# a plan for community action

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#### Problema

Teens in Northeast Florida give birth at a higher rate than those statewide and nationwide. Nearly one in five teens in the region will give birth again before leaving their teens.

### Stratesy:

A regional Northeast Florida Teen Pregnancy Task Force was convened in October 2010 to identify strategies and community partners to address the high rates of teen pregnancy, births and repeat teen pregnancy. Membership included a broad range of agencies and organizations.

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## Lesson Learned:

A successful task force requires strong partnerships and a pooling of resources.

### Task Force Participants:

Healthy Start Coalition volunteers County health departments

Healthy Start programs Local foundations

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Hospitals Planned Parenthood

Faith-based

organizations

Youth-servings

agencies

Nursing students School districts

#### Task Force Process:

The Task Force met monthly for one year. Work included:

- Collecting and reviewing relevant literature and studies on teen pregnancy
- Briefings and conversations with health service providers, school district representatives, youth-serving organizations

Teen Birth Rate

Rolling 3-year Rates

2007-2009 to 2009-2011

2008-2010

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2007-2009



2009-2011

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### Accompishments:

Since releasing the community action plan in December 2011, six of 10 priority strategies have been implemented. In addition, funding has been secured through local foundations to provide grants to local agencies to address specific implementation strategies from the Task Force Action Plan. Grants will be awarded in February 2013. Implementation highlights include:

Engaging Parents. Held three train-the-trainer workshops for the "Teening Up" curriculum. More than 50 communitybased organizations that work with teens and their families were trained on the UF/IFAS extension program.

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Repeat Teen Pregnancies. Added Nurse Family Partnership to existing Healthy Start services to prevent subsequent pregnancies.

Improving Access to Adolescent Health Services. A region-wide text message warmline, BrdsNBz Northeast Florida, will be launching in January 2013

Improving Access to Adolescent Health Services. A successful peer health advocate program has been implemented at the Duval County Health Department in Jacksonville, engaging teens in discussions about sexual health and providing information about services available.

Community-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Piloted the 4Me Teen Health Project

in two Jacksonville Housing Authority apartment complexes. Expanding to nine sites in three counties with three-year federal PREP funding.



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