

**Department of Human Services:
Highlights accomplished with the assistance and collaboration of local
communities in
2000-2003.**

DHS Mission:

Assisting people to become independent, healthy, and safe.

Goals:

People are healthy

People are living as independently as possible

People are safe

People are able to support themselves and their families

Some of projects listed may not appear to directly relate to teen pregnancy prevention. The goal of all projects and activities is to support our youth and promote healthy behaviors. These behaviors translate into many areas of a child's life and their personal growth and development.

- Revision of the Oregon Teen Pregnancy Prevention Action Agenda (2002) printed and distributed statewide. This publication contains a blueprint for communities wanting youth to avoid risky behaviors. There was a special focus on young parent programs by adding Strategy 7: Young parent services.
- Each of the seven strategies of the Action Agenda have at least one work group that completes tasks related to the goals of the action agenda. Many of the work groups have been functioning for over 2 years.
- Statewide coalition support is provided by the DHS Prevention Services staff. Each of the 36 local coalitions have a DHS staff assigned to the local county coalition. The staff are directly involved in the most of the statewide TPP efforts. They help develop the work plans and work side-by-side with community partners to accomplish their goals. Plans are individually tailored to the local community; and are not a "cookie cutter" approach. Plans are based upon the gaps and needs identified locally by the community members.
- Development, printing and distribution of the Rational Enquirer each May.
- Multiple teen pregnancy prevention projects were funded in 31 of Oregon's 36 counties. Each of the 36 counties had the opportunity to apply for the funding.

- Three “ Male Involvement” projects were funded in Multnomah County.
- Three Multi-Disciplinary Team projects were funded in three counties. The goal was to promote Action Agenda Strategy 6: Balancing health, safety, and legal issues by developing protocols of teen sexual abuse allegations.
- Provided funding of the Safer Choices Program in Jackson County at the Phoenix/Talent School District.
- “Bee Involved” booklets created and distributed to assist TPP coalitions in working with the media and in strengthening their coalition.
- Statewide Media Campaign funded, utilizing the Campaign for Our Children posters, billboards, 135 newspaper ads, and 7000 radio public service announcements.
- Coalition support provided through technical assistance and guidance.
- Contraceptive access demonstration project funded in Jackson County.
- Three statewide abstinence education programs funded. They are: STARS (Students today aren’t ready for sex), ESTRELLAS, Stop and Think, and Youth Solutions.
- Teen Boys Statewide Summit funded for 2 years.
- Continue to provide condom education and access to quality condoms statewide.
- Support provided to counties by providing funding and staff time for statewide and local conferences.
- Funded five Male Involvement Pilot Projects in five counties.
- After school programs were started and maintained such as homework clubs and mentoring programs in several counties.
- Statewide training and support for the Search Institute’s “40 Assets” Program and the Positive Youth Devolvment approach.
- Statewide training and support of the “Can We Talk” parent education training.
- Development and distribution of a statewide Youth Resource Card.
- Funding for a youth conference in Jefferson County.
- Funding for the creation of the DIRECTIONS a Service Providers Guidebook:

Pregnancy Prevention For Young Parents. This also included printing, distribution, training and Spanish translation of the curriculum.

- Funding for two Curriculum Guides printed and distributed statewide.
- Funding and staff support of three regional meetings and training.
- Many other projects local and statewide.

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