

If you really care about
Pregnant Women
Then you should care about
Reproductive Justice



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About this series

- Developed to address intersection between Reproductive Justice and other progressive issues.
- Introduces Reproductive Justice to new communities.
- Highlight the social justice and human rights underpinnings of progressive work.
- Identify common goals among social justice movements.

Upcoming Webinars...

- **If You Care About Immigrant Rights, You Should Care About Reproductive Justice**
 - Wednesday, October 19
- **If You Care About Ending Gun Violence, You Should Care About Reproductive Justice**
 - Wednesday, November 16



**The Reproductive Justice
Movement was Created as
a Response to Movements
that Failed to Meet the
Needs of Communities of
Color**

What are the components of Reproductive Justice?

- The right of individuals to:
 - have the children they want
 - raise the children they have, and
 - plan their families through safe, legal access to abortion and contraception.

http://www.sistersong.net/documents/ACRJ_Reproductive_Justice_Paper.pdf

How does Reproductive Justice relate to social justice movements generally?

- Reproductive Justice requires that all people have the resources, as well as the economic, social, and political power to make decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and reproduction with self-determination and dignity.
- The government plays a key role in remedying social inequalities that contribute to reproductive oppression.

Pregnant women deserve to be supported in whatever decision they make.

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FAMILIES**
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Abortion

is not a privilege,

IT'S A RIGHT.

THIS IS
PERSONAL



If some Coloradans have their way, when a pregnancy ends, jail time begins.

Vote **NO** on Amendment 67.

**THIS IS
PERSONAL**™

GOING



**ON THE JOB
CAN GET YOU
FIRED...**

IF YOU'RE A PREGNANT WORKER.

W NATIONAL
WOMEN'S
LAW CENTER
EXPANDING THE POSSIBILITIES

STAND WITH PREGNANT WORKERS TODAY—AND HELP US STOP PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION.

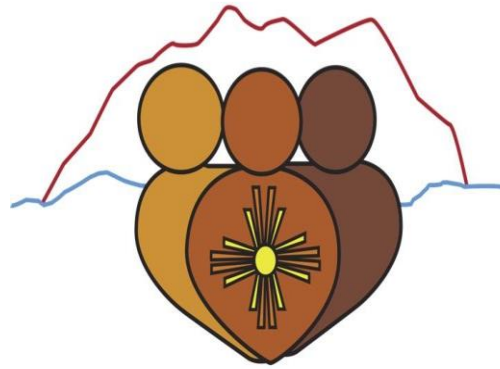
YOU DESERVE TO BE TREATED WITH
DIGNITY KINDNESS
AND RESPECT

NO MATTER AT WHAT AGE
YOU CHOOSE TO PARENT.

JUSTICE FOR
YOUNG PARENTS IS
REPRODUCTIVE
JUSTICE.



REPEAL HIDE-ART PROJECT



YOUNG WOMEN UNITED

Young Women United is a reproductive justice organization leading policy change and community organizing by and for self-identified young women of color in New Mexico. We work to build communities where all people have access to the information, education, and resources we need to make real decisions about our own bodies and lives.

Campaign Issue Areas

- Education Equity for Young Parents
- Improving access to a full range of birthing options, centering midwifery models of care
- De-criminalizing substance use and pregnancy
- Embodying Warrior State of Mind to de-stigmatize mental health alongside LGBTQ youth of color
- Improving access to reproductive healthcare including abortion and contraception

DISMANTLING

NEW REPORT AVAILABLE
JUNE 1ST, 2016

TEEN

PREGNANCY

PREVENTION

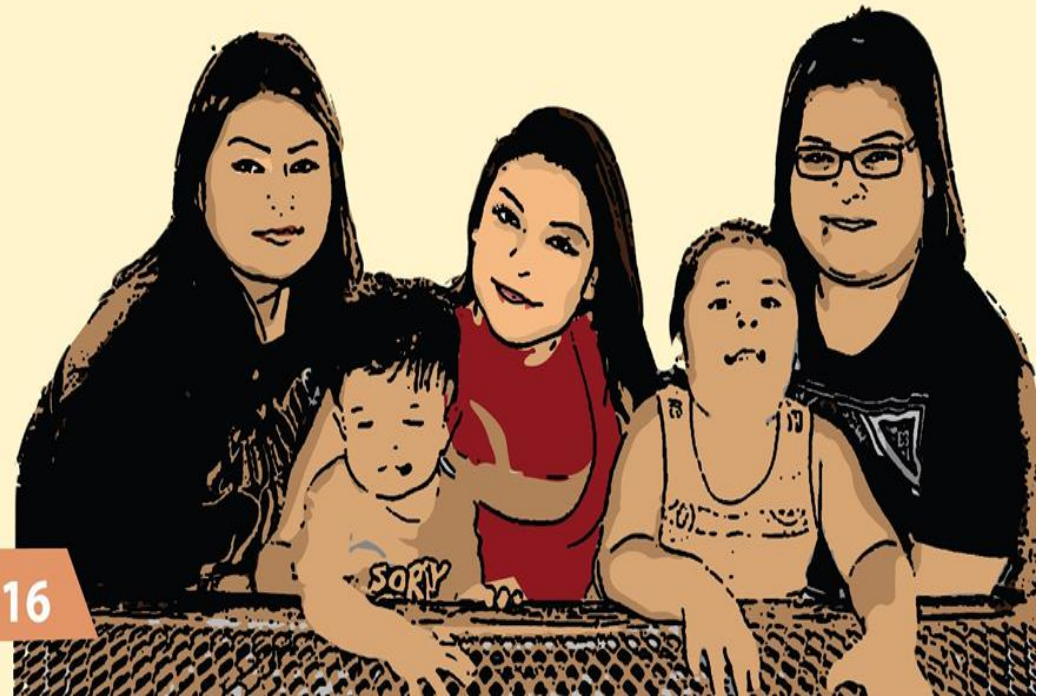


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MYTH #1

Teen parents are a drain on government resources and cost taxpayers a lot of money.

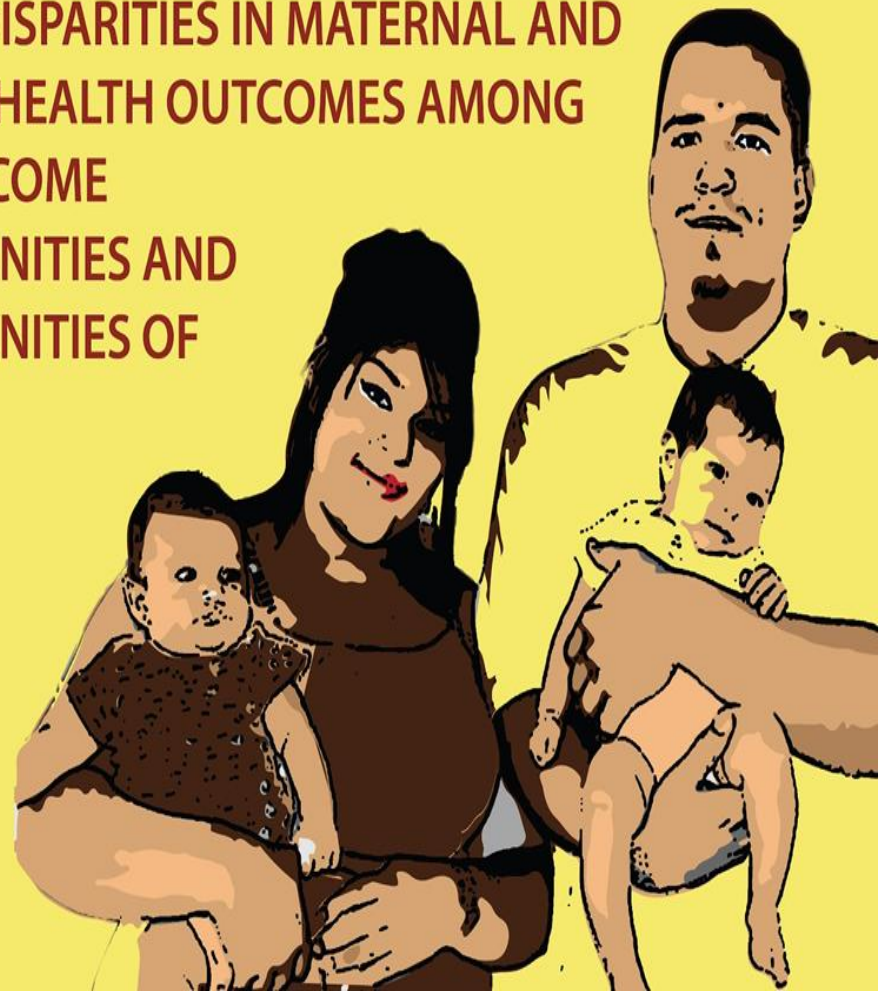
FACT: IT IS MISLEADING, MANIPULATIVE AND PROFOUNDLY UNETHICAL TO SCAPEGOAT AND PRESSURE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR "SOCIAL COSTS" ROOTED IN SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES.



MYTH #2

Children of teen parents have poor outcomes.

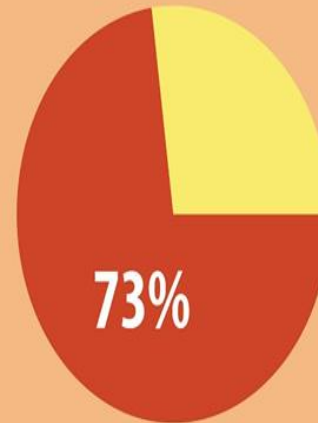
FACT: YOUNG PARENTING HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY VARIOUS SCHOLARS AS “ADAPTIVE” AND EVEN AS A PROTECTIVE FACTOR AGAINST LOW BIRTH WEIGHT AND INFANT MORTALITY GIVEN DISPARITIES IN MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.



MYTH #3

Teen parents are babies having babies.

FACT: FOR MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY BEING A TEENAGER MEANS SERVING AS CARETAKERS AND CARRYING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR PARENTS, SIBLINGS, AND WHOLE NETWORKS OF LOVED ONES...



73% OF TEENAGE MOTHERS ARE OVER 18 — THEY ARE LEGALLY ADULTS IN MOST STATES AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

MYTH #4

Teens who have babies have ruined their lives.

FACT: MANY YOUNG PARENTS REPORT FEELING MORE MOTIVATED TO FINISH SCHOOL AFTER THEY BECAME PREGNANT OR BEGAN PARENTING, WHILE OTHERS EXPRESS THAT HAVING CHILDREN HAS BEEN A GREAT INCENTIVE TO BECOME MORE RESPONSIBLE AND FOCUSED THAN THEIR PEERS.



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DISMANTLING TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

If we are committed to a bright future for all young people then we must invest in meaningful solutions to address the underlying causes of the challenges they face, instead of perpetuating the misconception that teen pregnancy is a problem that must be prevented.



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Questions?

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