

CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION – Today or Tomorrow Morning

We need your help!

Dear Friends,

We were recently notified that our 5-year Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP) grant will now end at the end of Year 3, June 30, 2018 and we should make plans to shut down these programs. No explanation was provided.

We are unclear why such action was taken, especially since Congress has not even begun acting on the FY 2018 appropriations that fund this program and **are extremely concerned because these successful prevention programs are instrumental in reducing rates of teen pregnancy across the State.**

This Thursday (TOMORROW) at 3:30 pm (CST), the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (LHHS) will mark up (consider) the FY18 Health and Human Services (HHS) budget, which currently includes this funding. **It's essential to communicate the ongoing value of the TPP Program!**

Oklahoma Senator James Lankford is a member of the important LHHS Subcommittee so it is critical that he hears from us. Please communicate with his office to express the importance of this funding to you, our youth and our community through one of these three strategies:

- 1 drop by his Tulsa office to visit with a staff member, they enjoy seeing constituents
- 2 call his office
- 3 send an email

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Sample Advocacy Letter [HERE](#) to copy and paste into e-mail to Senator Lankford's office.

Our primary message is:

Please protect current levels of funding and the structure of the evidence-based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program administered by the HHS Office of Adolescent Health.

As someone who cares about the health and well-being of Oklahoma's young people and our state's future, please let your voice be heard!

Sincerely,



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