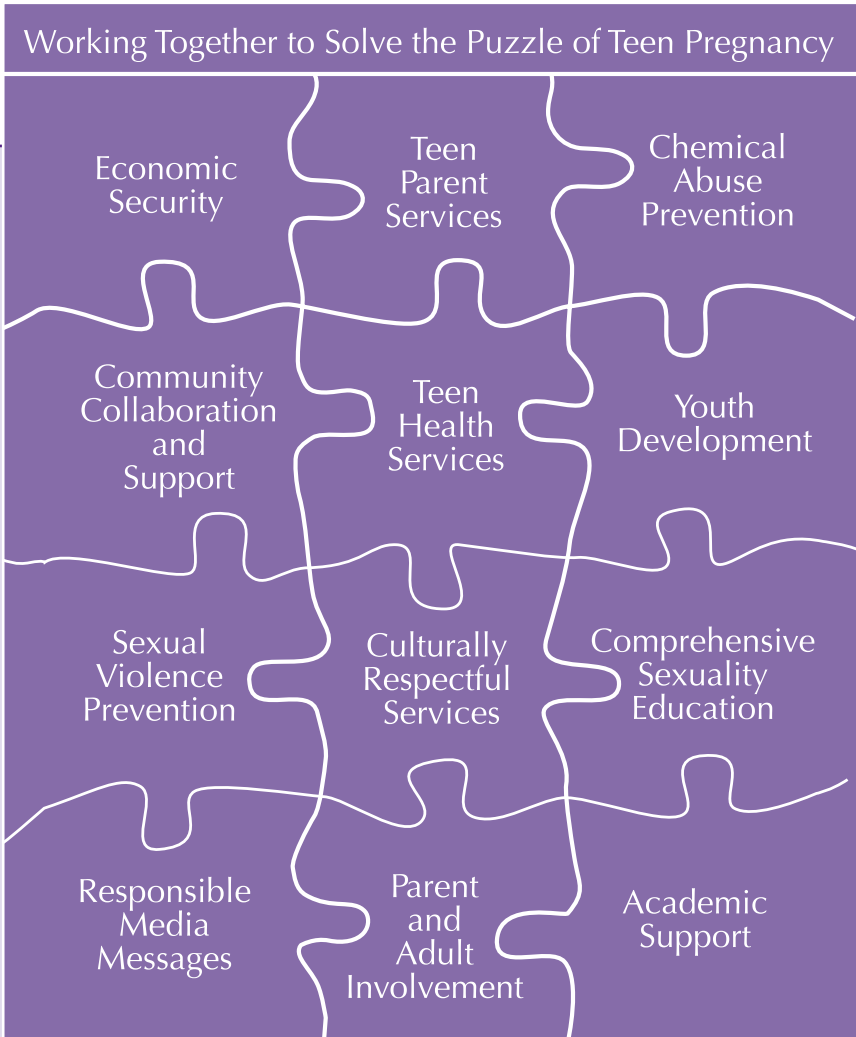




Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting

2002-2003 ANNUAL REPORT



MOAPPP's mission is to strengthen policies and programs related to adolescent pregnancy, prevention, and parenting in Minnesota.



November 2003

Dear Friends,

We are excited to share with you MOAPPP's 2002-2003 Annual Report. It is a capsule of the most productive year in our 12-year history. Much of this success is due to our reliance on the MOAPPP Teen Pregnancy Puzzle that continues to guide us in our approach to teen pregnancy prevention. We know that teen pregnancy is the result of a complex set of factors as illustrated by the Puzzle and that effective prevention strategies must be informed by all of its pieces. As we enter MOAPPP's 13th year, we want to thank you for helping MOAPPP "put the pieces together." You have guided, supported, and partnered with us to help MOAPPP become a strong and vital teen pregnancy prevention resource for Minnesotans. This annual report celebrates our collective efforts!



MOAPPP continues to provide a unique set of programs and services for those who work in the field of teen pregnancy prevention and teen parent services in Minnesota. Our 12th Annual Conference brought together more than 450 people from throughout Minnesota to increase their skills and knowledge, and to re-energize them to do their important work with young people. Throughout the year, we provided information and education through trainings and through our extensive website resources. We activated many individuals to educate their legislators to successfully protect minor's consent and provide information about comprehensive sexuality education. We continue to maintain strong relationships with local and state media sources. In September of 2002, MOAPPP was one of only five state organizations to receive a three-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to partner with the National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center at the University of Minnesota. This grant makes it possible for MOAPPP to continue its work with local communities to increase their use of evidence-based teen pregnancy programming guided by "A Work in Progress: Minnesota's Plan for Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Teen Parents."



While we made great progress this past year, we are very concerned about the present and the future. State funding cuts during this past legislative session and the weak economy are affecting most programs and services for teen pregnancy prevention and teen parents. Now more than ever, MOAPPP is needed to keep the pieces of the teen pregnancy puzzle together. While the future is uncertain, we look forward to our 13th year as an organization that provides leadership, education and training, resources, awareness and advocacy around the issue of teen pregnancy. We are confident that by continuing to work together we will solve the puzzle of teen pregnancy!

In appreciation,

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Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Schools and community organizations need accurate, up-to-date resources to provide effective sexuality education. MOAPPP coordinates the Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel (MSERRP) to review educational curricula and videos. Recommended resources are posted on MOAPPP's website with information about content, the appropriate audience and how to acquire them.

Teen Parent Services

MOAPPP's partnership with the Minneapolis Foundation, Hennepin County, Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support and the Minneapolis Public Schools created the Teen Parent Connection, a model collaboration to prevent teen pregnancy and provide coordinated support to teen parents. Co-located services, shared resources, and outreach to all teen parents are strategies that ensure future success for the young parents and their children.



"MOAPPP's consistent presence as an exemplary state coalition has earned them the highest regard in the field."

Mary Martha Wilson,
State and Local
Coalitions Coordinator,
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"The City of Minneapolis has benefited from convening skills of MOAPPP which have launched citywide efforts that improve services for teen parents and efforts to prevent teen pregnancy. We rely on MOAPPP to help us identify best practices."

Gretchen Musicant, Director Public Health Initiative,
Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support

Community Collaboration and Support

The Saint Paul-Ramsey County Teen Pregnancy Project, coordinated by MOAPPP, successfully engaged community youth and adults in advocacy and education. Teen Advocates created public service announcements, letters to the editor and message post cards expressing their support for sexuality education. Culture-specific community groups created events in May to increase understanding of the relationship between sexual violence and teen pregnancy.

Sexual Violence Prevention

"Let's Talk About It!" a play created by the Central High School Touring Theatre, provided audiences with the teens' view of the nature of sexual violence and its impact on their lives. The Saint Paul Sexual Violence Action Team and MOAPPP requested the focus on this serious adolescent sexual health issue. Adult and teen audiences were moved by this powerful performance and engaged in thoughtful question and answer sessions with the actors.



Most teens and parents communicate with their parents about their health. But there are some issues that minors need to know they can talk about with a health expert without their parent's consent. Protecting the 30-year-old Minor's Consent statute that allows minors access to confidential health care is one of the goals of the Sexuality Education for Life-Minnesota Coalition, co-led by MOAPPP and the Minnesota AIDS Project.



MOAPPP's education, training and resources help communities to provide programs that research has shown to be effective in preventing teen pregnancy. We worked with state and local public agencies, community agencies, and the National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center to create the "Work in Progress: Minnesota's Plan for Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Teen Parenting." Based on current research and effective practice, the plan includes recommendations for youth development and service learning programs that make a difference.



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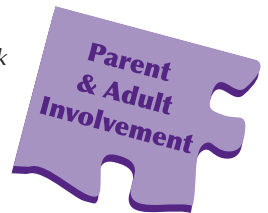
"MOAPPP's trainings, forums and conferences have become important tools we rely on to craft our programs and community presentations. Their events and meetings allow us to work closely with colleagues in the field while learning from and about each other."

Migdalia Loyola-Melendez, Outreach Project Coordinator, Planned Parenthood of Minnesota/South Dakota.



Understanding teen pregnancy within a culture leads to better prevention strategies. MOAPPP and Neighborhood House initiated "Hablando Claro/Plain Talk," an initiative that begins with community adults and teens surveying their neighbors about adolescent health attitudes and behaviors. The community then identifies what will work to decrease adolescent sexual risk-taking behaviors to fit their needs. A pre-conference training on Plain Talk for more than 60 participants was provided with in-kind support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and NOAPPP.

Each October, MOAPPP coordinates a statewide celebration of "Let's Talk Month" to emphasize parents' critical role in communicating with their children their values, beliefs, and family expectations about sexual health and relationships. MOAPPP's Let's Talk Month Website features resources to help parents start talking and continue the conversation.



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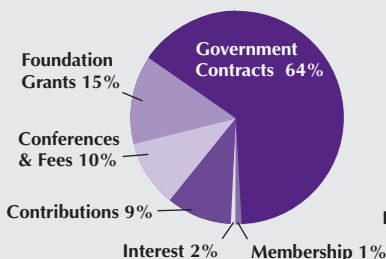
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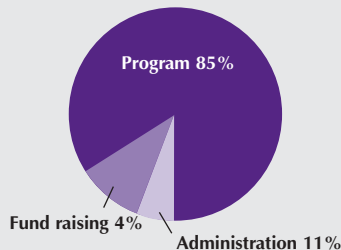
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Conferences & Fees	\$73,645
Contributions	\$67,216
Government Contracts	\$465,358
Interest	\$8,275
Membership	\$10,007
Total Revenues	\$730,501

EXPENSES

Program	\$648,192
Administration	\$86,502
Fund raising	\$32,275
Total Expenses	\$766,969

“The expertise that MOAPPP staff bring in facilitating discussions about pregnancy and disease prevention among Latino teenagers has helped our programs and our staff to be more effective.”

**Daisi Martin, Director of Life Connections,
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