

State Profile

Oklahoma



## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

Oklahoma does not require schools to teach sexuality education, but does require HIV/AIDS-prevention education limited to the discussion of the disease AIDS and its spread and prevention. It is taught once during either grade five or six, once during grades seven-nine, and once during grades 10-12. Instruction teaches that engaging in homosexual activity, promiscuous sexual activity, intravenous drug use, or contact with contaminated blood products is known to be primarily responsible for contact with the AIDS virus. If a school district does choose to teach sexuality education, it must have teaching students about the practice of abstinence as one of its primary purposes. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes ("opt-out"). For more information, see <u>Oklahoma Statutes 70-11-103.3</u>, <u>70-11-105.1</u>

## **REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OKLAHOMA**

Among Oklahoma high school students in 2011, 50% of females and 51% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

Among Oklahoma high school students in 2011, 39% of females and 36% 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.

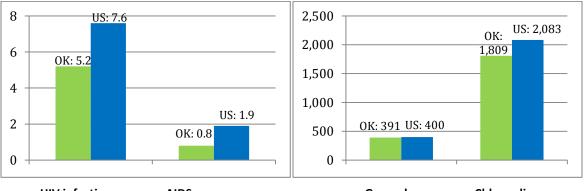
## **OKLAHOMA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES**

Oklahoma's teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 80 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

• Oklahoma's teen birth rate is higher than the national average, with 48 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

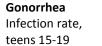
Oklahoma's teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 9 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

#### OKLAHOMA'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)



HIV infection Rate of diagnosis, teens 13-19

AIDS Rate of diagnosis, teens 13-19



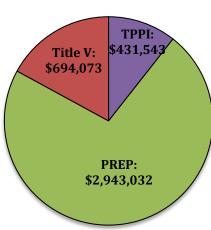
**Chlamydia** Infection rate, teens 15-19

## FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN OKLAHOMA: TOTAL \$4,068,648

### Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$694,073

Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma Department of Health administers the Title V AOUM program in collaboration with five local entities targeting elementary and middle school aged children and their parents, focusing on younger students while working collaboratively with the state's TPPI grantee, which works with older youth. Subgrantees provide programming in Carter, Beckham, Caddo, Washita counties. The match is made through direct state revenue and sub-award grantee funds.



# Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$431,543

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

Youth Services of Tulsa, Inc. is the Tier 1 grantee in Oklahoma, which serves youth ages 12–19 living or participating in six Tulsa Housing Authority public housing communities, three Juvenile Bureau District Court of Tulsa County detention centers, and five programs at Youth Services.

#### Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$2,943,032

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 Oklahoma State Department of Health implements the state's PREP grant program, in collaboration with two sub-grantees, the Oklahoma City-County Health Department and the Tulsa City-County Health Department, through both community-based and school-based programming. The funded programs target students in grades 6-12 in Oklahoma City and Tulsa County Schools. Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy is a PREIS grantee in Oklahoma, which implements a program specifically designed for youth ages 14–18 in foster care in Oklahoma, as well as California, Illinois, and Maryland. Three local entities in Oklahoma receive Tribal PREP funding: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and Cherokee Nation.

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 Oklahoma State Profile available at www.siecus.org/Oklahoma2012

