

Teenage Pregnancy, Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention *In Southern Nevada*



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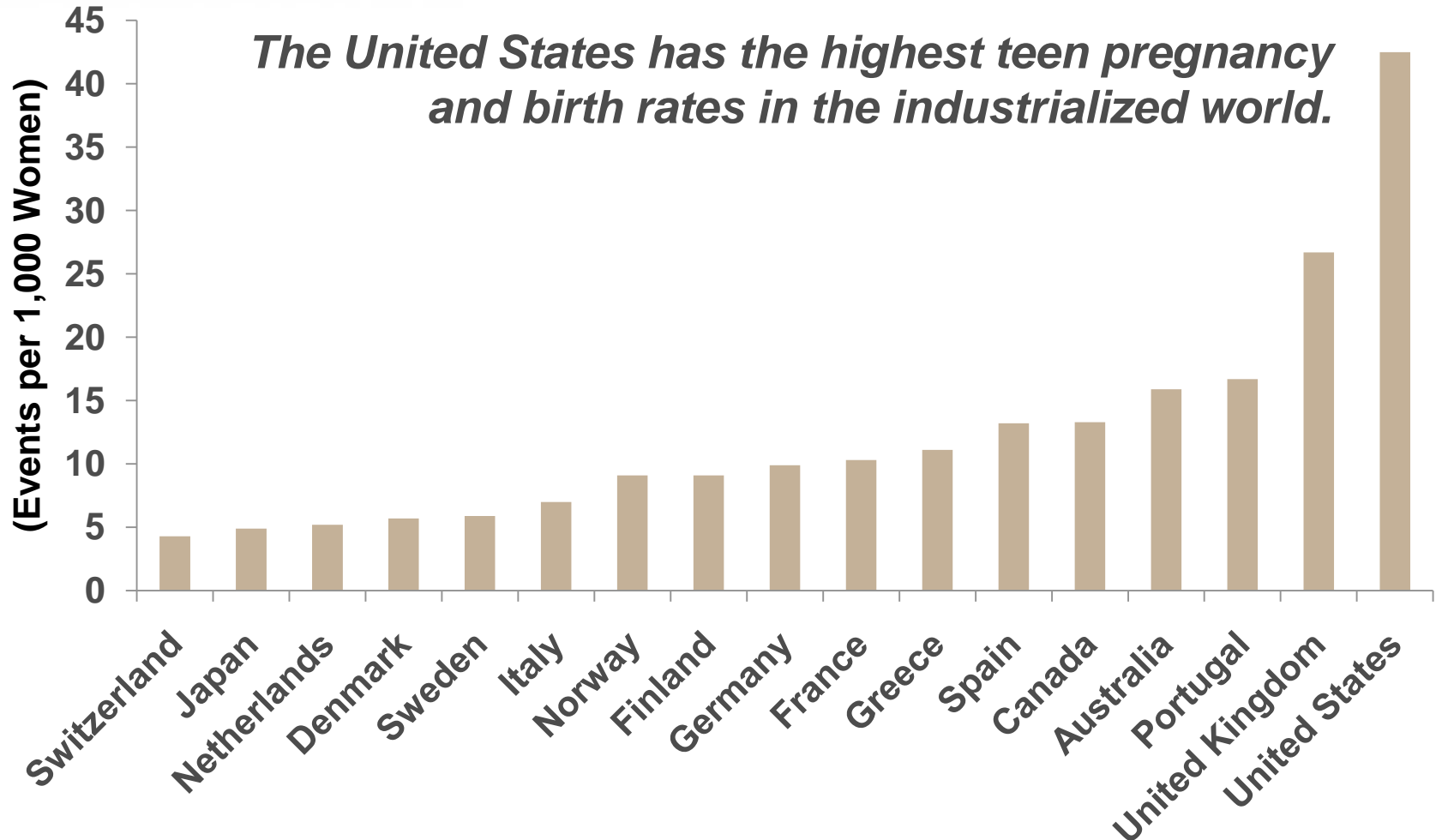
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Teenage Pregnancy Trends
United States vs. Other
Industrialized Nations

Teenage Birth Rates by Country, 2007





Teenage Pregnancy Differences *Among Developed Countries*

- A lower proportion of teenage pregnancies are resolved through abortion in the United States than in other countries
- However, because of our high teen pregnancy rate, U.S. teenagers have the highest abortion rate
- The age of sexual debut varies little across countries, yet American teenagers are the most likely to have multiple partners
- A greater proportion of U.S. women reported no contraceptive use at either first or most recent intercourse
- Americans adolescents also have higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) than most other developed countries



Teenage Pregnancy Rates, Statistics and Costs *A National Overview*

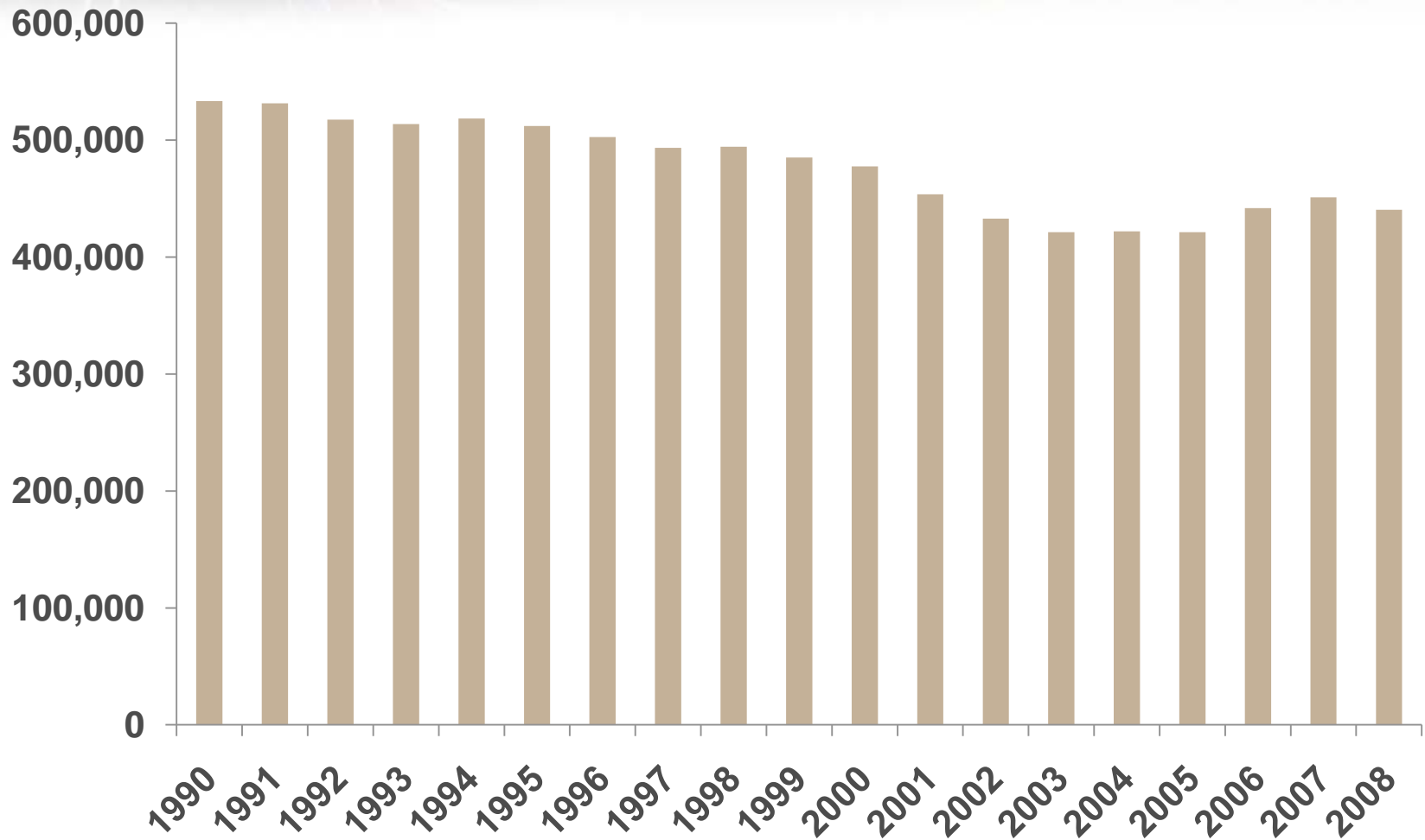


National Statistics

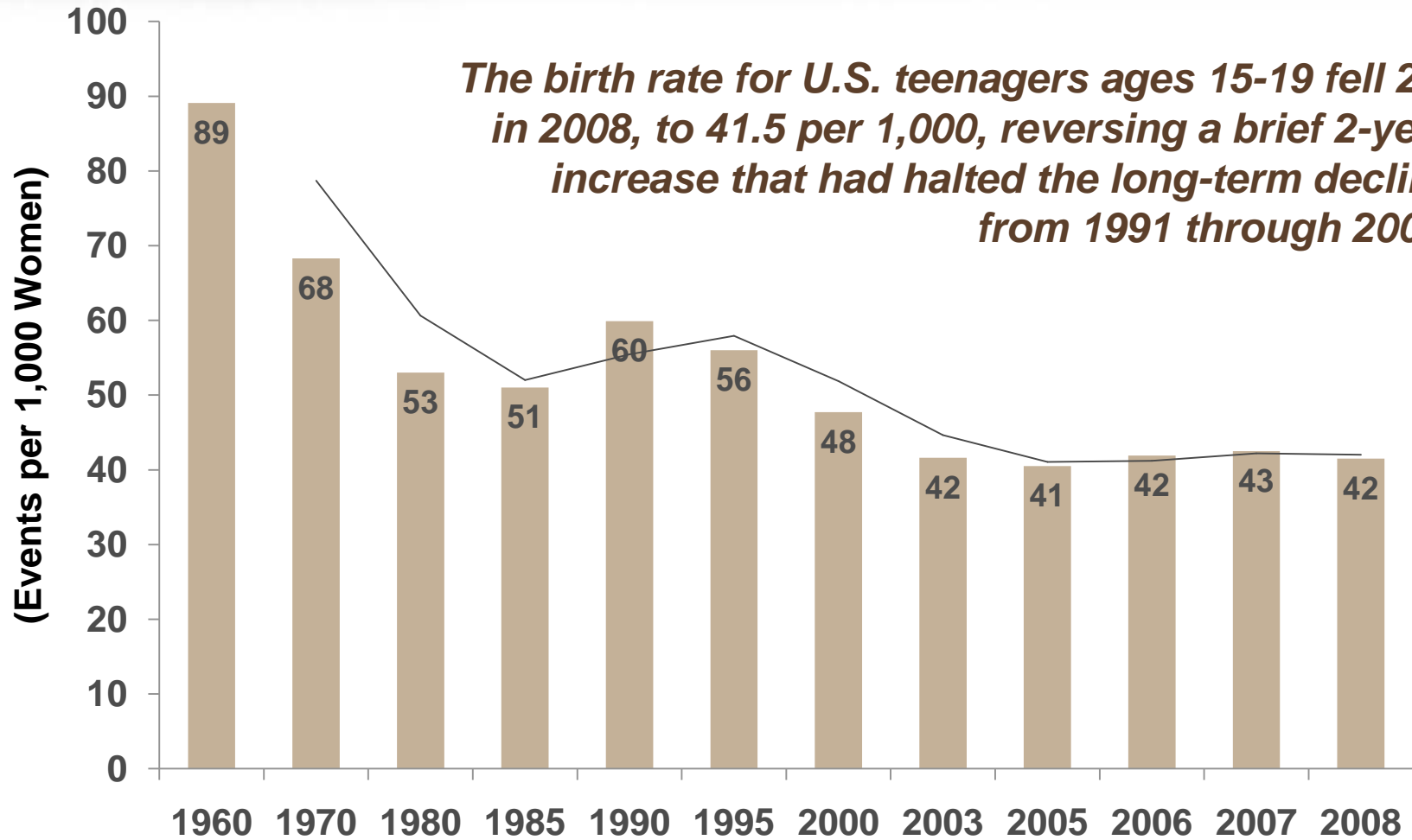
- **7 percent of all US teenage women became pregnant during 2006**
- **The estimated proportion of females who will become teen mothers decreased from 25 percent in 1991 to 18 percent in 2006**
- **Half of teen mothers drop out of school before becoming pregnant**
- **Nearly 8 in 10 pregnancies among teens are unplanned**
- **79 percent of births to teen mothers are out-of-wedlock**
- **Many of the fathers born to teen mothers are older; almost half are 3 or more years older**

Source: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, *Not Just Another Single Issue: Teen Pregnancy, Out of Wedlock Births, and Marriage*, 2002; Guttmacher Institute, *US Teen Pregnancies, Births and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity*, January 2010; Child Trends, *Estimated Percentage of Females Who Will Become Teen Mothers: Differences Across States*, March 2009

United States *Teenage Pregnancies*



United States Teenage Pregnancy Rate





Economic Costs

- **Teenage births cost US taxpayers at least \$9.1 billion in 2004**
- **Teen mothers are more likely to drop out of school, remain unmarried, and live in poverty**
- **Children of teen mothers are more likely to be born at low birth weight, grow up poor, live in single-parent households, experience abuse and neglect, and enter the child welfare system**
- **Daughters of teen mothers are 22 percent more likely to become teen parents themselves**
- **Sons of teen mothers are 13 percent more likely to be incarcerated**



Economic Costs

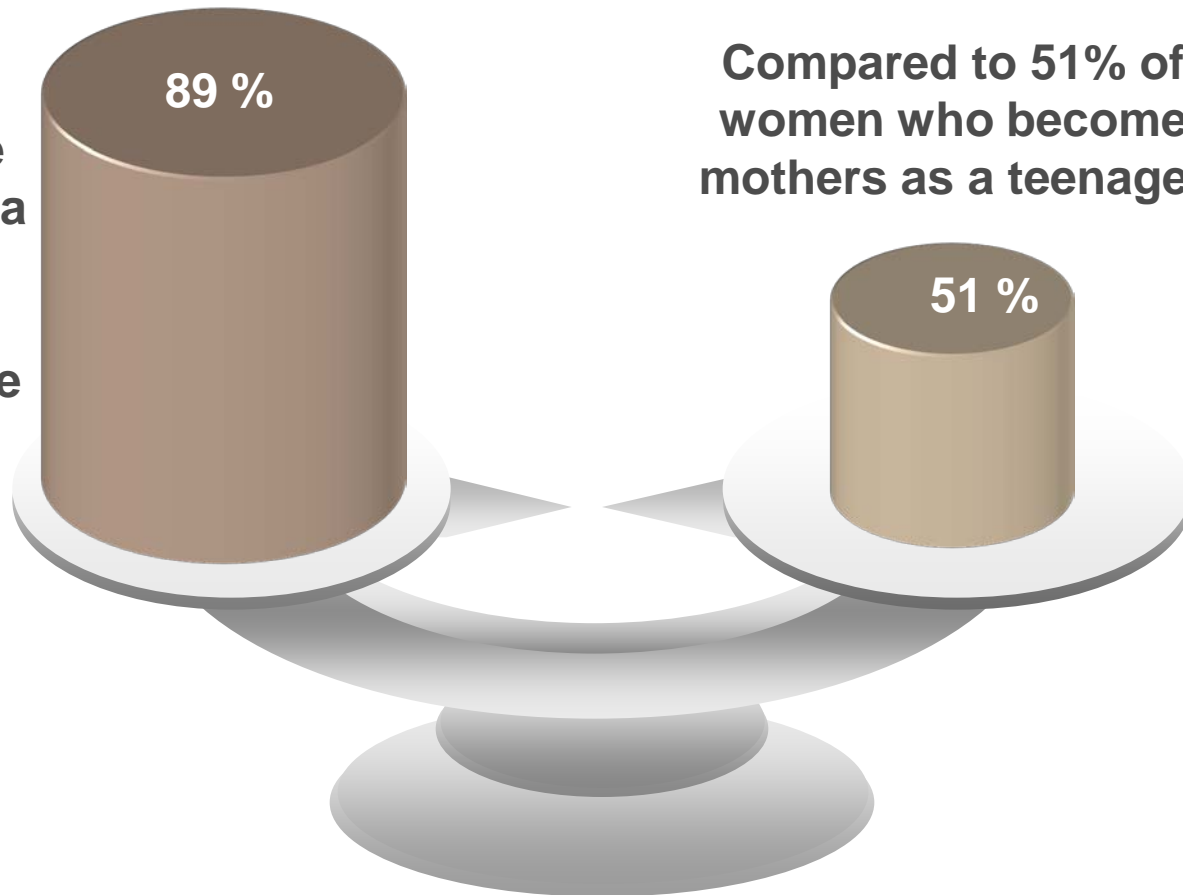
- **Almost $\frac{1}{2}$ of all teen mothers and over $\frac{3}{4}$ of unmarried teen mothers begin receiving welfare within 5 years of their first child**
- **Nearly 52 percent of all mothers on welfare had their first child as a teenager**
- **Fathers of children born to teen mothers pay less than \$800 annually in child support, often because they are poor themselves**
- **Children of teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely and at low birthrate**
- **Children of teen mothers do worse in school: they are 50 percent more likely to repeat a grade, less likely to complete high school, and have lower performance scores on standardized tests**



Economic Costs

High School Graduation Rates

89% of young women who have not given birth as a teenager earn a high school diploma before the age of 22



Compared to 51% of women who become mothers as a teenager

A photograph of students in a classroom, sitting at desks and writing in notebooks. The image is partially obscured by a white gradient that fades into the background.

Return on Investment

- **A cost benefit analysis suggests that the government could spend up to 8 times more on teen pregnancy prevention and still break even**
- **One study estimated that for every dollar invested in prevention, \$2.65 in total Medicaid and social costs are saved**
- **Since 30 percent of teen pregnancies end in abortion, and teens account for 20 percent of all abortions annually, preventing teen pregnancy also has the advantage of reducing abortions**



Teenage Pregnancy Rates, Statistics and Costs *A Nevada Overview*

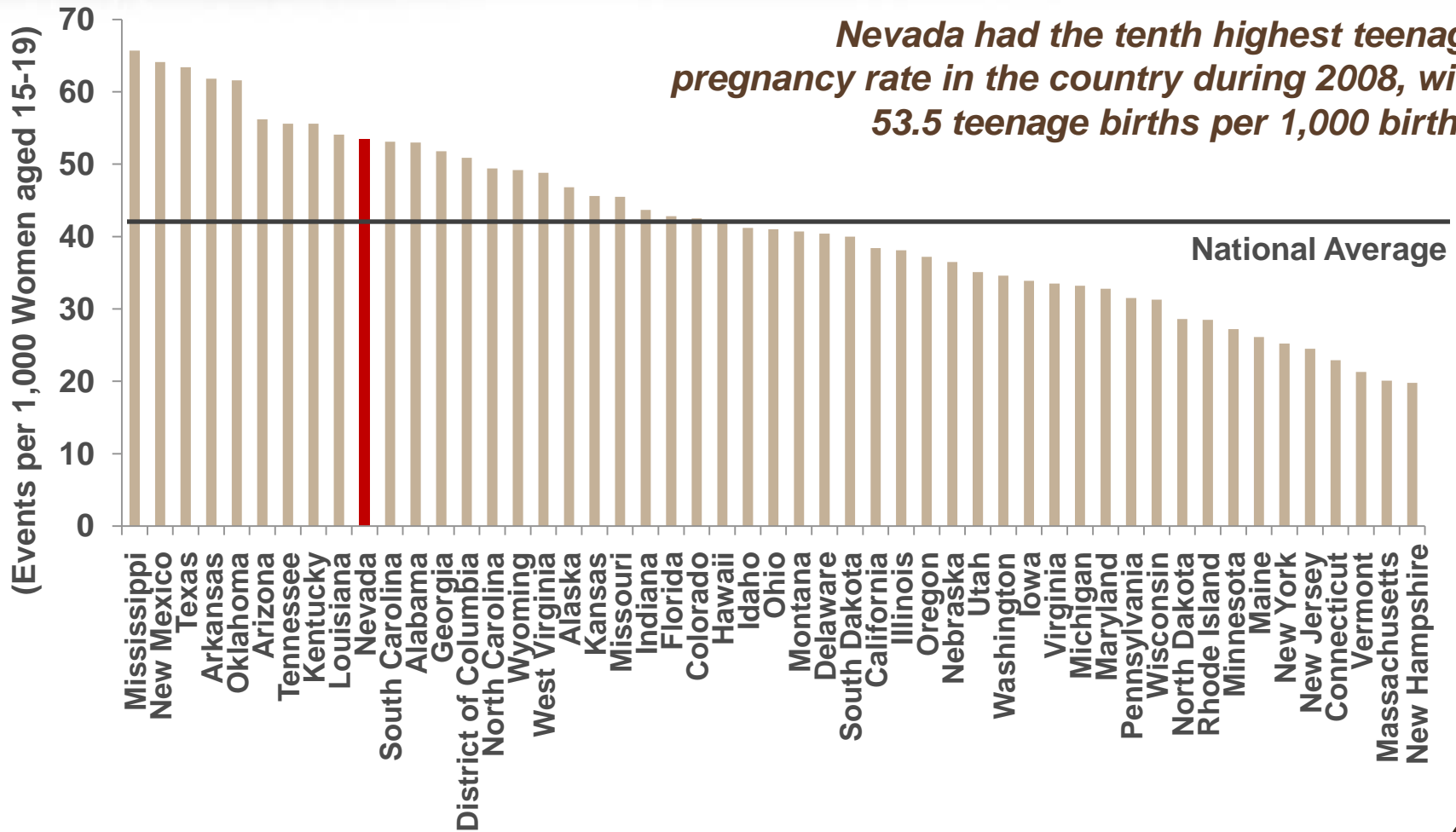


Nevada Overview

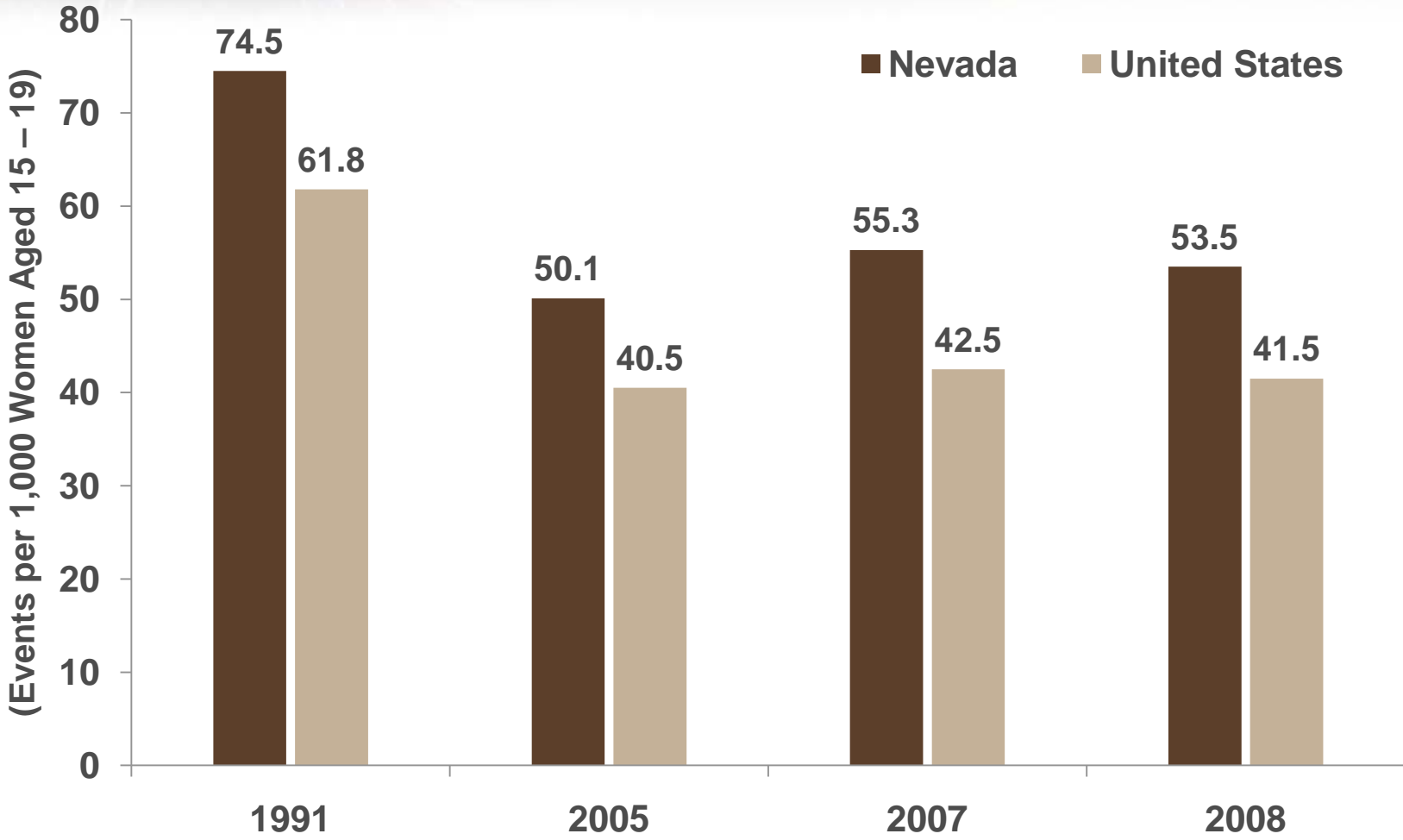
- **It is estimated that 27 percent of Nevada females are at risk for becoming teen mothers**
- **The average annual cost associated with a child born to a mother 17 and younger is \$3,040 in the state of Nevada**
- **Between 1991 and 2004 there have been more than 48,900 teen births in Nevada, costing taxpayers a total of \$0.9 billion over this period**
- **Despite rates higher than the national average, the progress Nevada has made in reducing teen childbearing (the teen birth rate declined 31 percent between 1991 and 2004) has saved taxpayers an estimated \$37 million in 2004 alone**

Pregnancy Rates by State

Nevada had the tenth highest teenage pregnancy rate in the country during 2008, with 53.5 teenage births per 1,000 births.



Pregnancy Rates *Nevada vs. Nation*



Source: National Vital Statistics Reports, Volume 59, Number 1, Final Data for 2008

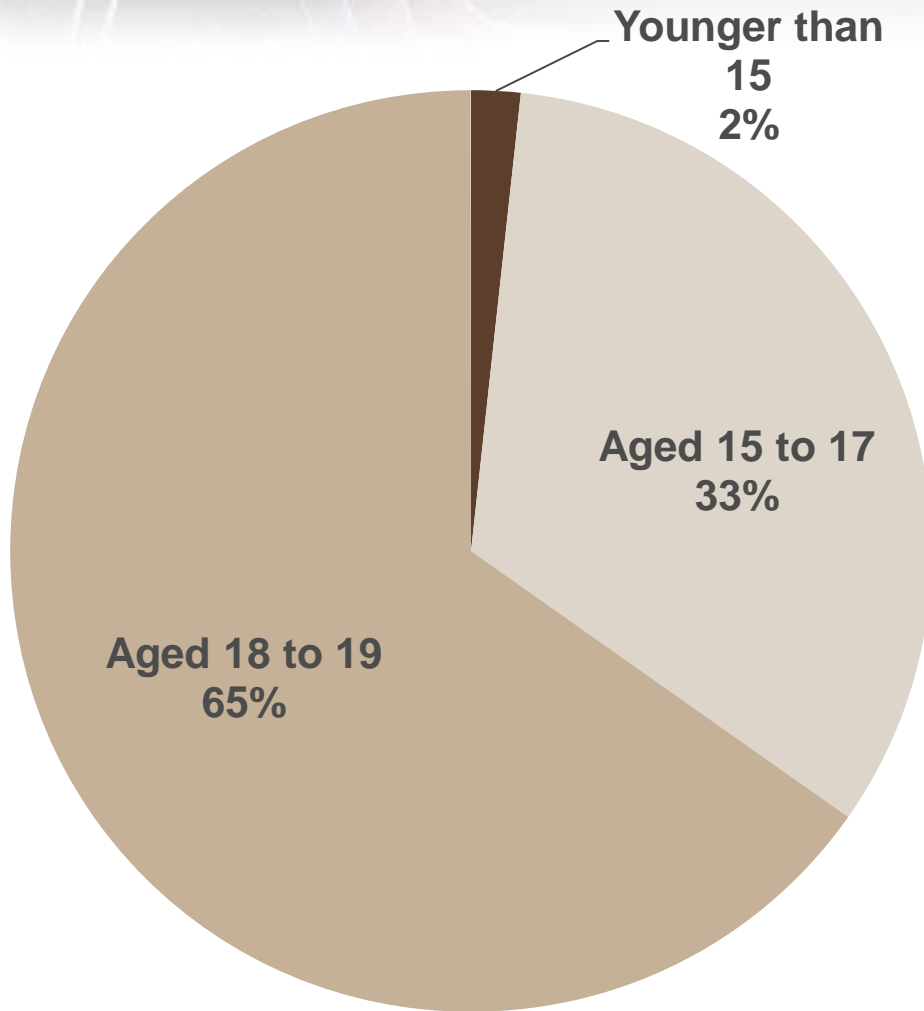
Nevada Teen Birth Counts

Top Five Zip Codes, 2007

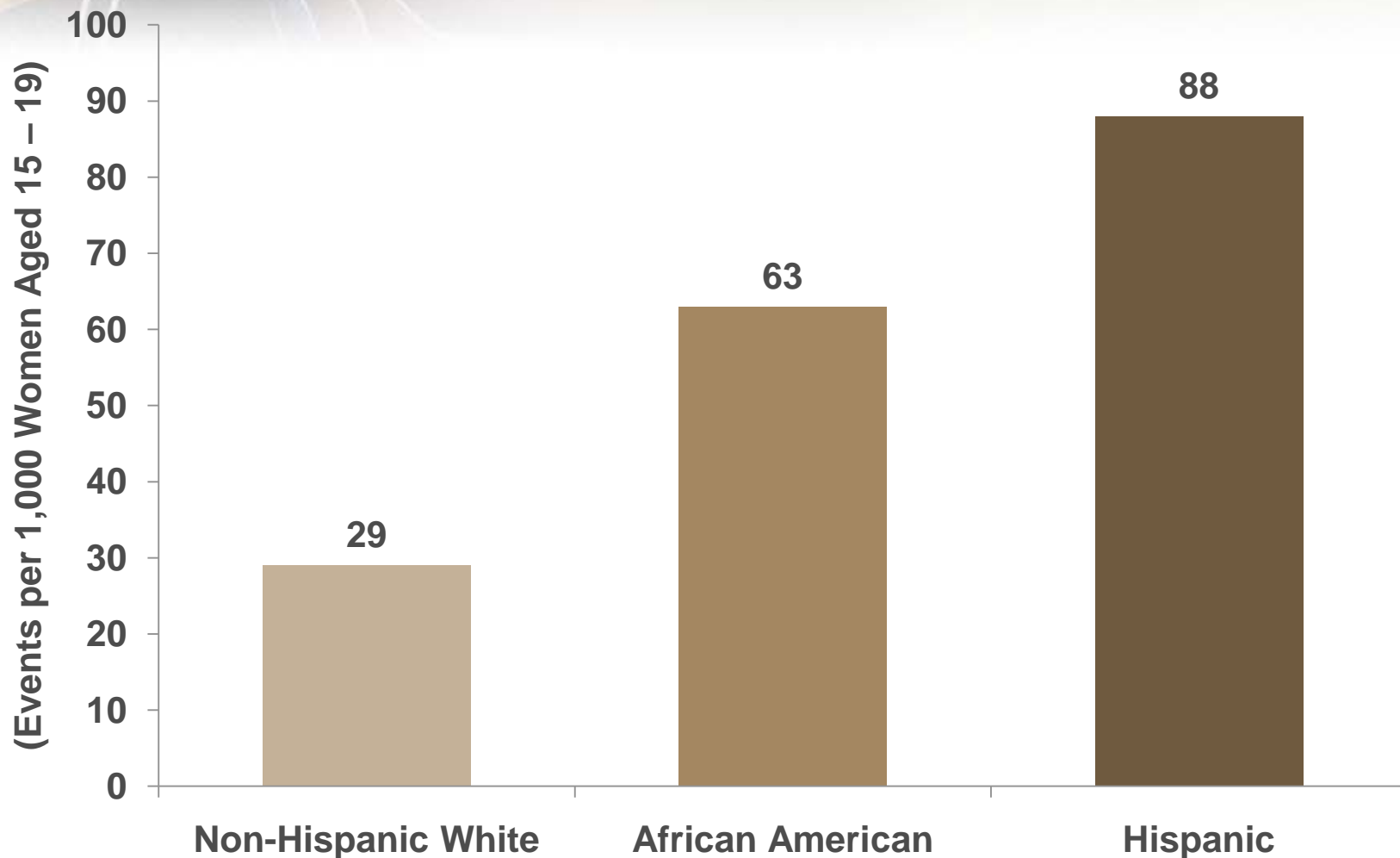
25 percent of the state's teenage pregnancies in 2007 occurred within these five Clark County zip codes.

Zip Code	Age 10-14	Age 15-17	Age 18-19	Total
89030	-	120	153	273
89110	-	106	143	249
89115	-	79	153	232
89101	-	63	130	193
89108	-	45	102	147
Top 5 Zip Codes' Total	-	413	681	1,094
Nevada State Total	76	1,465	2,889	4,430

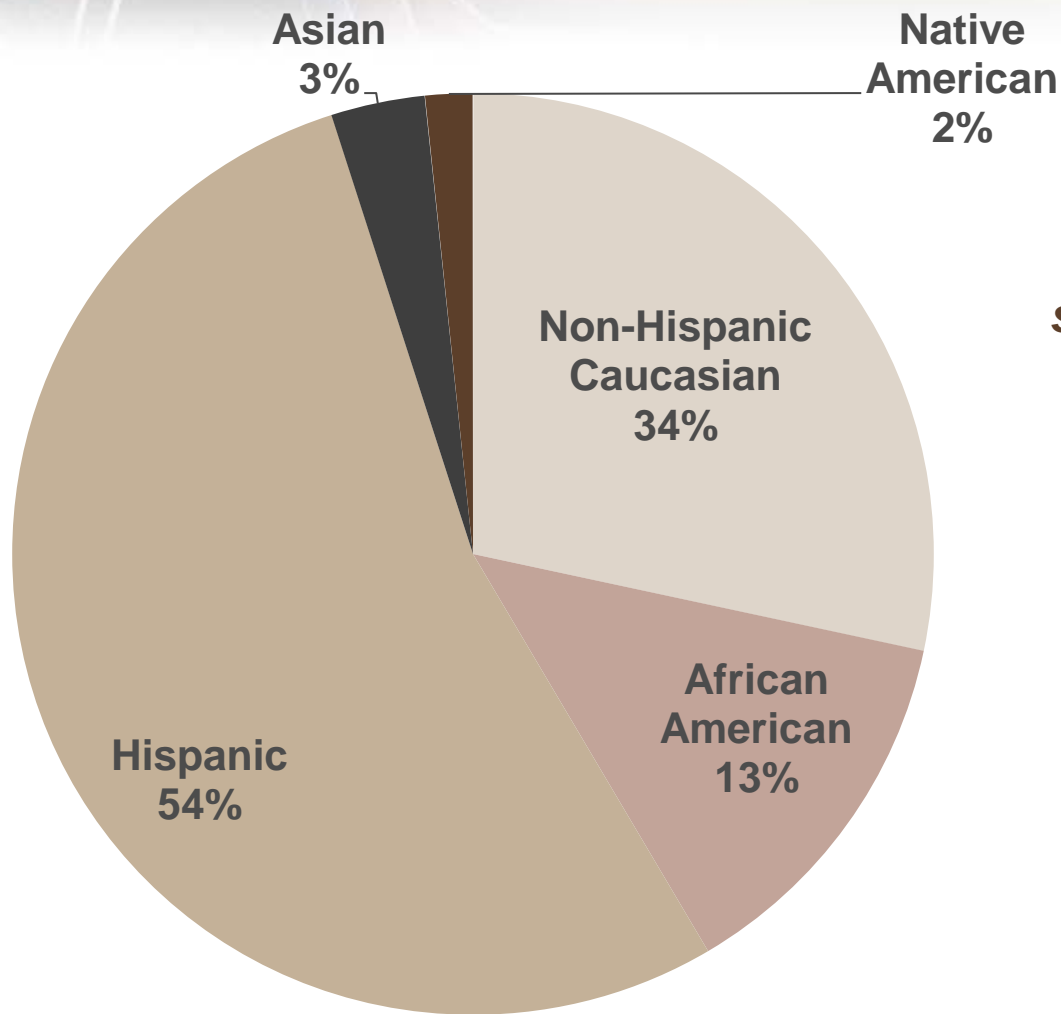
Nevada Teen Birth Counts *by Age Group, 2007*



Nevada Teenage Birthrate *Race and Ethnicity, 2006*

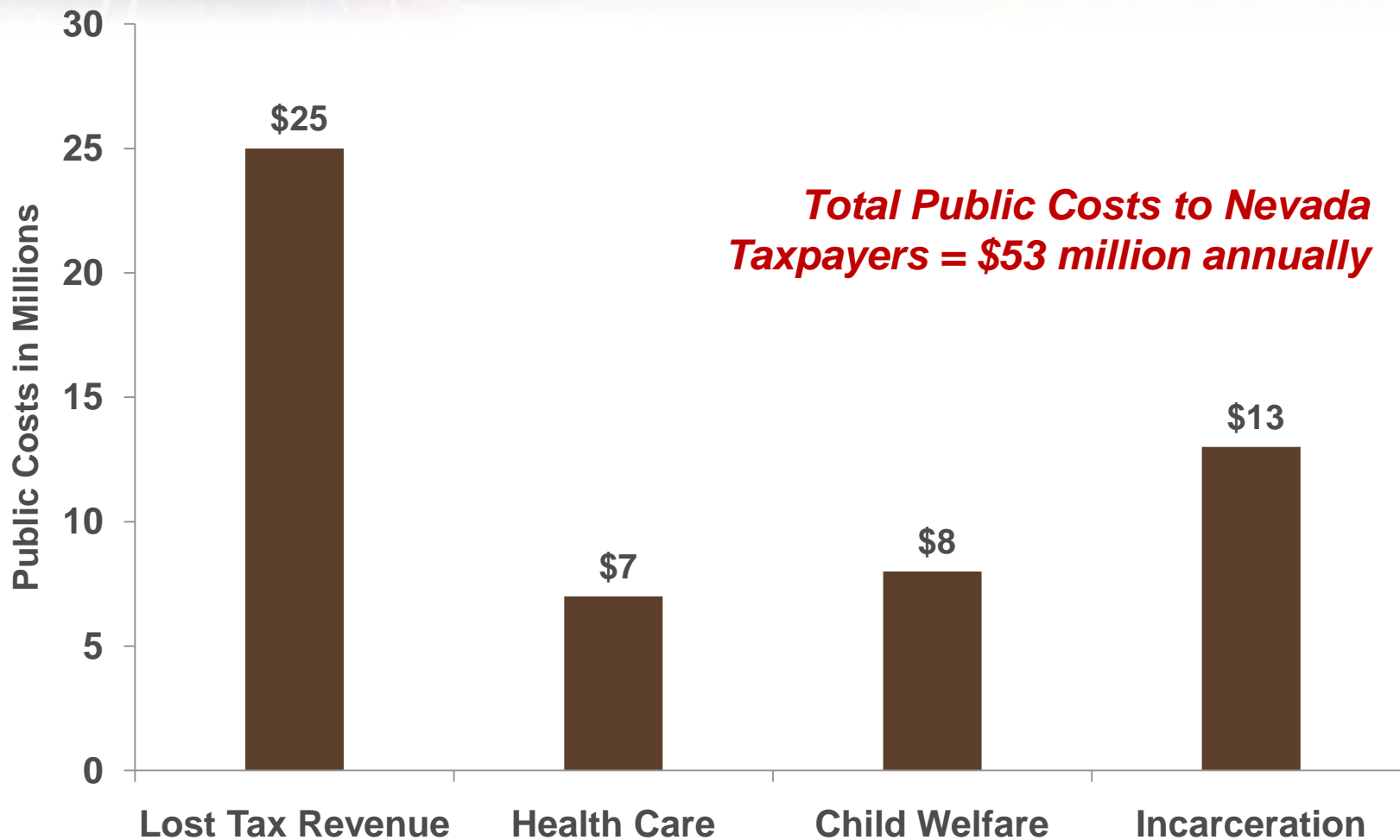


Nevada Teen Births *by Race and Ethnicity, 2007*



While 37% of Nevada's students are Hispanic, 54% of teenage births are born to Hispanic teenagers.

Public Costs Associated with Children Born to Teen Parents





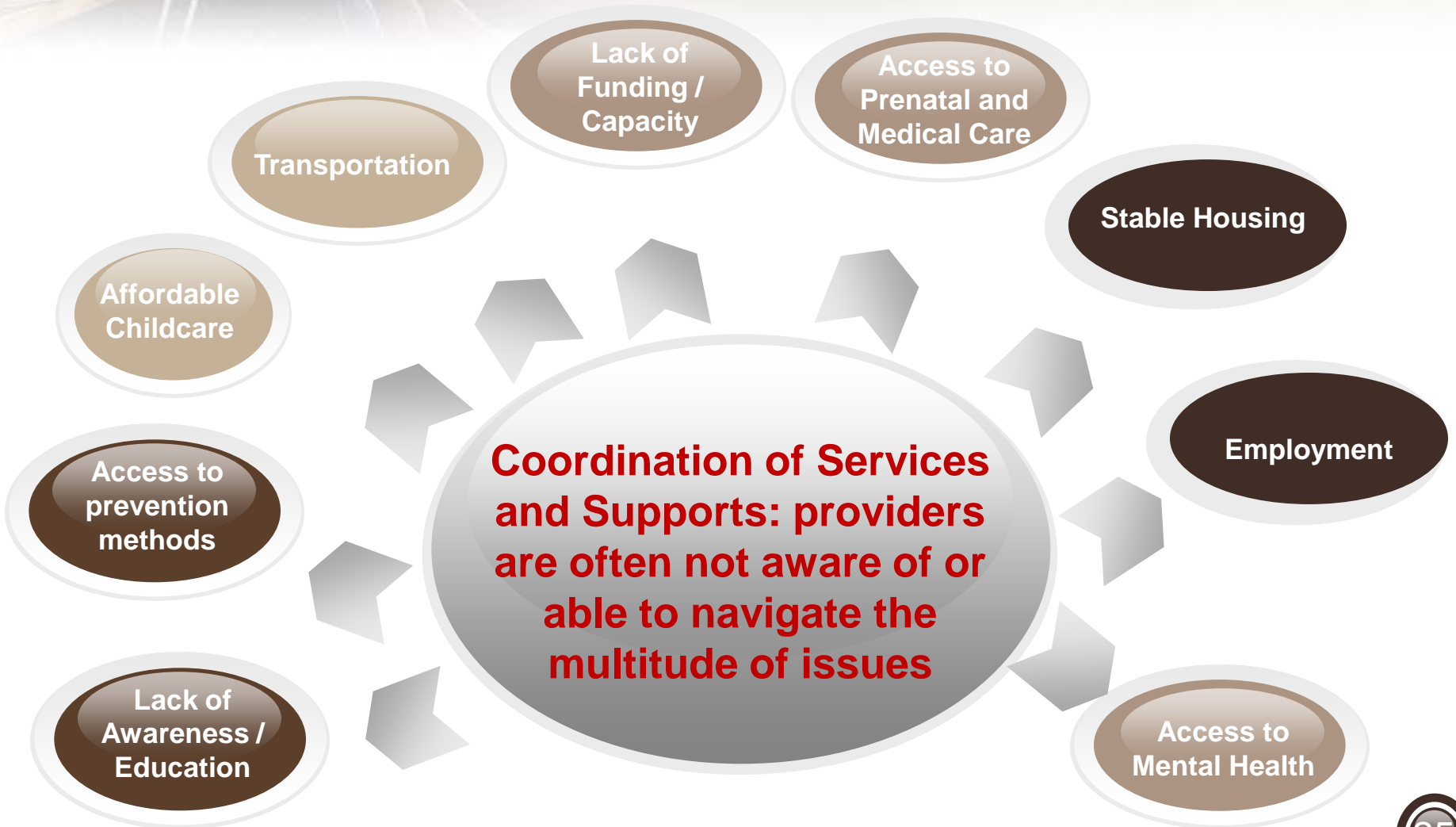
**Teenage Pregnancy, Parenting
and Prevention Providers**
Mini-Summit January 11, 2011



Summit Overview

- **42 providers serving or dealing with pregnant and parenting teenagers, or providing pregnancy prevention services to teenagers, were in attendance**
- **A listing of participating provider organizations is included as an appendix to this report**
- **The pages that follow summarize the highlights of a two hour discussion amongst attendees, as well as the results of a survey distributed during the summit**

Primary Service Barriers



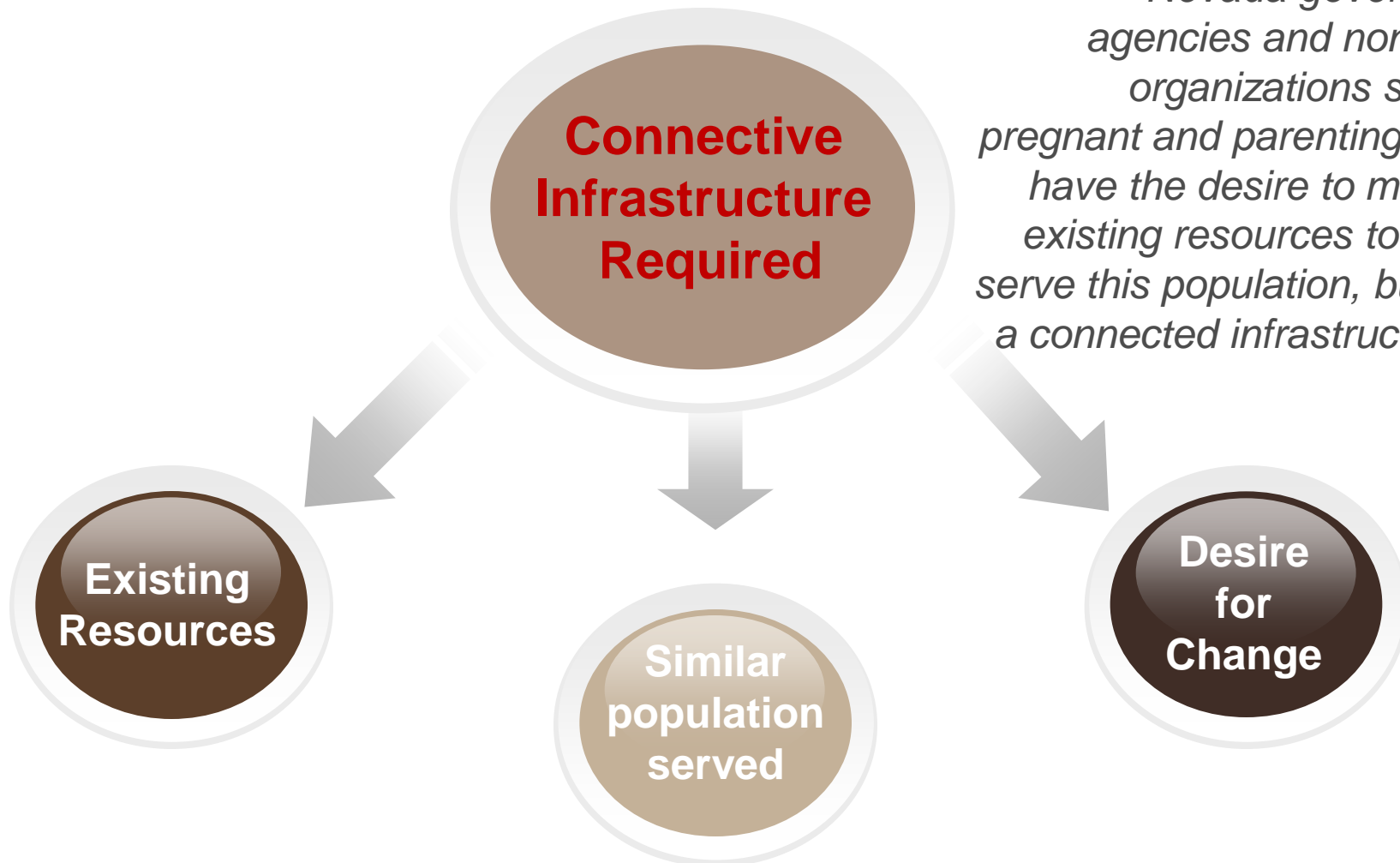


Additional Service Barriers

- ***Anger Management:*** these children are often angry and come from low functioning families; many are abused, kicked out, or runaways
- ***Lack of Alternative Activities:*** children need to be involved in self-esteem promoting activities other than sex (i.e. sports, clubs, etc)
- ***Role Models and Mentorship:*** a single caring adult or team of adults can help to navigate services, obtain safe and adequate housing, transportation, income support and childcare while teens are finishing school and seeking employment
- ***Age Restrictions:*** often teens cannot qualify for services without parental consent, which may be impossible to obtain
- ***Consistent Partnership with CCSD:*** offer solutions where the primary population is easier to reach

Community Assets

Nevada government agencies and non-profit organizations serving pregnant and parenting teens have the desire to mobilize existing resources to better serve this population, but lack a connected infrastructure to do so.





Does a Shared Community Agenda Currently Exist?

None exists

There is a shared consensus regarding the dismal state of our youth

Only regarding what is lacking

There is agreement about a lack of funding and a lack of action

Fragmented

Each agency has their own specialization and tends to focus only on this

One has begun today

A coordinated systemic effort is necessary to support the work that needs to be done



What are the Benefits of Coming Together?






**Teenage Pregnancy, Parenting and
Pregnancy Prevention
*Making Change in Southern Nevada***




What Changes Would You Make if Funding was Plentiful?

- **Expanded services for parents and families with emphasis on collaboration**
- **Fast track Medicaid for teen parents, patient care fund with access to Healthcare Nevada for undocumented and non-Medicaid eligible parents**
- **More parent education and training available for all parents to confidently conduct teen sex and sexual health education conversations with their children**
- **Comprehensive and consistent sex education and pregnancy prevention starting in middle school**
- **Information for teens and parents at the places where they would feel safe/comfortable to ask questions (i.e. church, school counselor, community centers)**



What Changes Would You Make if Funding was Plentiful?

- **Mandatory training of health teachers in schools**
- **Subsidized and advertised birth control**
- **Nurse Family Partnership model services for every pregnant and parenting teen**
- **Teen-friendly clinics where teens can access services without fear, hesitation, embarrassment**
- **Childcare in schools**
- **More programs available for young adults/teens *before* they are pregnant**



What Changes Would You Make if Funding was Plentiful?

- **Special scholarships for youth (contracts that have incentives upon graduation)**
- **Awareness events that are relatable to kids**
- **Create a place large enough to house teen parents and give them the training and education needed to be good moms; a two year program to help them get on their feet and learn how important it is to focus on themselves and their baby**
- **Triple current Head Start and Early Head Start capacity**
- **Presumptive eligibility for all pregnant teens regardless of citizenship**
- **Medicaid eligibility for babies would run for at least a full year**



What Changes Would You Make if Funding was Plentiful?

- **A fully functional and true one-stop building for all services (youth, adults, etc)**
- **Money to create programs that engage youth in other activities than sex (movie production, video creation, music, fashion design, technology, etc)**
- **Funding for alternative measures if youth were choosing these**
- **Centralize service providers serving this population**
- **A tracking system that accounts for every at risk youth**
- **More programming and supportive services for teen fathers**




Participant Solutions

- ***Collaboration***: an integrated system where providers could work together to offer a holistic approach to service provision is essential
- ***Community Education Campaign***: broadcast a consistent message on the topic and resources available
- **Increased Funding**: while difficult to obtain in the current economic environment, is still desired and necessary to make real progress
- ***Streamline Application Processes***: many social issues encompass the same population –basic eligibility requirements should be identical
- ***Parental Education***: assist parents in educating their children; active and approachable parents are the first line of defense



Participant Solutions

- ***Remove Artificial Barriers:*** much can be done without increased funding, for example, access to prenatal care is hampered by access to Medicaid (application process is lengthy and requires assistance)
- ***Provider Coordination:*** resources sometimes go unused due to lack of communication and coordination among providers
- ***Gaps Analysis:*** the community lacks a real understanding of supply versus demand; there were 4,400 births to teen mothers in 2007 – how many teenagers required prevention services? What is the capacity (supply) of providers to service the population?
- ***A Focus on Fathers:*** teenage women are not getting pregnant by themselves



National Organizations Making a Positive Impact

- *Triple P*
- *Nurse Family Partnership*
- *Boys and Girls Clubs*
- *Healthy Teen Network*
- *Children Having Children, Inc.*
- *Office of Adolescent Health*
- *Fatherhood Initiative (fatherhood.gov)*
- *National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy*
- *Cyesis Program in Washoe County*



Conclusion

- **Prevention offers a terrific return on investment and represents sound fiscal policy. If states are able to sustain the progress in reducing teen pregnancy and childbearing, they will not only improve the well-being of children, families, and communities, but will also reduce the burden on taxpayers, thereby freeing up funds that could be invested in other priority areas, such as funding for senior citizens, health care, or education.**
- **If more children in this country were born to parents ready and able to care for them, we would see a significant reduction in a host of social problems afflicting children in the US, from school failure and crime to child abuse and neglect.**
- **When children have children, their opportunities are diminished right from the start, and the future is often one of poverty.**

Ready for Life Southern Nevada

Teenage Pregnancy, Parenting and Pregnancy Prevention Summit Attendees

Summit Attendee	Company	Email Address	1) Brief description of services
Lorena Flores	Acelero Learning	lflores@acelero.net	Acelero Learning is a Head Start for Children ages 3 to 5. The centers are located in low income areas which target families that are below the poverty guideline. Some of our parents are teens who obtain Head Start for their children.
Athena Jones-Gould	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada	ajones@bbbsn.org	
Angela Quinn or Laurel Cole	Building Hope Nevada	aquinn@buildinghopenevada.org ; lcoble@buildinghopenevada.org	Capacity building and sustainability, capital management: We partner and assist other nonprofits with building capacity
Sarah Beers	Clark County Department of Family Services Parenting Project	srb@co.clark.nv.us	Offers free multi-session, community-based parent education and behavior management programs for parents of children/youth ages 0-17. Evidence-based programs focus on specific ages or behavior issues that families encounter
Debra Moulton	Clark County Department of Family Services	dkmoult@co.clark.nv.us	Services for foster youth in custody who are pregnant and teen parents with children under CPS or in foster care
Jerome Simon	Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice		Criminal justice services; case management; gang prevention and intervention services; tattoo removal, mentoring etc
Tim Burch	Clark County Department of Social Service	tib@clarkcountynv.gov	Provide gap coverage for emancipated teens and adults while they pend TANF/Medicaid, financial assistance for housing, medical coverage for healthcare
Sharon Steele	Clark County Parks and Recreation	steelesy@clarkcountynv.gov	No services to this population
Jennifer Keiser	Clark County School District Department of Adult Education	jakeiser@interact.ccsd.net	We offer GED prep classes, GED examinations and high school diploma courses for an adult education HS diploma
Tawanda McIntosh	Family to Family Connection	tawanda_dance@yahoo.com	We offer a 5 to 8 week teen parenting course. We emphasize preparing for childbirth, age appropriate discipline and development. The teens receive baby bucks for each attendance which goes towards our baby boutique at the end of the session

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Tawuana Hill, Sharon Davis, and Sabrina Howard	GNJ Family Life Center	thill@gnjinc.org ; sdavisgnj@yahoo.com ; showard@gnjinc.org	GNJ Family Life Center serves youth between the age of 18 to 24 years of age. We provide education, leadership competency courses, constructional skills, Job placement, education completion, money management, and life skills. We work with at risk youth with various barriers such as education issues and youth with children already.
Kelly Robson	HELP of Southern Nevada	krobson@helpsonv.org	Intensive case management, drug and alcohol counseling and temporary housing for homeless at risk youth 16-24 years old. We can't house youth with children. We can provide temporary housing to pregnant youth while getting them into perm housing
Kristi Swenson	HELP of Southern Nevada's Baby First Services	kswenson@helpsonv.org	We provide case management and direct services such as pre-natal vitamins, diapers, wipes, and infant formula
Steve Williams	Huntridge Teen Clinic	huntridge@lvcoxmail.com	Medical and dental care for uninsured and at-risk teenagers between 12 and 18 years of age. As well as primary care, our medical professionals (APNs & Pas) provide extensive medical and oral health counseling and education, including pregnancy and STDs
Mark Sharp	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept	m2900s@lvmpd.com	We do not provide any services however we do deal with teen prostitution which leads to teen pregnancy and serve on various community coalitions that are concerned about issues dealing with teens
Ivet Santiago	Latin Chamber of Commerce	ivet.santiago@unlv.edu	Serve over 80 youth between the ages of 15-18 during our annual youth conference which takes place each June at UNLV. The population we serve our underrepresented, at-risk youth and in many cases, teen parents
Gina Cortes	Latino Youth Leadership Conference	gina_cortes87@yahoo.com	During our six day teen conference have a presenter from the community (usually Planned Parenthood) talk to the teens about contraception and STI's and answer student questions
Kathleen Miller	Living Grace Home	kmlivinggracehome@gmail.com	Residential home for 14-22 year olds providing legal issues, pre-natal care, education (re-enrollment or GED), nutrition education, life skills, prepare for transition into permanent housing. Emphasis on NOT repeating out of wedlock pregnancy, in house MFT, independent and group counseling

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Pamela Egan; La Tanya Runnells, Keith Stark	Nevada Partners	pegan@nevadapartners.org ; latanyarunnells@yahoo.com ; kastark3@msn.com	Mentoring, assistance and referral to public services, dropout prevention, credit retrieval, tutoring, employment preparation, alcohol & druge use prevention, special services for gender specific issues faced by adolescents, support services (utilities, transportation, clothing), parenting classes, financial literacy, health education, job training, work experience, college preparation, citizenship support, referral to health providers
Joseph Taylor	Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth	joseph@nphy.org	NPHY provides a wide range of services to homeless youth 12-18, including pregnant teens that come in, resources for homeless include case management, food, clothing, shelter etc
Ashley Hicks	Odyssey Charter Schools	ahicks@odysseyk12.org	We are a K-12 charter school offering a hybrid model of online and face to face instruction tuition free. We currently have almost 1,000 high school students - at any time 30 - 50 pregnant / parenting
Laura Deitsch	Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada	laura.deitsch@pprm.org	Reproductive health education; reproductive health care services including birth control, STD testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, abortion, reproductive health advocacy (legislative, media, grassroots organizing)
Janet Hughes	Ready for Life One Stop Center	jazzyjhughes@yahoo.com	Educational services, high school diploma, vocational: culinary, welding, nursing assistant program, gardening. The One Stop Center also connects students with other organizations such as Nevada Partners, Urban League, others for housing, medicaid, food, clothing, employment, and other needs
Toni Mims	Southern Nevada Children First	toni.mims@childrenfirst-nv.org	Transitional housing, shared living, mental health services, life skills, parenting, resource center, counseling, group counseling, support services, (family reunification - Keeping families together)
Lisa Chase	Southern Nevada Health District	chase@snhd.org	Family planning services, voluntary confidential education, screening and treatment services for STD, contraceptive counseling and supplies, community referrals, pregnancy testing counseling
Gwendolyn Osburn	Southern Nevada Health District	osburn@snhdmail.org	Nurse Family Partnership provides home visitation, mentoring and parenting skills from pregnancy until child is 2 years of age. 2) Maternal Child Health Home Visitation provides medical education, case management, and parenting via home visitation 3) healthy kids clinic provides healthy youth exams and mental health screening

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Bonnie Sorenson	Southern Nevada Health District	sorenson@snhdmail.org	Teen pregnancy prevention program; STD clinical services; HIV/AIDS case management; family planning services; Nurse Family Partnership; maternal child services (immunizations, healthy kids exams, fluoride varnishing)
Norma Goode	Southern Nevada Health District - Henderson Public Health Center	goode@snhdmail.org	Reproductive health, family planning for non-insured and underinsured, immunization
Maria Teresa Johnson	Southern Nevada Health District - Nurse Family Partnership	johnsonmt@snhdmail.org	Evidence based nationwide home visitation program for low income first time mothers from pregnancy to the child's 2nd birthday
Fatima Parker	St. Judes Ranch For Children	fparker@stjudesranch.org	Parenting classes, transportation for girls to all appts, help with Medicaid, filing for child support, Planned Parenthood to be on campus soon, PSR and therapy services, opportunity for girls to work on campus and head start
Carolynn Taylor	UNLV Adult Educational Services	carolynn.taylor@unlv.edu	Assistance with acquiring a GED college admissions assistance financial aid application assistance career exploration
Melva Thompson-Robinson	UNLV Center for Health Disparities Research	melva.thompson-robinson@unlv.edu	Newly funded to implement an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention intervention through the African American churches
Rachel Richardson	Victory Outreach	freedom2servehim@yahoo.com	We offer a faith based community. We help get any baby items or motherly women items. We offer mentorship by/from others who had a child young
Suzanne Potter; Kimberly Colagioia; Clentine January; Kelly Woods	Workforce Connections	spotter@snvwc.org ; kcolagioia@nvworkforceconnections.org ; cjanuary@workforceconnections.org ; kwoods@nvworkforceconnections.org	Provider of WIA funding for service providers (youth and adult) in workforce development. WC is looking at programs specifically designed around parenting & prevention for teens

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