

Vacaville Youth Roundtable
April 18, 2008
City Hall A/B
Minutes

David Van Kirk, City of Vacaville
Kristina Rios-Klein, Health & Social Services
Debbie Terrazas, It's About My Baby
Beverly Morlock, City of Vacaville
Anne Putney, City of Vacaville
Danielle Waters, City of Vacaville
Greg Gomez, Solano County
Amanda Davidson, Vacaville PAL
Matt Treiman, Vacaville PAL
Ivonne Vaughn, Vacaville Police
Craig Courtemanche, Vacaville Police
Richard Krygier, Solano Co. Probation
Debby McGuire, VCUSD Wellness
Gina Merrell, Solano Co. Health & Social Services
Curtis Hunt, Vacaville City Council
Sabine Salek, Vacaville Public Library
Emily Nelson, YTOT
Bill Lee, YTOT

Gloria Diaz, Vacaville Police
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Tamu Nolfo, Nolfo Consulting
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Sue Weisz, Travis Unified School District
Brian Fox, BBBS North Bay
Shiela Zeda, Alpha Pregnancy Center
John Along, Vacaville High School
Luci Del Rio, Jepson Middle School
Jamie Reyes, Vacaville Police
Christopher Dacumos, Congressman George Miller
Katherine Jordan, Vacaville Cultural Diversity Fair
Ayla Steward, Vacaville Cultural Diversity Fair
David Barney, Vacaville Cultural Diversity Fair
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Mark Mazzaferro, City of Vacaville

I. Introductions/Welcome

II. Issues/Advocacy

Solano County Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Bureau

Jayleen Richards, Health Services Manager of Solano County gave a presentation on teen pregnancy and the Solano County Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Bureau (MCAH) programs that serve pregnant and parenting teens.

- MCAH offers the following programs: Adolescent Family Life Program, Baby First Solano, Black Infant Health (BIH), Comprehensive Parenting Services Program (CPSP), Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR), and Prenatal Care Guidance (PCG).
- In Solano, 33 per 1,000 females ages 15-19 become pregnant.
- Fairfield has the highest birthrate among teens, followed by Vallejo, then Vacaville.
- The following support services are available to pregnant and parenting teens in Solano County: Adolescent Family Life Program, Cal Learn, It's About My Baby, Prenatal Care Guidance.
*Teens who are part of Cal Learn receive a cash bonus for graduating from high school.
*Transportation, housing assistance, childcare assistance, social worker, & health worker are provided by these programs.
- In Solano County ¾ of pregnant teens get into early prenatal care..

It's About My Baby

Debbie Terrazas, It's About My Baby gave an overview of the It's About My Baby Program and statistical information from their 4th & 5th fiscal years.

- 31 pregnant teens in Vacaville were enrolled in the program last year (41.9%).
- Of those 31 teens 51.6% stayed in school, 3.2% are home-schooled, 22.6% are not in school (did not graduate high school), 12.9% graduated high school, 6.5 attended Solano Community College.
- After a pregnant teen calls, an assessment is done.
- It's About My Baby promotes education and "happy relationships."

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- Fathers are welcome to come to the group as well
- They work with the girls every week until 2 months postpartum.
- The program works a lot with the Latino population
- As of April 2008 17 Vacaville teens were enrolled in the program (39.5%).
- Of those 17, 41.2% were in school, 5.9% were home schooled, 5.9% attended Adult School, 29.4% were not in school, 11.8% graduated high school, 5.9% attended Solano Community College.
- Outreach is done to families of pregnant teens.
- Pregnancy is usually a very small part of the issues with the teens that utilize the program.
- A lot of past clients call to report siblings who are displaying "risky behavior."
- After 2 months postpartum, clients are provided with birth control and infants have received their 2nd month immunizations. Clients are then referred to AFLP.
- Children's Nurturing Projects provides clients with training/parenting classes.

Discussion:

The group presented the following questions in regard to teen pregnancy in Vacaville:

- **Q:** Could lower income families be more at risk for pregnancy, because of lack of access to quality healthcare?
A: It's typically a cycle; their mothers have usually gotten pregnant at a young age. Teens need to be taught to respect themselves and their bodies.
- **Q:** Whose responsibility is it to teach teens about birth control?
A: Schools, Community & other resources need to be used.
- **Q:** Is there access to confidential healthcare at schools?
A: Kids can get out of school for confidential healthcare.
- **Q:** Are these teens usually involved in activities or programs?
A: Usually not. (Involvement in activities and programs is important, because it allows participant to feel good about themselves).
- **Q:** Ratio of teens from single parent households?
A: Probably high.

Another point that was discussed is that in some cases, the father of the child has been an older male (over 18). If this information comes to light, those who work for the program are mandated to report the name of the father to the police.

III. Committee Reports

Multi-Disciplinary Team

Greg Gomez reported out. They're getting a new probation officer. 50% of cases will become probation officer's clients. They're trying to tweak the concept of Fairfield and Vallejo's systems to fit Vacaville's. Gloria Diaz reported the results of the First 5 meeting for services for ages 0-5; 2 programs will be funded by tobacco tax money, Markham School Readiness & Child Abuse Response Team. Child Abuse Response Team is through PD for families who have a CPS report on file (usually neglect, but not heightened to criminal activity). The FRC home visitor component is a home visiting program that runs for 6 months to assess the needs of these families (usually neglect).

Aware

Ivonne Vaughn reported out. Parent Project is offering three new programs; Parent Project Jr., Parent Project Sr. Spanish & English. April is Alcohol Awareness month. Fundraising for ATOD looks good. Social Host ordinance went to council (fine for providing minors with alcohol @ parties in the home), and passed.

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Bill reported out for YTOT. 6th grade orientations & workshops will be taking place at Ulati Community Center. The high school group will be making presentations at Vacaville and Will C. Wood high schools. Link Crew is winding down for the year.

Middle School Career Day

Beverly Morlock reported out. The group met with representatives from the City, library, UC Berkeley, and the Chamber of Commerce. The event is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2009, pending the Vacaville High School calendar.

IV. Networking/Announcements/Fundraisers/Activities

- Loop the Lagoon was held Saturday, May 3rd.
- Bill Lee and Emily Nelson, YTOT, have both been accepted to and will be attending Stanford University in the fall.
- The Cultural Diversity Fair was held Saturday, May 3rd.
- Social Host Ordinance went to council and passed.
- Scandia Elementary won the Distinguished School Award (Cambridge was a ½ point away).
- The Youth Summit can be seen online and on channel 26.
- Vacaville Housing Authority is accepting applications for Section 8 Housing.
- Pal took part in the Bay Isles Judo Tournament, where 5 out of 6 kids placed. They attended the Sac Experience Leadership Conference. 2 Judo competitors qualified for the National Tournament.
- April 4th Congressman Miller visited Vacaville schools.
- Ivonne Vaughn was nominated and selected for the 2008 Solano County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Youth Service Award.

If you have additional announcements to share, please send them to Mark Mazzaferro at mmazzaferro@cityofvacaville.com and he will forward them to the group.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 16th 2008.