

Community Issue

Why we care about Teen Pregnancy

The reason our team has selected teen pregnancy is to bring awareness and therefore reduce how common it is. Teen pregnancy has not personally affected any of us, but it's had an effect on friends and family members.

My cousin was 16 years old when she got pregnant and she didn't have any support from her parents or even the baby daddy. Her pregnancy was very lonely until she and her baby daddy moved in together. They often got into physical and emotional fights. The stress eventually got to her, and she miscarried her baby.

Aside from the physical and economic constraints of teen pregnancy, there are many emotional traumas that can occur when a kid is having another kid. Traumas for the parents and for the child that turn into cycles of generational traumas. The fact that women lack the fundamental understanding of caring for a baby or to prevent pregnancy, upsets me a lot. Others don't care if

A teen pregnancy can disrupt young couples' education, future plans, career goals and the pregnancy can harm the baby or/and the mother if the mother is too small.

Solution

The proposed solution of creating a TikTok account and sharing a series of videos on sex education to minimize teen pregnancy can be an effective approach to spread awareness among teenagers. Here are some ways in which this solution could work:

1. Reach a larger audience: Creating a TikTok account and sharing informative videos about sex education can help reach a larger audience beyond Dallas, including teenagers from all over the world.
2. Share engaging content: This will not only help spread awareness but also encourage teenagers to share the videos with their friends, further increasing the reach of our message.
3. Provide helpful resources: In addition to creating informative videos, we can also provide helpful resources such as links to trusted websites, organizations, and clinics that provide safe sex practices and family planning services. This will help teenagers access accurate information and resources that can help them make informed decisions about their sexual health.

Overall, by creating a TikTok account and sharing informative videos, we can create a fun and engaging way to spread awareness about the importance of safe sex practices and family planning. This approach can help minimize teenage pregnancy rates and promote better sexual health among teenagers in Dallas and beyond.

Main Root Cause

The main root cause of teen pregnancy is the lack of sex education in schools. Kids are not taught what is appropriate and inappropriate before they start engaging in sex. There are a few reasons why sex education is not in schools; maybe teachers feel uncomfortable with talking to students about sex ed, parents don't want their kids to be exposed. But i think that the main root cause of this is because of peoples religious beliefs.

According to the CDC, 16.6% of Texas schools teach an abstinence based class (basically saying to not have sex at all), and 25.1% of Texas schools don't teach sex education at all. According to the Austin Chronicle, Texas has the ninth-highest rate of teen birth in the nation with 22.4 births per 1,000 girls age 15-19

Action Plan

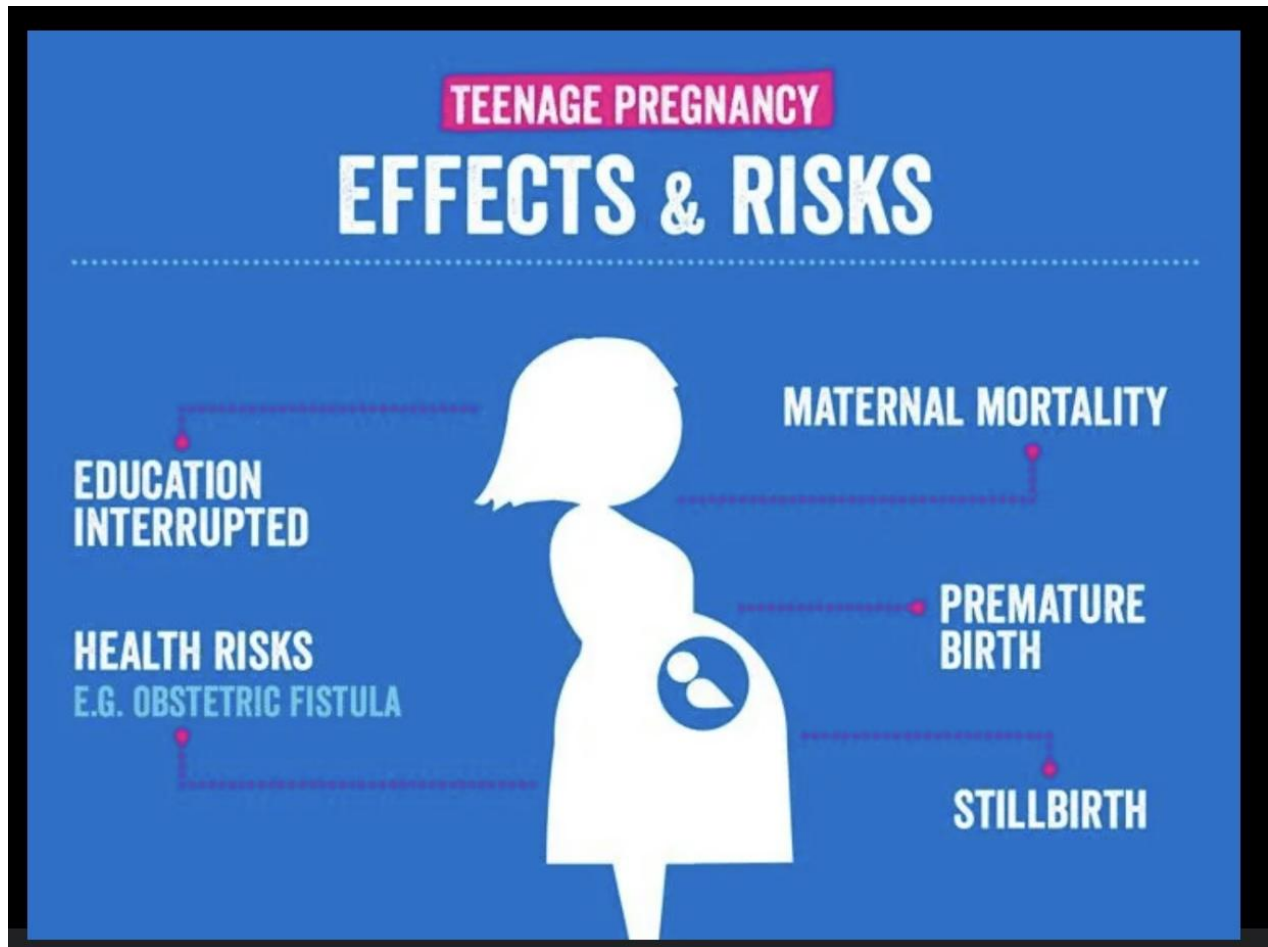
Step 1:	Write the scripts and create a content plan
Step 2:	Buy props if needed
Step 3:	Recruit student actors
Step 4:	Filming the short tiktok
Step 5:	Editing any mistakes
Step 6:	Posting the video on socials
Step 7:	Invest money on tiktok advertising

Critical Factor of Success

- Get the word out
- Make it engaging
- Good camera quality

Obstacles

- People not having accessibility to social media
- Parents not accepting the information for their kids



HOW IS SOCIETY Affected By *Teenage Pregnancy*



Pregnant teenagers and their children often require more medical care and attention, increasing healthcare costs.



The expenditure on public services, including food stamps, public services, and programs, increases as pregnant teenagers may make use of these.



Teen pregnancies add to the number of college dropouts among girls, as only 50% of teen mothers graduate from high school compared to 90% of nonpregnant adolescent women.



Teenage pregnancy may add to unemployment as young adults may remain unemployed or underemployed due to a lack of proper education.



Pregnancy can put the teen's parents and extended family under emotional and financial stress.



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TEEN PREGNANCY STAY INFORMED

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3 in 10

girls in the U.S. will get pregnant at least once before age 20.



Parenthood is the leading reason why girls **drop out of school.**



50%
Less than half of all teen mothers ever graduate high school.



Children
of teen mothers are **50% more likely to repeat a grade.**



2%
of teen mothers **earn a college degree** by age 30.



80%
of teen fathers **don't marry** the mother of their child.



The sons
of teen mothers are twice as likely to **end up in prison.**

305,000

teen births in the United States each year.



of all mothers on welfare had their **first child as a teenager.**

More than half of all high school students are virgins.



of teens who've had sex **wish they'd waited.**



of guys age 15-18 said they'd rather **"wait to lose their virginity with someone they love."**



of teen girls who have experienced sexual pressure report they were **afraid the relationship would end** if they did not give in.