




## ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Louisiana in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.


### STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

[Louisiana does not require](#) schools to offer sexuality or sexually transmitted disease (STD)/HIV education, but schools are permitted to offer it after sixth grade. According to the [Louisiana Handbook for School Administrators](#), students must be taught “the principal modes by which communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, HIV infection, are spread and the best methods for the restriction and prevention of these diseases.” Classes may not include “any sexually explicit materials depicting male or female homosexual activity.” They also may not in “any way counsel or advocate abortion” and must emphasize abstinence. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes (“opt-out”).


### LOUISIANA YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) DATA

 In 2011 in Louisiana, **fewer high school students reported having been taught about HIV/AIDS** (75%) compared to the nationwide average (84%). *Louisiana did not participate in the full 2011 YRBS.*

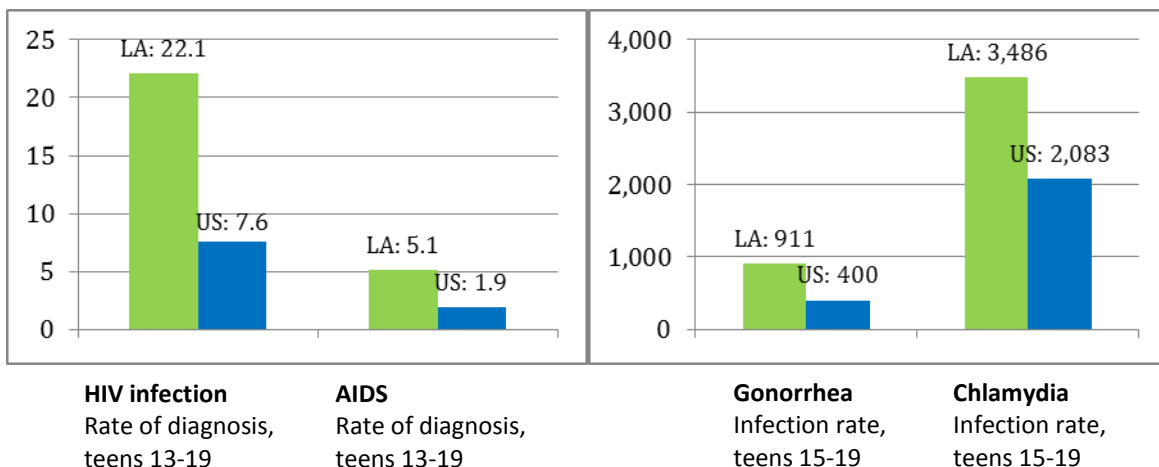
### LOUISIANA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

 Louisiana’s teen **pregnancy rate is higher than the national average**, with 80 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

 Louisiana’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 45 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.

 Louisiana’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 14 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

**LOUISIANA’S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)**

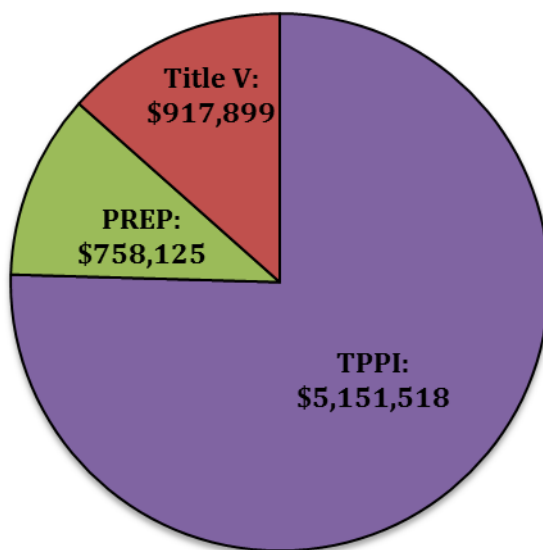


**FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN LOUISIANA: TOTAL \$6,827,542**

**Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$917,899**

Louisiana has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The Office of Louisiana Youth for Excellence within the Office of the Governor implements its Title V AOUM funds, matching the funding through in-kind funds. The program targets young people in grades 7-12 across the state in both school- and community-based settings.



**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$5,151,518**

Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.

There are four Tier 1 grantees in Louisiana: Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center Foundation; Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies; Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health; and Louisiana Public Health Institute. There is also one Tier 2 grantee in Louisiana, Tulane University, working with African-American young women ages 18–19 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$758,125**

Funds for states (PREP), local entities (PREIS), community/faith-based organizations (CPREP), and tribes (TPREP) to implement evidence-informed or innovative teen pregnancy- and HIV/STD-prevention, and adulthood preparation programs for young people.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program provides eight PREP sub-grants to local public and private entities to provide community-based programming. Funded programs target African American youth in and around the cities of Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Hammond, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, and Shreveport.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, please see the FY 2012 Louisiana State Profile available at [www.siecus.org/Louisiana2012](http://www.siecus.org/Louisiana2012)