



## Working with Diverse Communities Update December 2014

*Season's Greetings from JSI!*

Several grantees have expressed interest in screening tools and referral protocols for assessment of social needs and life circumstances that may increase individual teens' health risks and contribute to adolescent health disparities, including teen pregnancy. JSI is working to develop a set of screening questions that can be added as needed to the intake or assessment tools currently in use at your program.

HealthBegins, a network of clinicians and public health professionals "committed to improving healthcare and the social conditions that make people sick", has assembled a collection of social screening/risk assessment questions and tools. Visit the [HealthBegins website](#) to look at screening questions as well as referral guidelines for health risks such as food insecurity, substandard housing, social connections and stress.



If you are interested in technical assistance related to risk screening for social needs and development of referral networks, please [contact JSI](#).

For more tools and resources on the social determinants of health and working with diverse communities, visit our [website](#).

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