

State Profile





# ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in New Hampshire 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

The New Hampshire Department of Education is required to develop curriculum frameworks that address HIV/AIDS and STD education to assist public and private schools in developing courses and programs. New Hampshire's <u>Health Education Curriculum Guidelines</u> specify what topics family life and sexuality education should cover at different grade levels. The guidelines state that abstinence is the most effective means of preventing pregnancy, HIV, and other STDs. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes based on religious objections ("opt-out").

## **REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Among New Hampshire high school students in 2011, 46% of females and 49% of males reported ever having had sexual intercourse, the same as the reported national average of 46% of females and 49% of males.

Among New Hampshire high school students in 2011, 36% of females and 38% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), higher than the reported national average of 34% of females and 33% of males.

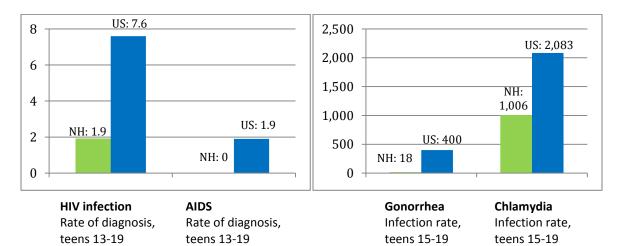
## New Hampshire Teen Pregnancy, Birth & Abortion Rates

New Hampshire's teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 33 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

New Hampshire's teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 14 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

New Hampshire's teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with nine teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

### New Hampshire's Young People: HIV/AIDS & Other STD Rates in 2011 (PER 100,000)

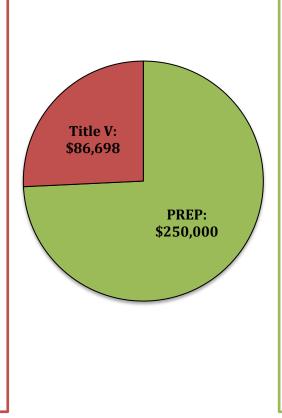


#### FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: TOTAL \$336,698



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

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services administers the state's Title V AOUM grant in collaboration with the Division of Public Health Services. The single sub-grantee in New Hampshire is Catholic Medical Center, which provides programming in the city of Manchester and in Sullivan County through both school- and community-based settings. Catholic Medical Center provides the match through in-kind services.



#### Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$250,000

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

The New Hampshire PREP grant is administered by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with two subgrantees, Good Beginnings of Sullivan County and Child Health Services. The funded programs provide community-based programming to young women ages 16–19, and pregnant and parenting women up to age 21 in the city of Manchester and in Sullivan County.

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 New Hampshire State Profile available at www.siecus.org/NewHampshire2012

