

## **Introduction**

### ***Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Support for Parenting Teens***

There are few areas related to adolescents and schools that are as controversial as reproductive education. Mirroring society's debate about freedom of choice regarding pregnancy, people have strong opinions and beliefs about these matters and these are reflected in programs and practices for youth.

Because of the controversy in this area, we have framed this document around the arguments. We hope to show evidence-based information that will be helpful in program planning and policy development to responsibly address the problem of unintended teen pregnancy.

Too often the politics or the traditional approaches to providing information is the end of the discussion. Because psychological and social factors play such a prominent role in youngsters' sexual behavior and decision making, we have tried to bring information related to these matters into the discussion.

We are interested in your response to these materials and invite you to share information you feel should be included.