

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Programs (APPP)

OVERVIEW

What is it?

The North Carolina Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program (APPP) funds community initiatives to prevent adolescent pregnancy.

Who is it for?

Initiatives target adolescent males and females to prevent first and subsequent pregnancies among teens. Initiatives vary by project, however examples of some of the services offered include counseling, mentoring, educational and life-skills programs.

Where are applications taken?

Interested teens can contact the local agencies directly. Referrals are often made by schools, clinics, friends and other agencies.

INTRODUCTION

Funded in its current form by the NC General Assembly in 1989, the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program works with local community groups to provide pregnancy prevention programs to adolescents. Five year grants are awarded which require local matching dollars or in-kind services. State funds decrease each year requiring increasing local support.

**BENEFITS/
SERVICES**

Specific services vary by grantee. However, all grantees strive to prevent first and subsequent pregnancies by promoting abstinence and through activities such as life skills education programs, youth development programs, parent workshops, peer education, adult mentoring, counseling and referral, community awareness efforts, male involvement projects, and support services for teen parents.

APPLICATIONS

Each initiative establishes its own application process according to the services offered. Local agencies can be contacted directly for application information. The following is a list of the 24 currently funded APPP grantees.

County	Grantee
Brunswick	Brunswick County Schools
Caldwell	Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health
Carteret	Carteret Health Center
Catawba	Council on Adolescents of Catawba County

County	Grantee
Chatham	Coalition for Adolescent Health & Chatham Co. Health Dept.
Cleveland	Cleveland County Health Dept.
Davie	Davie County Health Dept.
Durham	CommuniMedia
Durham	Sisterhood Agenda
Granville	Granville County Health Dept.
Guilford	Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont & YWCA of High Point
Guilford	UNC-G School of Nursing
Hertford	Exodus for Youth, Inc.
Hyde	Hyde Family Center
Jones	Jones County Schools
Mecklenburg	Teen Health Connection
New Hanover	Wilmington Health Access for Teens
New Hanover	Girls, Inc.
Orange	The Women's Center with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Resident's Council
Wake	Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition
Wake	Wake County Human Services
Wake	YWCA of Wake County
Washington	Washington County Schools
Wilson	Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

General Eligibility Requirements

Projects are open to teens. There are no statewide needs, income or resource eligibility requirements, although some projects may have their own eligibility requirements, depending on their target population. For example, some initiatives target males or the non-pregnant sister of a teenage mother.

Fees

All services are free of charge. Fees can not be requested from participants.

NUMBERS SERVED

For fiscal year 1997-1998, there were 24 APPP projects serving approximately 1,500 teens.

PRIORITIZATION SYSTEM

Historically funds have been adequate to serve all participating teens. First priority for services, however, are given to teens at high risk for becoming pregnant.

APPEAL RIGHTS

There is no formal appeal process. Problems with any particular project can be discussed with the state office: 919-733-7791.

FINANCING The federal government pays 20% of non-local program costs and the state government pays 80%. In addition, there is a local match required of 20% in year one, 10% in year two, 35% in year three, 35% in year four and 50% in year five. In FY 1998, the program received \$261,000 of federal and \$939,000 of state funds.

ADMINISTRATION The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program is administered by the Women's and Children's Health Section within the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Final authority for funding decisions rests with the NC Commission for Health Services.

SOURCES OF LAW Federal statutes: 42 USC 1397 (Social Services Block Grant)
State statutes: NCGS 130A-131.15
State policy: 15A NCAC 21A, Sections .0815-.0821

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