

# Harrisonburg-Rockingham Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition Goals and Objectives

**Mission Statement:** Teen Pregnancy Prevention is dedicated to educating, mentoring, and counseling teens and young adults aged 10-29 on the benefits of waiting until marriage to conceive a child to help ensure healthy, happy families.

**Goal:** The goal of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition is to decrease the number of out-of-wedlock births by 10% among teens and young adults by 2010.

## Working objectives

**Educational objective:** To promote postponement of initial sexual intercourse as the positive, preferred and healthy decision as well as the postponement of child-bearing among teens and young adults.

**Behavioral objective:** To support community initiatives that provide education to teens, young adults and parents in achieving the above educational objective.

**General objectives:** To reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancy amongst pre-teens, teens and young adults without increasing the abortion rate.

To support and provide parents with educational materials and workshops in communicating sexuality issues with their children.

To educate the community on the socio-economic and health risks of out-of-wedlock births.

To encourage sexual abstinence with education.

To promote the establishment of healthy family relationships by better communication with parents and by parents with their teens and young adults.

To support community agencies that educate and provide services to teens and young adults who have chosen to be sexually active.

