



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Missouri in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.




STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

Missouri schools are required to teach health education, including HIV/AIDS-prevention education, beginning in elementary school. If a school chooses to provide additional sexuality education, [Missouri law](#) mandates that all instruction must be medically and factually accurate and “present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relation to all sexual activity for unmarried pupils.” Instruction must provide students with information regarding exposure to HIV/AIDS, human papilloma virus (HPV), hepatitis, and other STDs. Instruction must also provide information regarding both the possible side effects and health benefits of all forms of contraception, in a manner consistent with the provisions of the federal abstinence education law. School districts and charter schools are prohibited from allowing a person and/or entity that provides abortion services to “offer, sponsor, or furnish” course materials related to human sexuality and STDs. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

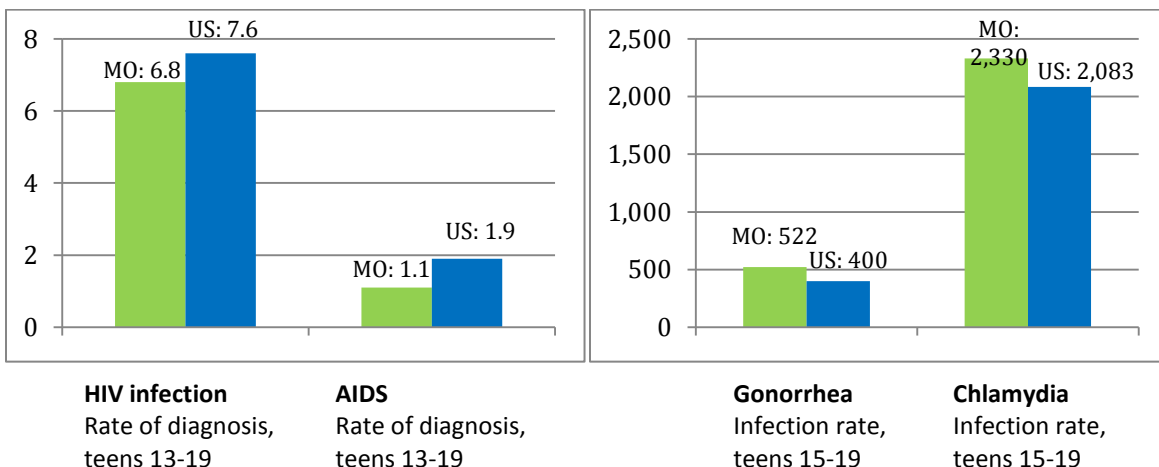
REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN MISSOURI

Missouri did not participate in the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

MISSOURI TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

-  Missouri’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 65 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.
-  Missouri’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 35 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.
-  Missouri’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 11 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

MISSOURI’S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)

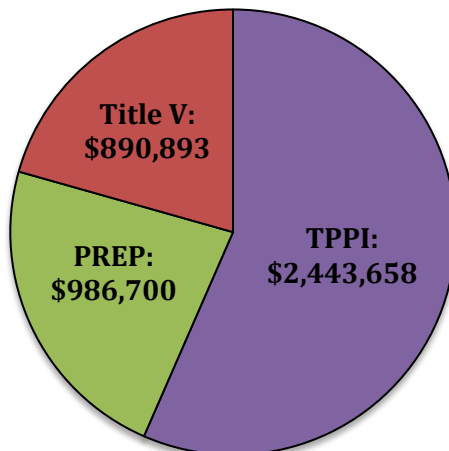


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN MISSOURI: TOTAL \$4,321,251

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$890,893

Missouri has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The Missouri Title V AOUM program is administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in collaboration with the Lincoln University Extension Cooperative and Missouri State University. A portion of the award is used for a statewide TV and radio media campaign to encourage communication between parents and adolescents. School- and community-based programming targets youth ages 10 – 18 in Kansas City, St. Louis City, and counties in Southeast and Southwest Missouri. The match is provided through the media campaign.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$2,443,658

Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.

There are three TPPI Tier 1 grantees in Missouri: Better Family Life, Inc. which partners with public, private, and charter schools as well as community-based organizations to implement programming to African American youth ages 12–19 in St. Louis and Jennings; Washington University which provides programming to young women ages 13–17 in the city of St. Louis and St. Louis County who are in or are “aging out” of foster care; and The Women’s Clinic of Kansas City which partners with 20 community-based organizations and public and alternative schools to serve high-risk youth ages 12-17 in Jackson County, Missouri, and Wyandotte County.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$986,700

Funds for states (PREP), local entities (PREIS), community/faith-based organizations (CPREP), and tribes (TPREP) to implement evidence-informed or innovative teen pregnancy- and HIV/STD-prevention, and adulthood preparation programs for young people.

The Missouri PREP state-grant program distributes funding to 13 local public and private entities to provide community-based programs to serve youth ages 12–18 residing in cities and counties with high teen birth rates, high STD rates, and other related risk factors, including poverty, education levels, and youth in or aging out of the foster care system.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, please see the FY 2012 Missouri State Profile available at

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