

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Tier 1 and 2 Evaluation Overview



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Although the U.S. has made great progress in reducing teen pregnancy, births to teen mothers are still much more common than in other western industrialized nations. In addition, not all teens are at equal risk; there are disparities in teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates by race and ethnicity, and among the most vulnerable populations, including youth who are homeless, living in foster care, or involved with the juvenile justice system.

To address this need, the Office of Population Affairs (OPA), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administers the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program. TPP supports the implementation of existing evidence-based teen pregnancy and STI prevention programs. It also supports the development and evaluation of new and innovative approaches to reduce disparities in teen pregnancy and birth rates and promote optimal health.

OPA awarded funding to 75 organizations in Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021:

	Tier 1: Optimally Changing the Map for TPP 62 grantees	Tier 2: Innovation and Impact Networks 13 grantees
Program Goals	Improve health, prevent teen pregnancy, and reduce rates of STIs	
Intervention Approach	Implement evidence-based, culturally appropriate, and age-appropriate programs and support services	Explore, develop, test, refine, and evaluate innovative interventions
Focus	Adolescents in communities or populations disproportionately impacted by teen pregnancy and STIs	Adolescents, systems, and programs affiliated with one of the following priority areas: (1) juvenile justice, (2) foster care/child welfare, (3) caregivers, (4) expectant and parenting youth, (5) youth with disabilities, (6) youth access to and experience with sexual health care, (7) youth engagement
Strategy	Use a systems thinking approach to identify and address factors driving teen pregnancy and STI rates that will have the most impact on optimal health in communities with the greatest needs and disparities; Saturate communities by replicating effective programs with fidelity	Form innovation and impact networks within the targeted priority area(s) by engaging a multidisciplinary network of partners to make a positive impact on optimal health and rates of teen pregnancy and STIs within the selected priority area

OPA contracted with Abt Associates and its partners, Decision Information Resources (DIR) and Data Soapbox, to evaluate Tier 1 and Tier 2 strategies from September 2021 through April 2024. The evaluation includes (1) a study of how grantees are implementing each grant strategy and (2) recommendations for additional TPP evaluation options. The evaluation will help OPA, practitioners, and other TPP stakeholders shape future strategies for preventing teen pregnancy, reducing rates of STIs, and improving adolescent health.



Evaluation Data Sources

- Site visits with each grantee
- Interviews with OPA project officers and grantee partners
- Review of program documents



Sharing Evaluation Findings

- Summary report
- 75 grantee profiles
- 3 case studies
- Recommendations memo for future TPP research and evaluation opportunities
- Other products determined by OPA