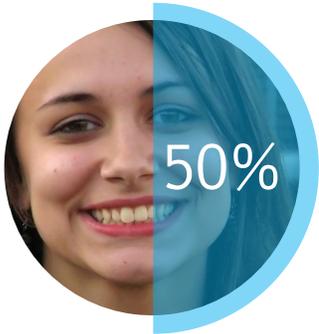


JUST THE FACTS:

ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROJECT

WHAT? Douglas County STD rates (gonorrhea and chlamydia) have been among the highest in the country, with adolescents (ages 15-24) having the highest rates.



According to national data, 50% of high school students will have sex.

10x

There are significant racial & ethnic disparities in the gonorrhea and chlamydia rates, with chlamydia rates for African Americans being 10 times higher than whites.

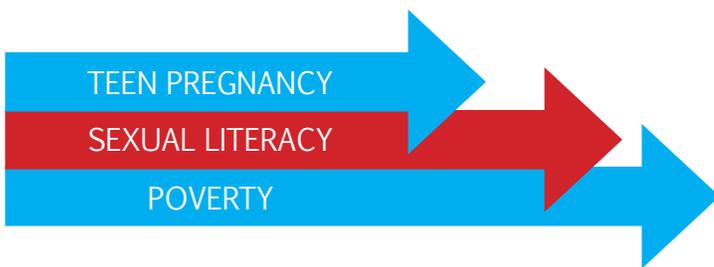


Teen birth rates have declined nationally, due in large part to the use of IUDs and implants.



While teen birth rates in Douglas County have also been on the decline, there are glaring racial and ethnic disparities, with Hispanic and African American teens being 4-5 times more likely to be pregnant than whites.

SO WHAT? These stats indicate the level of threat of risky sexual behaviors in adolescents in Douglas County, Nebraska.



The **Women's Fund of Omaha's** bi-annual community survey has consistently shown sexual literacy and teen pregnancy, along with poverty, as key issues facing girls in the community.

NOW WHAT?

The **Women's Fund of Omaha** has joined forces with a number of partners, including The Sherwood Foundation, Douglas County Health Department, Nebraska Department of Education, Methodist Health System, UNMC College of Public Health, & United Way of the Midlands to establish the Adolescent Health Project.

The Adolescent Health Project seeks to create sustainable community-wide changes through a research based, results focused, comprehensive approach that will increase the sexual knowledge of youth and, thereby, decrease the number of youth engaging in risky sexual behavior and the rates of STDs and teen pregnancy.



WHAT THE TEENS ARE SAYING:

"...I think there could be a lot more of that in schools, or we could have more people out there in schools telling us, hey, this is what you can do, or this is how you can prevent it, and if there's treatments or what kind of treatments there is for STDs." -14 year old multi-racial female

"No one cares about getting STDs or anything, because they're like, 'Oh, that's never going to happen to me.'" -20 year old white female

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