

Teen Pregnancy

- Every year approximately 800,000-1,000,000 teens age 15-19 get pregnant (approximately 60% result in birth)
- 25% will have a second child within 2 years
- A teen is 2x as likely to die during child birth
- A teen mother's baby is twice as likely to die before his/her first birthday
- Half of the girls who have babies before the age of 18 drop out of school.
- If you give birth at age 15 or younger, it is likely that your daughter will too.
- Child abuse is high in young families
- There is a direct correlation between teenage pregnancy and poverty. (80% of unmarried teen mothers end up on welfare)
- The US has twice the teen pregnancy rate of Canada. Germany and France both have rates 4x lower than the US and Japan's rate is 8x lower

The father's role in teen pregnancy:

- If the couple is not married, every decision is up to the female. (or the parent with custody)
- The female can name you as the father, or the child can later.
- If you deny you are the father, the court will order a blood test/DNA test to prove paternity.
- If proven, you will be ordered to pay child support until the age of 18 and possibly college tuition.
- If you do not pay child support, the law can take a specific part of your wages for the next 18-21 years.
- If you "skip town" you can be tracked under the "Deadbeat Dad" law and be forced to pay back child support from the date you left.