



Marshalling the human, program, and research resources of the Land Grant Universities to address the issues of adolescent pregnancy, parenting, and sexuality in communities across the United States.

Accomplishments:

- CYFERnet-sponsored National MAPPP Satellite Conference – Maltreatment and Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Program, 2002
- Co-sponsor of the 2001 National Organization for Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting, and Prevention national conference, Washington, DC
- Sponsored 6th National BAPPS Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, April 2003 – *Promoting Healthy Youth: Bridging Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Sexuality (BAPPS)*
- Member organization of the National Coalition to Support Sexuality Education
- Conducted 1999 survey and resulting report of Cooperative Extension professionals' training needs related to adolescent pregnancy, parenting, and sexuality
- BAPPS listserv – current research in the areas of adolescent pregnancy, parenting and sexuality, as well as funding information and resources, conference updates, and the SIECUS report
- BAPPS Web site – www.bapps.org

BAPPS is a workgroup of the Children Youth and Families Education and Research Network (CYFERnet). CYFERnet is a national network of Land Grant University faculty and County Extension educators working to support programs for children, youth and families funded by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ongoing Projects:

Parenting Teens: What Works?

Multi-state research collaboration, including focus group discussions with parenting teens between 13 and 19 years of age, aiming to develop a better understanding of the information teen parents need and want about parenting, and the way they would prefer these messages to be conveyed.

Illinois CYFAR Project: Building Extension Capacity and Adding Strengths in Local Communities

To enhance Illinois Extension's capacity to deliver educational programs focusing on youth in risky environments generally, and with specific opportunities for communities to develop priority initiatives aimed at reducing adolescent pregnancy rates.

ArBAPPS

Arkansas Bridge to Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting, and Sexuality – a statewide network of community educators, parents, providers, and youth, promoting positive youth development, community collaboration, education, and prevention.

California Latino Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Project

Statewide Cooperative Extension research project that includes the analysis of interviews with pregnancy prevention practitioners and pregnant and parenting Latina teens on the best practices for teenage pregnancy prevention. Visit <http://groups.ucanr.org/Adol/>

Building Partnerships for Youth

CDC-funded 5-year project that provides youth development program options to help youth, ages 9-13, make healthy choices, and provides valuable resources to make implementing these programs easier for local communities. Visit www.bpy.n4h.org

BAPPS Biennial Annotated Bibliography

New project to be launched in 2004: BAPPS will produce comprehensive, 2-year annotated bibliographies for the research on adolescent pregnancy, parenting, and sexuality.