



## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

[Delaware requires sexuality education](#) as part of health education for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This education must be coordinated by an employee in each school district and must be overseen by a District Consolidated Application Planning Committee. Sexuality education must include an “HIV-prevention program that stresses the benefits of abstinence from high-risk behaviors.” Sexuality education courses must also follow the [Delaware Health Education Curriculum](#). Delaware also has a [policy on responding to teen dating violence and sexual assault](#), requiring school districts and charter schools to include guidelines on mandatory reporting and confidentiality, a protocol for responding to incidents of teen dating violence and sexual assault, and training on the issue. School districts and charter schools are required to include comprehensive healthy relationships programming as part of student health classes. Delaware does not require parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education nor does it say whether parents or guardians may remove their children from such classes.

### REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DELAWARE

 Among Delaware high school students in 2011, 57% of females and 61% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

 Among Delaware high school students in 2011, 43% of females and 43% 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.

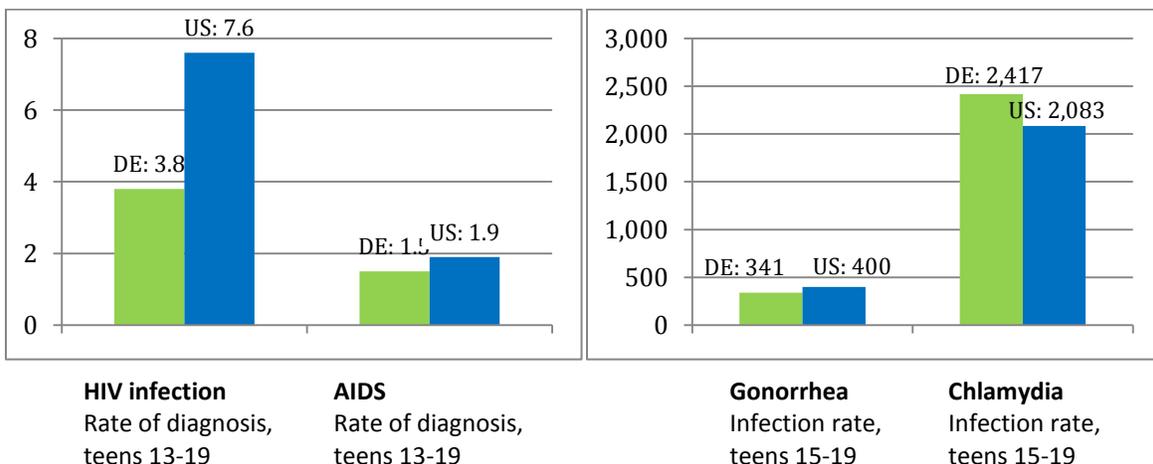
### DELAWARE TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 Delaware’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 81 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 Delaware’s teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 29 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 Delaware’s teen **abortion rate is higher than the national average**, with 32 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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

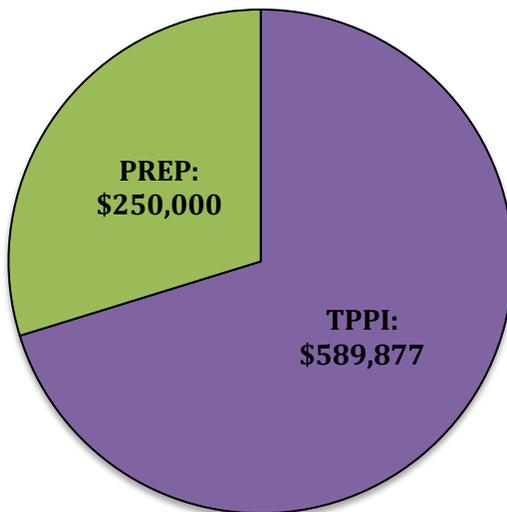


**FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN DELAWARE: TOTAL \$839,877**

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

*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 Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health works in collaboration with its PREP sub-grantee, the Planned Parenthood of Delaware, to provide school- and community-based programming across the state, targeting the most at-risk populations.



**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$589,877**

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

The West End Neighborhood House, Inc. is the one Tier 1 grantee in Delaware. West End's TPPI-funded program targets youth in grades five through eight who attend low-income and/or low-performing schools and reside largely in the west side of Wilmington, which historically has had high rates of teen pregnancy, school drop-outs, and juvenile crime.

*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 Delaware State Profile available at*

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