

Ideas How To Participate

National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month (NTTPM) is an educational campaign designed to help communities recognize that the effects of unintended teen pregnancy and early childbearing are far reaching. The campaign mobilizes all levels of a community to help young people develop responsible, positive behaviors and attitudes regarding sexuality.

1. Provide a link to National Day Quiz at www.stayteen.org on your website on May 7, 2008 or during the entire month of May.
2. Find out about and participate in local events and programs focused on preventing teen pregnancy and promoting adolescent health. Call your local public health department to find out what is happening in your community.
3. Have an open conversation about sexuality with your child or an adolescent you care about.
4. Download a NTPPM graphic and use on your organization's web site and on all print materials during the month of May: <http://www.moapp.org/graphicsNTPPMmonth.htm>
5. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper where you include ideas for how your community can get involved:
http://www.moapp.org/Documents/TPPM/pressRelease_TPAM.pdf
6. Call your legislators and school board members and let them know you care about preventing teen pregnancy and want evidence-based programs in your community and schools. Visit <http://www.etr.org/recapp> for information on evidence-based programs.
7. Ask your local health board or mayor to pass a resolution declaring May Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Visit <http://www.moapp.org/Documents/TPPM/proclamation.pdf> for a sample proclamation.
8. Promote and support teens in taking the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy QUIZ. Visit <http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/national/default.aspx> for quiz information.
9. Organize a local PTA/community center event on parent/child communication about sex, love, values and relationships.
10. Tell a young person that you have HOPE for their future...and tell them why.