



ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

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

South Dakota public schools must conform to the educational standards established by the state Board of Education. The *South Dakota Health Education Standards* specify that a comprehensive health education program should include instruction on sexuality. The *Standards* also include the connection between sexual activity and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) as a suggested objective of comprehensive health education beginning in grade eight. In addition, schools are required to teach “character development instruction,” which includes sexual abstinence. South Dakota does not require parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education, nor does it say whether parents or guardians can remove their children from such classes. For more information, see [South Dakota Codified Laws §§ 13-33-1](#) and [13-33-6.1](#) and the [South Dakota Health Education Standards](#).

REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

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

 Among South Dakota high school students in 2011, 38% of females and 33% 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.

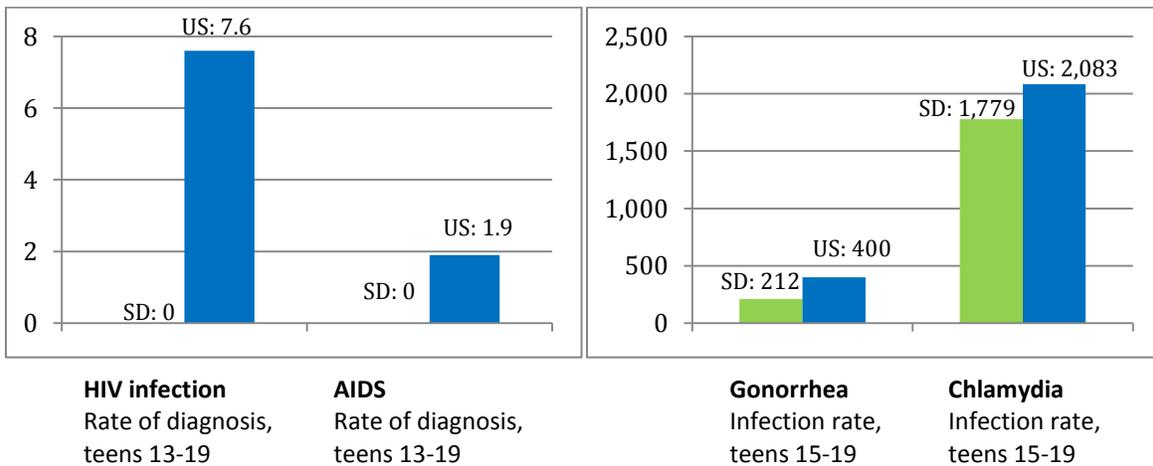
SOUTH DAKOTA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 South Dakota’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 53 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 South Dakota’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 34 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 South Dakota’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 5 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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

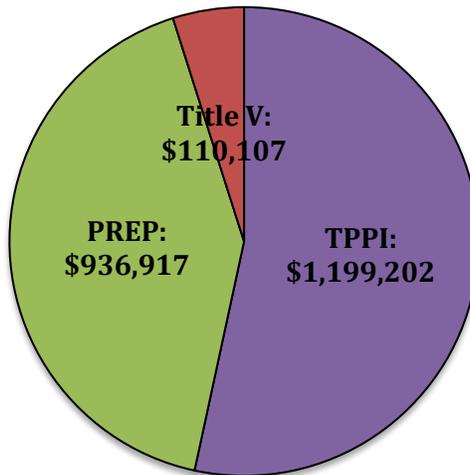


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN SOUTH DAKOTA: TOTAL \$2,246,226

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$110,107

South Dakota 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 South Dakota Department of Health administers the Title V AOUM program through two sub-grantees, the Boys and Girls Club of Watertown and Youth and Family Services, Inc., targeting young people ages 9–11, specifically Native American youth in Brookings, Brown, Brule, Codington, Corson, Fall River, Hughes, Moody, and Pennington.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,199,202

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

Rural America Initiatives (RAI) is both the Tier 1 and Tier 2 grantee in South Dakota. RAI implements evidence-based programming targeting Native-American youth ages 12–14 attending public middle schools as well as reaching their parents. RAI also implements a hybrid curriculum serving Native American students in grades 9–12.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$936,917

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 South Dakota Department of Health implements the state's PREP grant program in collaboration and sub-grants to the South Dakota Department of Corrections and the South Dakota Department of Social Services. The Department of Corrections provides school-based programming within the STAR Academy for incarcerated youth ages 14–19 in Custer. The Department of Social Services provides community-based programming for youth in foster care and in psychiatric residential treatment facilities in Aurora, Beadle, Brown, Davison, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Minnehaha, and Pennington. Tribal PREP funds are awarded to the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board.

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 South Dakota State Profile available at www.siecus.org/SouthDakota2012