Adolescent Pregnancy: Problem Analysis Diagram

Social/Economic/Policy Level

Economic issues
Poverty
High unemployment

Social Issues
Limited opportunities to contribute positively
Limited positive role models
Norm of sex in entertainment & media
Expectations for male & female behavior

Policy
Sex education policy
Policymakers' beliefs & knowledge about teen sexual behavior
Policies about teen access to reproductive health care services

Family/Community/Institutional Level

Community/Peers
Gang exit strategy
Limited recreational options for youth
Easy access to alcohol & drugs
Teen-friendly reproductive health services unavailable
Peers do not respect decision to wait to have sex

Family/Home
Generational/familial teen pregnancy
Poor parent-child communication
Family values about sexual behavior &/or contraception
Limited parental knowledge about sex
Limited parent or other adult supervision
Insurance does not cover reproductive health

School
Underperforming school
Limited Special Education Services
Lack of school connectedness
Lack of school opportunities for parenting teens

Relationship
Relationship abuse
Single mothers
Pressure by partner

Individual Level

Knowledge
Limited or lack of knowledge about prevention methods
Limited social competence
Poor school performance
Lack of communication or refusal skills

Health Behaviors
Use of alcohol or drugs
Early onset of sexual activity
Unprotected sexual intercourse
No or limited access to reproductive health services or contraception

Attitudes/Beliefs
Desire for baby
Poor outlook for future
Belief that condoms are not effective
Personal values about sexual behavior & abstinence
Beliefs about norms for sexual behavior

Psychological/Cognitive Factors
Low expectations for self
Low level of resiliency
Low perceived risk
Low self-efficacy for using contraception
Low self-efficacy to refuse sexual activity
Lack of mental health services

Target Outcome(s):
Teen pregnancy birthrate; public health education of teen sexual behavior; teen self-esteem; teen mental health

Consequences:
Single parenthood, poverty, low education level, child abuse/neglect, poorer health outcomes for parents/children

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