

Important Teen Birth Facts to Know

1) Oklahoma's teen birth numbers and rates have shown a **major decline in the last 10 years:**

- The annual number of teen births has **decreased by 44%** between 2007 (7,616 births) and 2016 (4,295 births).
- The teen birth rate (ages 15-19) **decreased by 47%**, from 62 to 33. *(Rates are the number of births per 1,000 females of the same age range.)*

2) Oklahoma communities and tribes have secured over **\$5 million in federal funding per year since 2010** to provide effective prevention programs for youth at higher risk of STIs, teen pregnancy and victimization. Oklahoma has provided no state funding.

- Groups providing programs through federal and foundation funding include the Choctaw Nation, Community Service Council of Tulsa, Iowa Tribe, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, Thrive (OK County), Tulsa Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Tulsa Health Department and Youth Services of Tulsa.

3) The **results are dramatic**, especially in the two urban counties which have nearly two out of every five teen births in the state:

- Births for school-aged teens, aged 15-17, **dropped by one-third** in the past 5 years alone in Oklahoma County (31%) and Tulsa County (36%).
- Total teen births in both counties **dropped by one-fourth** (26%).

4) **It IS working!** Oklahoma communities and tribes -- with the help of federal funding, local foundations, and a wide range of public and private sector partnerships -- are *dramatically reducing* teen birth rates and numbers by focusing on relevant, effective, evidence-based programs. **Many things in Oklahoma are broken and need fixing. This effort is not one of them.**