

# FACT SHEET

1. Oklahoma ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the highest rate of teen births. (National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, August 2010)
2. 4 out of 10 teens will become pregnant before the age of 20 in the U.S. (Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy)
3. 65% of all births in Oklahoma are unplanned. (*Teen Pregnancies & Births*, Human Development and Family Science, OSU)
4. For every \$1.00 spent on publically-funded family planning programs in the US, \$4.02 is saved in averted Medicaid birth costs. (Finer, "The Impact of Publically Funded Family Planning Clinic Services on Unintended Pregnancies and Government Cost Savings," Sept. 2008)
5. In 2008 teen childbearing cost Oklahoma taxpayers \$190 million including: public health care; child welfare; incarceration; and lost tax revenue. (National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy)
6. The national average cost for each teen birth and attended expenses has been estimated at \$79,320.00. Nationally, teen childbearing costs taxpayers around \$11 billion each year. (National Campaign)
7. Women who have unintended pregnancies are less likely to finish high school and attend college, and more likely to live in poverty and engage in risky behavior that threatens the health of both the mother and child. (National Campaign, *One in Three*, 2007)
8. Girls born to teen mothers are 83% more likely to become teen moms themselves, while boys born to teen mothers are 2.7 times more likely to become incarcerated. Children of teen mothers are 50% more likely to flunk a grade, 2 to 3 times more likely to run away from home and twice as likely to be abused or neglected. (*Kids Having Kids*, Robin Hood Foundation)
9. Access to contraception services reduces the number of abortions, improves the lives of women, and saves tax dollars. Women who plan their pregnancies are more likely to finish school and begin careers. (National Campaign, *One in Three*, 2007)