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Conscious Choice

~Choosing the Best Journey



TEEN BIRTH RATE INCREASED 2006

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The teen birth rate in the United States increased 3% between 2005-2006, This is the first increase in 15 years-according to data released last week from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Non marital births- The number of single women giving birth rose seven percent between 2005 and 2006..... the largest single-year increase since 1988-1989.

THE COST OF TEEN CHILDBEARING

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Unmarried teen mothers cost Missourians, in their federal and state taxes. Forty seven percent of the expenses were paid from federal funds and 53% were paid from state and local taxes.

State dollars – 186 Million

Federal dollars 9.1 Billion

The decline in teen birthrates between 1991-2004 saved 6.7 billion dollars.

Delaying motherhood to ages 20/21 would reduce taxes by 650 million.

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Mission:

Reduce Teen Pregnancies

Increase HS Graduation Rate

These goals are achieved through education, mentoring and rewarding young women leaders who have decided to delay motherhood and graduate from high school.

This program began at Beaumont High School, 2009 and has expanded to Roosevelt High School.

Child-free Beaumont Seniors were invited to write a poem or essay about the role models, extracurricular activities, and aspirations that influenced their decision.

The winners were given gift cards (\$100 - \$25) and scholarships to University of



Missouri St. Louis. RITE.

Memorable Quotes:

“I see and understand the struggle of being a teenage mother, but I don’t want to live the struggle.” Danielle Crawford, Beaumont High School Senior

“I want to be the first of my mother’s children to graduate and go to college without the extra baggage, a baby.” Ganeice Fontroy. Beaumont High School Senior.