



# 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.



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# 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*



**REFERRAL**



**ASSESSMENT RESOURCES**



**GOAL  
SETTING**



**ONGOING  
SUPPORT**



# How does Strong Tomorrows work?

## Benefits of Participating

Case management support including academic help

Supports for the needs of the child (Diapers, clothes etc.)

Parenting workshops

Likely to remain in school and graduate from high school

Wrap-Around Services

Increased chances of attending post-secondary institution



# What are our results?

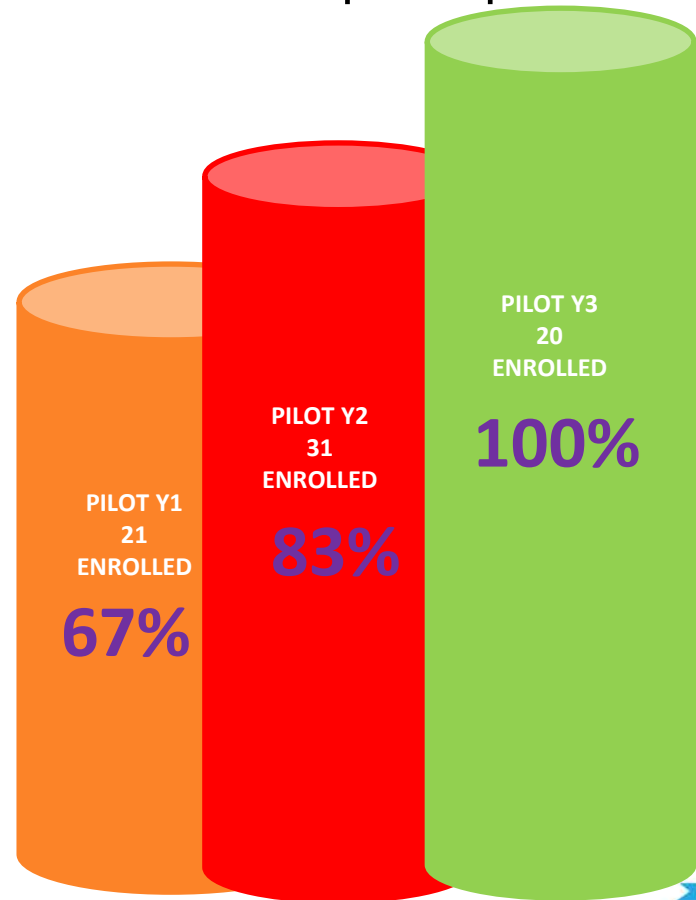
SCHOOL YEAR 2016-17  
EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
PILOT Y3 | 24 ENROLLED

**86%**

GRADUATION RATE FOR  
STRONG TOMORROWS PARTICIPANTS

BASELINE DATA

## Hale High School Graduation rates for Strong Tomorrows participants





# 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).



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