

## 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 half (49%)** between 2008 (7,581 births) and 2017 (3,829 births).
- The teen birth rate (ages 15-19) **decreased by 48%**, from 58 to 30. *(Rates are the number of births per 1,000 females of the same age range.)*

### 2) Oklahoma communities and tribes have secured over **\$6 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:

- In the past 5 years alone, births for school-aged teens, aged 15-17, dropped by 40% in Oklahoma County and 39% in Tulsa County.
- Total teen births in both counties **dropped by over one-third (36%)**.

### 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.**