



# *Teen Pregnancy*

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# *What is teen pregnancy and how can it affect young woman ?*

- *Teen Pregnancy is any woman that is 19 years and younger.*
- *In 2016 there were 20.3 million births for every 1,000 adolescent female ages 15 - 19 years old.*
- *Many adolescents struggle during their teen years to actually find themselves and know who they are becoming.*
- *Some young teenagers face difficulties emotionally, and struggle financially.*
- *A major concern with teen pregnancies are the risks and effects that may develop during their pregnancy or after.*



# *What are some risks of teen pregnancy*

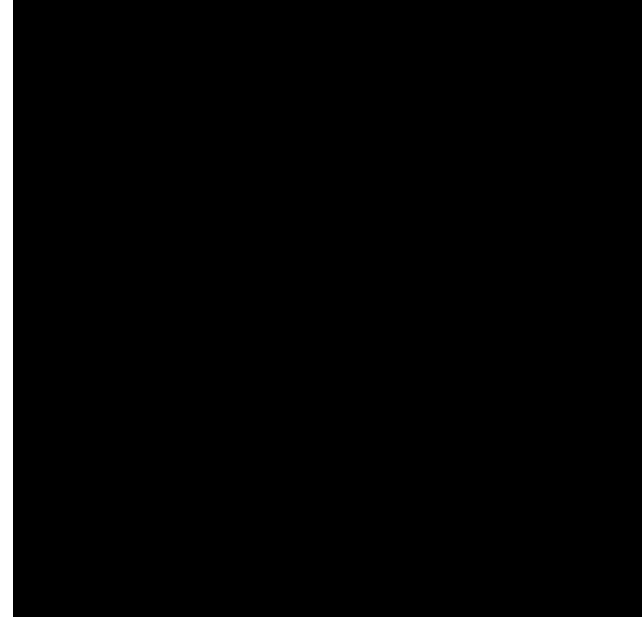
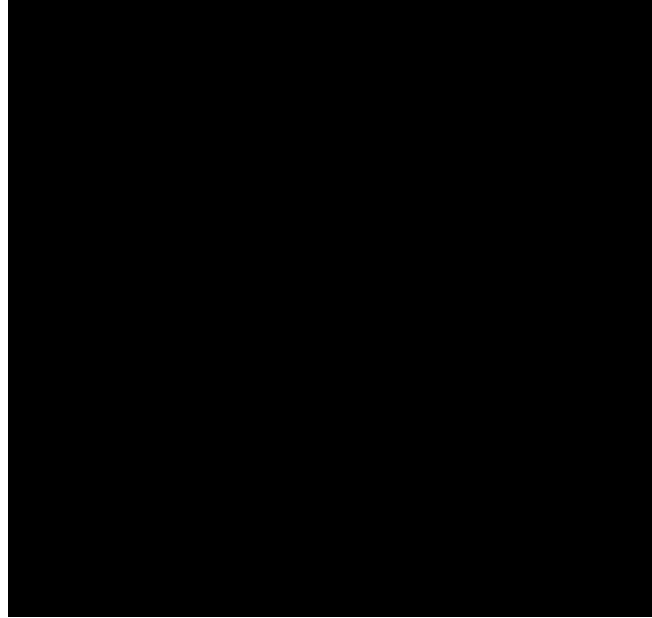


- Preeclampsia : Preeclampsia combines high blood pressure with excess protein in the urine, swelling of feet, and hands, and organ damage.
- Risk due to preeclampsia are placental abruption, decreased blood flow to the placenta, and premature delivery.
- A premature baby is a baby who is born before 37 weeks, and the main reason would be the health of the baby or the mother.

The baby may face health issues in the respiratory system, digestive system, and vision

- Teen moms also fight many battles from dealing with shame of becoming a young mom, trying to finish school, finding a job, and wondering how they will financially support their child
- Young teens also sometimes suffer from postpartum depression, which is a

# *How can we prevent teen pregnancy amongst minorities in NYC ?*



RESULTS

## *Compare and contrast their responses*

- *My first interviewer spoke about more educational classes that will result in more knowledge for the teens. By being more educated on the topic, teens would know the outcomes, situations, and risk that being a parent at a young age could put them in. This a way to avoid teen pregnancy amongst minority in NYC.*
- *My second interviewer spoke about his personal experience in his high school, which promoted abstinence instead of safe sex. Having more educational classes would make teens more comfortable and have a better understanding on how to practicing safe sex, which can prevent teen pregnancy amongst minority in NYC,*
- *My third interviewer spoke about the price of condoms and how teens might not be able to afford them now a days. Lowering the price of condoms will increase the rate of safe sex and will prevent teen pregnancy. He also spoke about the price of plan b's and that they should be lowered as well as the price of condoms.*
- *Similarities: All interviewers spoke about more education classes in school, being a way to prevent teen pregnancy.*

And this is interesting because . . . ?

*I am interested in this topic because although I am not a teen mother, I have friends who are teenage mothers and i often see their daily struggle. I wish there was better awareness to prevent teen pregnancy. Sex education is not a class in all school for example, the school I went to which was Saint Raymond Academy. Most Catholic schools advocate abstinence, which doesn't help teen age girls practice safe sex but instead influence them to be sneaky about it. Me personally I learned about sex, and safe sex from my mother. In other cases some teenagers may not have that same guidance at home. Teen pregnancies are common now, Teen pregnancies now in days are presented to young girls with birth control, and plan b pills which are bad for the female body and not 100% effective.*

# WHAT I PLANNED ON DOING IN THE FUTURE

In the future I plan on being a nurse. Here at Bcc my Major is nursing but I plan on doing 2 years and transferring to a 4 year university to further my education and nursing career. Currently I am taking attending ABC Training to achieve my CNA license where i will be able to work in nursing homes and start my career somewhere, And gain experience.





**NEW**

*Findings*

*From my*

*Research*

- During my research i learned that birth control, and plan b's are very bad for the body, but yet they are very often presented to young teens, and even older woman and they are not 100% effective. As a result of these things not being 100% effective if teens are taking it incorrectly or having unprotected sex this can and will continue to cause the teen pregnancy rate to increase.



# In Conclusion

*In conclusion although I have nothing against teenage pregnancy or that a teenager can be the best parent for their child I wish there was better guidance. Better guidance for the teens who are not ready for a child at such a young age were not taught. Teenage pregnancy is a social issue for numerous of reasons. Teenage pregnancies affect young mothers financially, emotionally and educationally. As I did this research I learned that teenage mothers tend to dropout of high school, and as a result have a lower annual income, and 8 percent of those mothers go on welfare at some point in their lives. Approximately 1 out of 8 teenage mothers actually go to get a GED, or go to get a college degree. Sex ed should be taught in schools, more at home, and should not be ignored because it is a major issue in the society we live in today.*



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