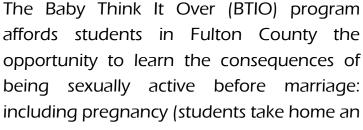
BABY THINK IT OVER PROGRAM (BTIO)



How important is it to you to be married before having children?

Pretest: 67% said "very important" Posttest: 74% said "very important"

infant simulator for a weekend to experience some of the challenges of having a baby); sexually transmitted diseases; and the financial and emotional impact.

When was the last time you talked to your parents about your sexual health?

Pretest: 35% said "never" Posttest: 19% said "never" During the 2015-2016 school year, 418 Fulton County eighth graders and high school students participated in the BTIO program. In addition to the infant simulator, students also receive information about the

dangers of using alcohol/drugs during pregnancy and/or breastfeeding, and the tragic results of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

An abstinence-centered curriculum that promotes a holistic, "risk-avoidance" approach that strongly promotes abstinence as the best and healthiest choice, while also teaching students about goal-setting,

When was the last time you talked to your parents about their expectations for you in regard to your sexual activity?

Pretest: 43% said "never" Posttest: 32% said "never"

healthy relationships, refusal skills, and character building is also used in the classroom.

This program also promotes parent involvement. Students are given discussion questions and are encouraged to have these discussions with their parents. According to the

Finally, 91% say that participation in the BTIO program helped them gain a better understanding of the consequences of premarital sexual activity: including unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and the financial and emotional impact.

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, teens say parents most influence their decisions about sex. 7 in 10 teens agree it would be much easier for them to postpone sexual activity and avoid teen pregnancy if they were able to have more

open, honest conversations about these topics with their parents.

Students that participate in the BTIO program are given a pretest and posttest. The students' responses revealed that their attitudes about premarital sex do change and there's an increase in communication with their parents after completing the program.

