

WHAT **YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS** CAN DO

Teen pregnancy is a complex problem that requires a complex solution. Since 1994, our mission at the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (SC Campaign) has been to improve the health and economic well-being of individuals, communities and the state of South Carolina by preventing teen pregnancy. To achieve our mission, we work with a variety of organizations - public, private, school and community based - in all regions of the state. It takes all of us—parents, teachers, policymakers, faith leaders, health providers and the business community—to make a difference. As a youth-serving organization, you play a key role in South Carolina. Achieving reductions in teen pregnancy rates takes a sustained commitment and investment in our young people. In order to accomplish this goal, please consider the following actions→



HOW YOU CAN HELP



LEARN HOW TO IMPLEMENT a teen pregnancy prevention program that works.



- Provide opportunities for staff to become trained as facilitators for evidence-based programs by attending one of our trainings. Check out upcoming trainings at [Teenpregnancysc.org/events](https://teenpregnancysc.org/events).
- Commit to professional development for you and your staff. Attending trainings or hosting a workshop will increase your comfort level when talking to youth about love, sex and relationships.

PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT where sexuality, intimacy and relationships are discussed openly and honestly.



- Provide a safe place where young people are free to discuss their concerns about love, sex and relationships.
- Ensure young people are receiving consistent messages from all adults within your organization.
- Take advantage of opportunities to use teachable moments (i.e. popular culture, media) to educate young people.

ENGAGE PARENTS and other caring community members.



- Make it convenient for parents to participate in your organization's programs and activities.
- Help parents become more comfortable discussing love, sex and relationships with their youth by providing them with resources. NotRightNowSC.org provides valuable tips and information for both parents and teens.
- Form partnerships with local businesses to help young people see the connection between academics and future work opportunities. Research shows that providing youth with opportunities for work and education is critical for pregnancy prevention.

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Sources: TeenPregnancySC.org/get-involved/support-your-community/youth-serving-organizations.