



Healthy Youth. Bright Futures. Strong Communities.

# WHAT SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 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, healthcare providers and the business community—to make a difference. As school leadership, 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



## BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE LAW and the Comprehensive Health Education Act (CHEA).



- The CHEA was enacted in 1988 to ensure that South Carolina students receive an age-appropriate, comprehensive health education program that encompasses the skills, attitudes and behaviors that promote wellness, health maintenance and disease prevention.
- At least one time during high school, students must receive 750 minutes of reproductive health education and pregnancy prevention education.
- Know what your CHEA Committee has adopted in your school district in regards to discussing and demonstrating contraception and birth control.

## ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION of evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programming.



- Work with your local school board, Comprehensive Health Education Committee, School Improvement Council, teachers and school administrators to facilitate the selection of an evidence-based program that fits the needs of your school.
- Commit to professional development and provide opportunities for teachers to participate in the SC Campaign's facilitator trainings and utilize technical assistance. Check out upcoming trainings at [Teenpregnancysc.org/events](https://teenpregnancysc.org/events).
- Allow for flexibility in your school's schedule to maximize a program's impact.

## ENGAGE PARENTS and other caring community members.



- Provide resources for parents on how to talk to their teen about love, sex and relationships.
- 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.
- Become familiar with youth-serving organizations in your community in order to share resources and make referrals.

## Get Connected. Stay Informed. Make a Difference.



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