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Dear Debbie:

Thought you might like to see this. This is the only federal adolescent pregnancy prevention program other than the CDC project (13 sites) and Title X family planning services (30% of clients are adolescents).

As you can see, of the last round of grants, 9 of 15 went to "Parenting" programs. This is not prevention of pregnancy. Unfortunately, because of political influences in the past, the Adolescent Family Life Act in OAPP has always funded like this, giving money to adoption, promotion of abstinence until marriage only programs, and "Care" programs for teen mothers. At the same time, this program is judged a failure to reduce teen pregnancy and rightly so. It hasn't addressed prevention. Perhaps the President can reverse the funding philosophy from now on. And if this new appropriation is included in the budget, make sure that it is going to be used for prevention - realistic prevention programs.

Providing services for teen mothers is important, but it belongs in social services with AFDC - Medicaid etc.

Thanks so much for being my contact and advocate at the White House.

Sincerely,

Barbara Huberman

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*Thank you so much
for all you've done
for me - I truly
appreciate it!
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Pregnancy Programs Funded

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Fifteen new projects recently were funded through Title XX to prevent early sexual activity and adolescent pregnancy, and to help parenting adolescents improve their parenting skills, knowledge, and self-sufficiency. Organizations receiving funds include:

University of MD— Baltimore— Teen fathers will spend more time with their children, have more self-confidence in their parenting abilities, and be more knowledgeable about their children's health and development as a result of the Teen Tot Dads program at the University of Maryland at Baltimore. This program expands upon an already successful clinic for first time teen mothers by reaching out to the fathers as well, thereby teaching each parent how to better care for their child. *Grant: \$550,000*

Houston Independent School District— Parenting teens in Houston's Independent School District will find it easier to stay in school and succeed with the support of a wide array of intervention services including individual and family mental health counseling and enrichment and tutorial activities. The Opportunities for Parenting Teens program will build upon existing adolescent health services by providing critical care, encouraging the delay of subsequent pregnancies, enhancing parenting skills, and fostering goals of academic achievement. *Grant: \$270,743*

Truman Medical Center— Culturally-matched mentors from Kansas City's Teen Mentors of Mothers (MOMS) program at the Truman Medical Center will pro-

vide valuable support and assistance in accessing community services for pregnant and parenting adolescents. Mentors will meet weekly with teens to aid in problem-solving about managing the difficulties of early childbearing. Male partners, young siblings, and grandparents will benefit along with the parenting teen through special support groups designed specifically for them. *Grant: \$265,290*

Project Takoja— Young Native American mothers in Rapid City, SD, experiencing barriers to obtaining adequate health care and parenting information will have the help of case managers who will serve as mediators, educators, and counselors for the young women in the new Project Takoja. Case managers will utilize culturally-appropriate materials such as Takoja and Titakuye curriculum in their efforts to link the teens to necessary services. The program also includes educational groups in substance abuse, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, nutrition, employability, adoption, HIV and STDs. *Grant: \$181,521*

Boston Children's Hospital— Parenting teens will be encouraged to reach their full potential as both adolescents and parents in The Parenting at the Children's Hospital in Boston. In addition to providing comprehensive health care, the project aims to develop the parenting skills of both parents within the context of adolescents striving to meet their own developmental, educational and self-sufficiency goals. The services will be provided in a team-based effort of closely coordinated medical, social work and community ser-

vices. *Grant: \$301,786*

San Mateo County— The San Mateo County Public Health Division is targeting isolated young African-American, Latina and Filipina mothers to link and engage them in a network of ongoing health and support services. Structured home visits will meet the many needs of pregnant and parenting teens and their families, stabilizing their connection to community resources. *Grant: \$310,000*

Builders for Family and Youth— Builders for Family and Youth will re-engineer an existing network of human services agencies to improve delivery of care services for pregnant teens in the predominantly Spanish-speaking recent immigrant population in Bushwick. Rather than employing a traditional care model, this program seeks to better serve the target population with three innovative steps. A team of effective, culturally compatible and respected professional caregivers in the community will establish entree with at-risk teens and their families, and then broaden the traditional duties of caregivers, empower them to assume more direct care responsibility, and reduce fragmentation in care by minimizing the number of staff with direct family contact. *Grant: \$293,373*

University of Arkansas/Arkansas Dept. of Education— University of Arkansas and the Arkansas Dept. of Education Sex Can Wait program will educate students about pregnancy prevention in the 16 school districts in rural Arkansas, where in some counties the

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rate of teen pregnancy is among the highest of any identifiable group in the world. The program's multi-faceted approach includes outreach to minority populations, parental education to promote family communication about sexuality, contraception, STDs and HIV/AIDS, and male involvement to promote male responsibility in pregnancy and parenting. Grant: \$202,370

LEV 2) University of Arizona—The University of Arizona will use the Postponing Sexual Involvement curriculum to encourage more than 7300 pre- and young adolescents to resist societal and peer pressures that lead them into early sexual involvement and negative health behaviors, thereby helping rural, reservation, and urban youth to reach their full potential. Teens slightly older than the program participants will serve as role models, and will receive training in providing factual information, identifying pressures, modeling responses to pressures, teaching assertiveness skills and demonstrating ways to handle problem situations. Grant: \$235,465

LEV 3) Emory University—The Emory University School of Medicine will expand a three-tier educational series called Postponing Sexual Involvement to reach more than 9000 young men and women and their parents. This series emphasizes the need for age-appropriate messages which are continually reinforced from elementary through high school. Grant: \$203,608

REV 4) Alabama Dept. of Public

Health—The Alabama Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Project targets early adolescents, the parents of adolescents, and the rural community in abstinence education efforts. The project's innovative approach toward encouraging awareness and communication about sexuality and sexual values includes prevention curricula taught over five grades, a public education campaign, and parental involvement. Grant: \$173,706

REV 3) Inwood House—New York City's Inwood House Project will undertake a prevention project through expansion of its TEEN CHOICE program. TEEN CHOICE will operate in three urban junior high schools with high rates of teenage pregnancy in the Bronx and Brooklyn, helping abstinent students postpone sexual involvement and providing information to sexually active students to learn how to protect themselves from pregnancy and disease. Parents also will be involved so they may better communicate with their children about sexuality.

2) LuLa Belle Stewart Center—The LuLa Belle Stewart Center, Inc. will provide prevention and care services for the low income population in the urban Detroit/Wayne County area. Prevention efforts will increase the knowledge base about pregnancy and disease prevention and communication between parents, adolescents and preadolescent youth. Comprehensive care services will be provided by a diverse team of social workers, nutritionists, child development specialists, and job developers. Grant: \$344,824

Mercy Hospital—Pittsburgh's

Mercy Hospital designed a transmedical approach which has the potential to reach all South Side at-risk youth and provide a seamless continuum of services for adolescents in community, school and hospital settings. Mercy Hospital will create a care network to meet the physical, emotional, psychological and educational needs of pregnant and parenting adolescents and will expand upon school-based prevention education programs. Grant: \$499,170

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley—Dayton, Ohio's Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, in conjunction with four principal partners and 40 other collaborative agencies, will provide comprehensive services to pregnant and parenting teens through expansion of its TEEN PARENT LINK program. The project is an intensive case management model that offers different kinds of counseling and care services for pregnant and parenting adolescents, their infants, families, and male partners. The project will use an adaptation of the Irving Janis decision-making approach depending upon the needs of the client. Grant: \$300,000

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