, National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

"In Alabama, the total cost for teen pregnancies was \$1,009,971,247. That is the total of lost earnings, lost tax revenues, welfare/care costs and juvenile justice costs."

Semoon Chang, Director, Center for Business and Economic Research, University of South Alabama

"Those of us who are entrusted with the privilege of access to vulnerable young people must provide for their care and guidance with renewed vigor and determination."

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Materials:

"Adolescent Pregnancy and Childbearing in the U.S.", 2004 update, Population Resource Center, 1999

"Alabama Teen Pregnancy", 2004 update, Population Resource Center, 1999

"Latina Teen Pregnancy: Problems and Prevention", 2004 Update, Population Resource Center, 2001

"Making the List: Understanding, Selecting and Replicating Effective Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs", Julie Solomon, Ph.D. and Josefina J. Card, Ph.D., The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 2004

"Not Just another Single Issue: Teen Pregnancy Prevention's Link to Other Critical Social Issues", The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 2004

"No Time To Waste: Programs to reduce Teen Pregnancy among Middle School Aged Youth", Jennifer Manlove, Ph.D., National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 2004

"The Impact of Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenthood on Educational Achievement", National Association of State Boards of Education, 2000

"A Good Time: After-School Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy", Jennifer Manlove, Ph. D., National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 2004