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Strong Tomorrows
Serving Expectant & Parenting Teens

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Our Team is ALL IN

As educators and supporters of student success, we know the importance of ensuring that each student in Tulsa Public Schools is given the supports and resources that they need to be successful.

Strong Tomorrows serves parenting and expecting teens through a team of dedicated case managers, a motivated fatherhood coordinator, supportive principals and teachers, and resilient promising students.
Why do these students need specialized supports?

Nationally, **unplanned pregnancy is the number one reason** why female students drop out of high school.

Oklahoma has the **second highest teen pregnancy rate** in the United States.

In 2015, there were **4400** live births to Oklahoma women aged 15-19. **56%** were in Tulsa County.
HISTORY of SUPPORTS
How have these students traditionally been served?

- The district has a had long-time partnership with the Margaret Hudson Program to serve female students who were pregnant and parenting.

- Nationally, the trend turned to students choosing to stay in their home schools to continue their education.

- We began looking for ways to expand our reach to serve more students.

- A partnership with Communities In Schools led to the Strong Tomorrows model which serves both male and females students within their home schools.
Strong Tomorrows
What is Strong Tomorrows?

Engaging teen parents

Connecting them with high quality child care

Ensuring that they have access to healthcare

Preparing them to graduate college- and career-ready
Where is Strong Tomorrows?

Hale Junior High and High School
East Central Junior High and High School
McLain Junior High and High School
Central Junior High and High School
Who are partners with Strong Tomorrows?

We have many community partners, including:

• The Tulsa Health Department
• Parent Child Center
• Safe Kids of Tulsa
• Community Health Connection
• OSU-Extension and OBGYN
• Domestic Violence Intervention Services
• Tulsa Juvenile Bureau (Girl Power)
• Tulsa Educare
• CAP Tulsa
• OU-Tulsa OBGYN/Family Medicine
Who serves students in Strong Tomorrows?

Dedicated, supportive people who are trained to work with young people in need

Staff are housed in each Strong Tomorrows supported schools and serve as advocates for expectant and parenting students

Strong Tomorrows staff provide crisis management services and provide one-on-one encouragement and support
How does Strong Tomorrows work?

STRONG TOMORROWS in action

STEP 1 REFERRAL
STEP 2 ASSESSMENT
STEP 3 RESOURCES
STEP 4 GOAL SETTING
STEP 5 ONGOING SUPPORT
# How does Strong Tomorrows work?

## Benefits of Participating

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<td>Case management support including academic help</td>
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<td>Likely to remain in school and graduate from high school</td>
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What are our results?

Hale High School
Graduation rates for Strong Tomorrows participants

SCHOOL YEAR 2016-17
EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
PILOT Y3 | 24 ENROLLED
86%
GRADUATION RATE FOR STRONG TOMORROWS PARTICIPANTS
BASELINE DATA

PILOT Y1
21 ENROLLED
67%

PILOT Y2
31 ENROLLED
83%

PILOT Y3
20 ENROLLED
100%
What’s next for Strong Tomorrows?

● Working with the data and analytics team to understand the data on how to best serve our expecting and parenting teens.

● Continuous professional learning for all middle and high schools principals, nurses and counselors on ways to support expecting and parenting teens and Title IX.

● Seeking additional partnerships for supports of our expecting and parenting teens (college and career opportunities).
Alumni Student Voice
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