



RHEY News & Tools: Inaugural Edition

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Greetings!

Welcome to the first edition of *RHEY (Reproductive Health Equity for Youth) News & Tools*, the e-newsletter of the Working with Diverse Communities component of the CDC Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project. *RHEY News & Tools* will bring you cutting-edge resources addressing:

- provision of teen pregnancy prevention (TPP) programs and services to African American and Latino youth, youth in foster care, LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer) and out-of-school youth,
- social determinants of teen pregnancy and reproductive/sexual health disparities among youth,
- cultural competence in teen pregnancy prevention and reproductive health services, and
- engaging diverse communities to identify needs and assets related to TPP, tailor programs and services and conduct participatory evaluations.

In addition to featuring the latest research on these topics, each issue will highlight at least one practical tool which can be applied in your day-to-day work to reduce teen

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pregnancy in the communities you serve.

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In a spirit of collaboration,

Myriam Hernandez Jennings
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This Office of Minority Health website is "dedicated to advancing health equity at every point of contact", and offers the latest resources, tools and continuing education programs to promote cultural and linguistic competency in health care.

Featured Articles



[Include a Social Determinants of Health Approach to Reduce Health Inequities](#)

Former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher issues a call to advance a social determinants approach in public health.

Include a social determinants of health approach to reduce health inequities. Satcher D. *Public Health Reports*. 2010;125:6-7.

"I think they need the support that says, Look at your future. Let's get you on your own two feet before you bring another set into the world."

A Colorado teen's response to a question about what helps teens avoid pregnancy.

Pueblo County Teen Pregnancy Research Project Final Report. JSI 2011

Upcoming Events

**September 20-22
2011, Atlanta, GA**

[Working Together with Diverse Communities Institute: Promoting Health Equity in Community-Wide Teen](#)

[Social Messages, Social Context and Sexual Health: Voices of Urban African American Youth](#)

Interviews with African American young women living in an impoverished urban community revealed five main social contextual themes reflecting beliefs about childbearing and pregnancy timing -- first sex: getting ready and getting it over

with; the path for African American girls; gender expectations: insecurity and independence; living into a future; and living in a context of instability and uncertainty.

[Article Summary](#)

Social Messages, Social Context, and Sexual Health: Voices of Urban African American Youth. Secor-Turner M, Sieving R, Garwick A. *Am J Health Behav* 2011;35(2):162-174

[Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives](#)

Presenters: JSI
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This toolkit from the Annie E. Casey Foundation is designed to help decision-makers, advocates and CBOs get better results in their work by providing equitable opportunities for all. See especially:

- *Introduction: User's Guide*
- Fact Sheet: Adolescent Reproductive Health
- *Shaping the Message: How to Talk About Race*
- Doing the Work: Organizational Self-Assessment Tool
- *Race Matters: Guidelines for Achieving Staff and Board Diversity*
- Race Matters: Advancing Better Outcomes for All Children: Reporting Data Using A Racial Equity Lens.

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