



## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

Mississippi's new sex education law requires each school district to adopt either an "abstinence-only" or an "abstinence-plus" policy, implementing a corresponding curriculum by the start of the 2012–2013 school year. In addition to teaching abstinence-only concepts, "abstinence-plus" education may discuss broader sexual health topics, such as "the nature, causes and effects of sexually transmitted diseases," and STD/HIV-prevention education. However, the education "shall not include instruction and demonstrations on the application and use of condoms." Parents or guardians must receive notification at least one week prior to the provision of any human sexuality instruction, and they must request for their child to participate in such classes. This is referred to as an "opt-in" policy. For more information, see Mississippi [House Bill 999](#) and [Comprehensive Health Framework](#).

### REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN MISSISSIPPI

 Among Mississippi high school students in 2011, 53% of females and 63% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.

 Among Mississippi high school students in 2011, 39% of females and 45% 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.

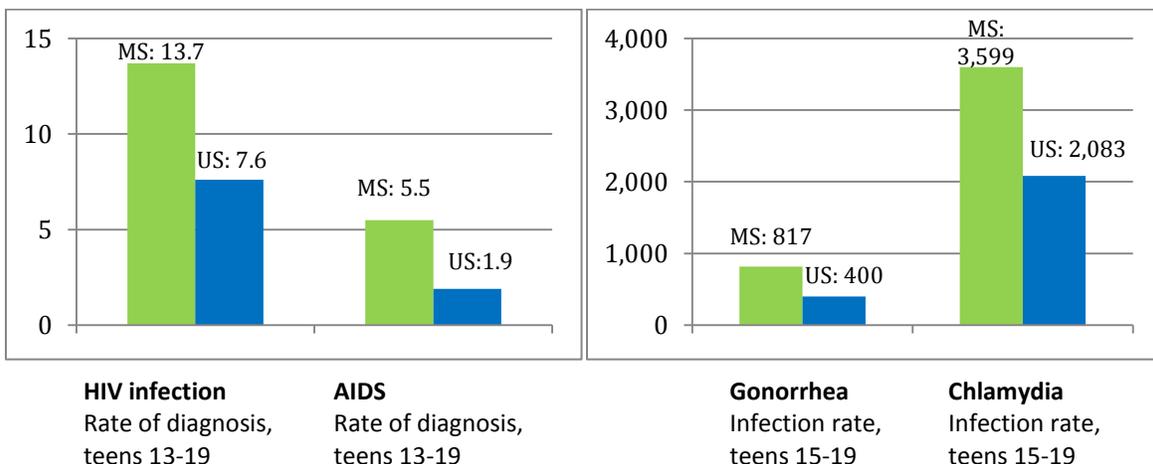
### MISSISSIPPI TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 Mississippi's teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 90 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 Mississippi's teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 50 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 Mississippi's teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 12 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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

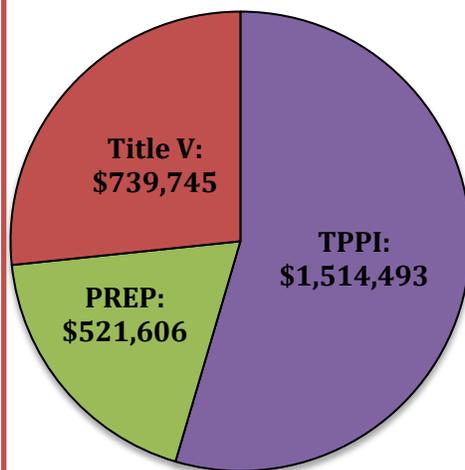


**FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN MISSISSIPPI: TOTAL \$2,775,844**

**Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$739,745**

Mississippi 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 Mississippi Department of Human Services administers the state's Title V AOUM grant and sub-contracts to the Mississippi Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs serving youth ages 10–18 in 30 counties across the state. The state match is provided by the sub-grantee through in-kind funds.



**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,514,493**

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

There are two TPPI Tier 1 grantees in Mississippi: The Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative, Inc. (SeMRHI) and Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc. (Y.O.U.). SeMRHI implements teen pregnancy and STD-prevention education to youth ages 12 – 15 in Forrest and Lamar counties, partnering with Hattiesburg Public School District and Lamar County School District. Y.O.U. provides school-based programming primarily to African-American rural youth ages 9–14 attending schools in the Coahoma County, North Panola County, Quitman County, Tallahatchie County, and Tunica County school districts.

**Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$521,606**

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 Mississippi PREP state-grant program provides school-based and community-based interventions to school districts that have adopted an “abstinence-plus” education policy. In addition, the Mississippi PREP grant program has contracted with the Women’s Foundation of Mississippi to develop a teen, youth friendly website.

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 Mississippi State Profile available at [www.siecus.org/Mississippi2012](http://www.siecus.org/Mississippi2012)