






## FY 2013 ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Tennessee in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.




### STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

[Tennessee law](#) states that if any county in Tennessee has a pregnancy rate higher than 19.5 per 1,000 females ages 11–18, then every school district in that county must develop and implement family life education in accordance with the curriculum guidelines provided by the [state board of education](#). This instruction must emphasize abstinence outside of marriage and include instruction on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Instruction that promotes “gateway sexual activity” or instruction from an individual or organization that promotes “gateway sexual activity” is prohibited. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).

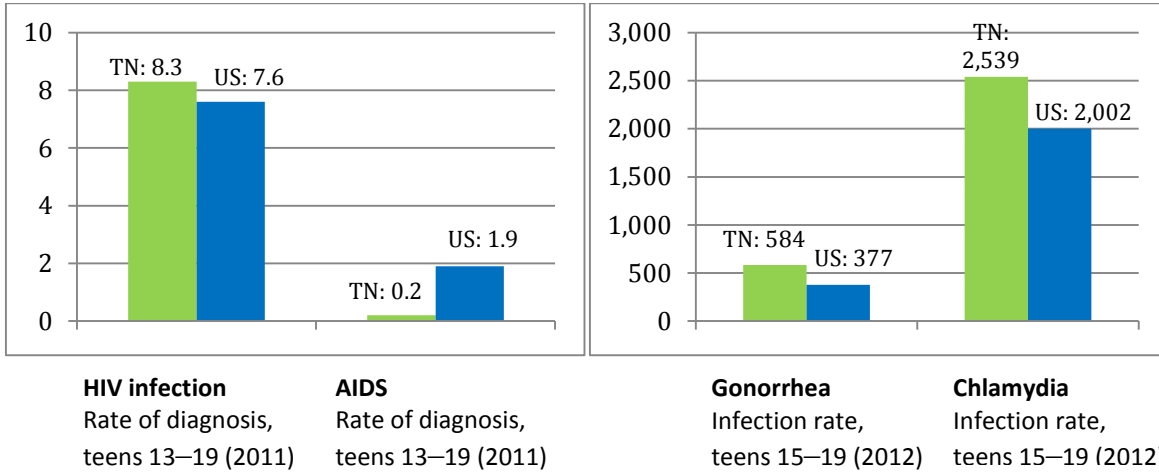
### REPORTED BEHAVIORS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN TENNESSEE

-  Among Tennessee high school students in 2013, 44% of females and 51% of males **reported ever having had sexual intercourse**, higher than the reported national average of 46% of females and 48% of males.
-  Among Tennessee high school students in 2013, 32% of females and 33% of males **reported being currently sexually active** (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), lower than the reported national average of 35% of females and 33% of males.
-  Among Tennessee high school students in 2013, 11% of females and 8% of males **reported experiencing physical dating violence one or more times** during the 12 months before the survey, lower for females and slightly higher for males than the reported national average of 13% of females and 7% of males.

### TENNESSEE TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH, AND ABORTION RATES

-  In 2010, Tennessee’s **teen pregnancy rate was higher than the national average**, with 62 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 57 per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2012, Tennessee’s **teen birth rate was higher than the national average**, with 39 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 29 teens per 1,000 nationwide.
-  In 2010, Tennessee’s **teen abortion rate was lower than the national average**, with 9 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to 15 per 1,000 nationwide.

**TENNESSEE'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS AND OTHER STD RATES (PER 100,000)**

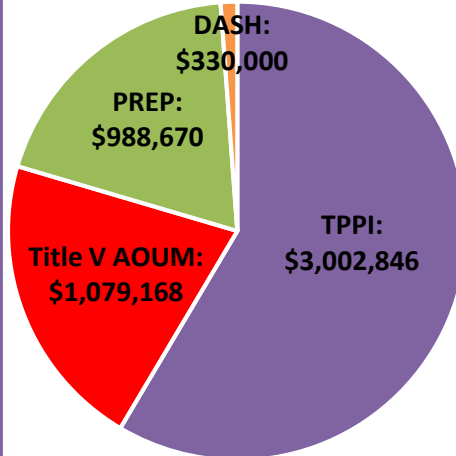


**FY 2013 FEDERAL FUNDING IN TENNESSEE: TOTAL \$5,400,684**

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$3,002,846**

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

There are four Tier 1 grantees in Tennessee: Centerstone of Tennessee, Inc.; Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc. (DCEA); Knox County Health Department; and Le Bonheur Community Health and Well-Being. Centerstone’s program targets adolescents ages 12–19 who are attending schools in a 26-county-area of Middle Tennessee; DCEA’s program targets students in grades six through eight at two middle schools in Morristown; Knox County Health Department program targets a diverse community of rural, suburban, and urban young people ages 14–19; and Le Bonheur’s program targets African-American young people ages 13–18 in North Memphis and Shelby County.



**Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$1,079,168**

Tennessee 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 Division of Family Health and Wellness of the Tennessee Department of Health implements and monitors the Title V AOUM program through 13 sub-grantees targeting middle school-aged youth ages 10–17 through both school- and community-based settings in Davidson, Dyer, Hamblen, Hamilton, Knox, Lake, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Rhea, and Washington counties. The sub-grantees provide the match through in-kind funds.

**Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$988,670**

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 Tennessee PREP state-grant program is managed by the Department of Children’s Services in collaboration with eight local sub-grantees providing community-based programming to foster care youth, primarily ages 15–19, in group home settings throughout Cumberland, Davidson, Knox, Madison, Putnam, Sevier, Shelby, Summer, White, and Wilson counties.

**Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) \$330,000**

Funds state and local education agencies to help districts implement exemplary sexual health education (ESHE), increase access to key sexual health services (SHS), and establish safe and supportive environments (SSE) for students and staff; funds HIV/STD prevention efforts for young men who have sex with men (YMSM); supports state education and health agencies’ surveillance efforts.

The Shelby County Board of Education receives ESHE, SHS, and SSE DASH funding as well as funds to collect and report the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance and the School Health Profiles. The Tennessee Department of Education also receives funding for these surveillance efforts.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, see the FY 2013 Tennessee State Profile at [siecus.org/Tennessee2013](http://siecus.org/Tennessee2013).