

ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

[District of Columbia regulations](#) state that public schools must provide comprehensive school health education, including instruction on human sexuality and reproduction. The instruction must be age-appropriate and taught in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. The superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools is charged with ensuring that sexuality education is taught in schools and that students achieve a minimum proficiency in this area. The superintendent must provide systematic teacher training and staff development activities for health and physical education instructors. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

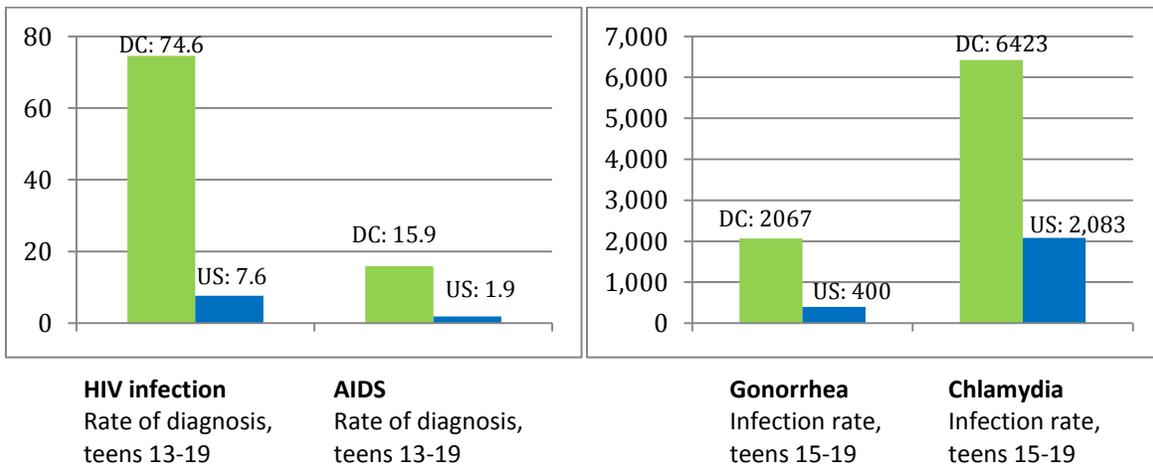
REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- ↑ Among District of Columbia high school students in 2011, 49% of females and 62% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.
- ↑ Among District of Columbia high school students in 2011, 37% of females and 49% 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.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

- ↑ The District of Columbia’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 112 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.
- ↑ The District of Columbia’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 43 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.
- ↑ The District of Columbia’s teen **abortion rate is higher than the national average**, with 46 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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

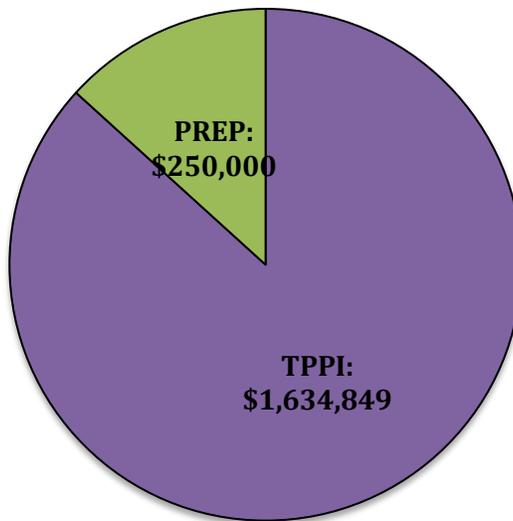


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: TOTAL \$1,884,849

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 Office of the State Superintendent of Education sub-grants PREP funds to five entities in the District of Columbia: to implement programs in school and community-based settings: Athletes United for Social Justice, Inc.; Children's National Medical Center; the Latin American Youth Center; Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington; and the Streetwise Foundation. The programs serve youth ages 11-19. Specific focus is placed on Wards 1, 5, 7, and 8, and populations that are at high-risk or vulnerable to pregnancies, with a specific focus on youth who are African American, Latino, and LGBTQ and low-income, male, and pregnant and parenting teens.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,634,849

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

Sasha Bruce Youthwork is the TPPI Tier 1 grantee in the District of Columbia serving students at Ballou Senior High School through the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program, academic-enrichment program offered during non-school hours to students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools.

The Tier 2 grantee in the District of Columbia, the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, aims to delay sexual initiation, increase contraceptive use, and prevent teen pregnancy among Latino high-school students in the Washington, DC metro area.

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 District of Columbia State Profile available at

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