

**Adolescent Family Life Research Awards**  
FY 1982 – 2002

**Adolescent Pregnancy Services**

**Resource Use by Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents**

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Project Period: 10/1/82 - 12/31/85

Summary: This study examined issues related to the availability, coordination and use of services for pregnant and parenting adolescents in the Baltimore community. A survey of community resources and interviews of a random sample of adolescent mothers were used to measure the scope of existing resources for pregnant and parenting adolescents, identify the barriers impeding access to those services and identify the high risk subgroups for whom services need to be provided. Cost-benefits of intervention were also assessed.

**Adolescent Family Life: A Longitudinal Study**

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Project Period: 10/1/82 - 3/31/85

Summary: This project involved a longitudinal survey of pregnant or parenting teenagers who are on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). The purpose was to investigate what factors are associated with adolescent parents' ability to achieve independence. Education, employment, family support, birth of subsequent children, the availability and utilization of particular services, including child care, family planning, medical and special school programs, and the mother's goals and expectations were addressed.

## **Developing Comprehensive Services for Teenage Parents**

Principal Investigator:  
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Project Period: 10/1/82 - 9/30/84

Summary: This research attempted to explain why some localities have developed comprehensive services for teenage parents while others have not. Six localities (2 rural, 4 mid- sized cities) with services were matched with six which do not have services. Various local officials are interviewed to try to determine differences and what resources and constraints have facilitated or impeded program development. Importance of leadership, governmental policies, voluntary organizations, media, administration, culture, etc., were assessed.

## **Contraceptive Use and Clinic Continuation Among Adolescents**

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Project Period: 10/1/82 - 3/31/84

Summary: The project was designed to learn: a) how do individual attributes affect adolescent contraceptive use, b) how are social conditions and context related to adolescent contraceptive use, and c) what are the organizational features of programs that promote contraceptive continuation and thus lower rates of unwanted pregnancy and adolescent childbearing. Analyses were conducted on four related data sets: 1) three interviews with a sample of 443 adolescent clients attending one of nine family planning clinics in the Philadelphia area; 2) interviews with approximately 100 mothers of the 443 clients; 3) clinic visit records for the 443 clients and a larger population of about 12,000 adolescent clients who initiated services during the same time as the 443; and 4) information on clinic attributes for both sets of attenders.

## **Effects of Family Involvement on AFL Program Clients**

Principal Investigator:  
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Project Period: 9/30/87 - 9/29/89

Summary: This study investigated the family involvement strategies that are employed in Adolescent Family Life care programs. Family involvement is defined here as those program practices and procedures that encourage the participation of significant family members (including male partners) in program services. The nature of family involvement strategies and the relationship of family involvement to outcomes for teens were examined.

## **School-Based Services for Teen Parents: A Study**

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Project Period: 10/1/90 - 9/30/93

Summary: This project had as its aim the evaluation of a program in New Jersey, which provides services for young mothers and their babies in a school setting. The aims of the evaluation were to (1) test the utility of a corporate/private/public partnership in achieving positive outcomes for teen mothers and their babies; (2) improve upon previous evaluations of programs of this kind by the inclusion of control groups and follow-up of teen mothers and their babies; (3) measure outcomes for mothers such as the success of this program in relieving stress and its symptoms as major barriers to achievement among mothers in school and in their parenting roles; (4) measure the impact of a school-based facility of this kind on the broader population of high school students, the faculty, and the staff of the school.