

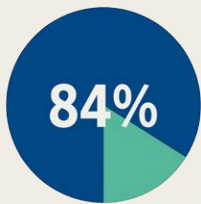
EXPANDING THE REACH: AIKEN COMMUNITY STUDY

In an effort to gain insight into ways to reduce teen birth rates in Aiken County, the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (SC Campaign) commissioned the University of South Carolina's Survey Research Laboratory (SRL) and the Core for Applied Research and Evaluation (CARE) to conduct surveys and focus groups in Aiken. The results below give insight into how adults, parents and teens in Aiken feel about teen pregnancy prevention in their own families and communities.

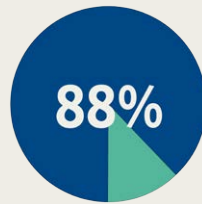
WHAT ADULTS ARE SAYING



SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS



84% of adults feel sex education that **emphasizes abstinence** as the first option for youth and also **teaches about the benefits of contraception** should be taught in public schools.



88% of adults **agree schools should be doing more** to prevent teen pregnancy.

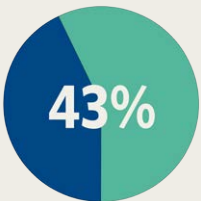
TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT SEX

9 in 10

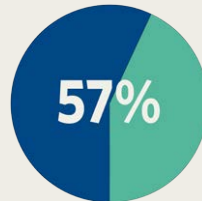
parents say they have **talked to their child** (10-19) **about sex**.



TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL



43% of parents who have talked with their child (10-19) about sex **have talked at least a moderate amount about where to access birth control**.



57% of all adults **say sexually active teens should be able to access birth control**.

TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT CONDOMS

OVER 1/2

of parents who have talked with their child (10-19) about sex have **talked at least a moderate amount about where to access condoms**.

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WHAT TEENS ARE SAYING



SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS



Teens say they want to **receive more information about healthy relationships, STI prevention and identification, and condom use** in their sexual education courses.

TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT SEX



Most teens say they **prefer to talk to an older sibling or friend** before approaching a parent with questions about sex. Some teens are not comfortable receiving information from adults because they fear being judged.

TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL



Most female teens have questions about birth control, but feel they **cannot ask their parents about it** because their parents will automatically assume that they are having sex.

TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT CONDOMS



Many **male teens say their parents do not give them information about condoms**. Some females feel embarrassed to purchase them.

WHAT IS "EXPANDING THE REACH?"

Funded by the Office of Adolescent Health, Expanding the Reach is a five-year initiative of the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy in collaboration with Helping Hands, Inc., the Aiken County school district, and DHEC. This initiative aims to maximize opportunities for teens to participate in evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs in order to further reduce rates of teen pregnancy in Aiken. Want to get involved? Contact Kandace Cave of Helping Hands, Inc. at (803) 648-3456.

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