

**Performance Measure 08:**

The rate of birth (per 1,000) for teenagers aged 15 through 17 years.

**Last Year's Accomplishments**

The target for CY 2006 was 18 births per 1,000 live births to teens 15-17. Ohio's actual rate was 19.8. Ohio did not meet its target (2007 data are not available).

A. Identify and monitor populations and areas at risk for teen pregnancy by analyzing PRAMS (state-level data); YRBS (state- and regional-levels), and Vital Statistics data (state-, county- and regional-levels).

Based on 2004-2006 data for 15-17 year olds live births, the teen birth rate was 19.37. (NOTE: 2006 data were preliminary) An analysis of PRAMS data (2000 to 2003) identified that the birth rate for 15 to 17 year old black teens was about twice that of white teens age 15 to 17 years in Ohio.

B. Identify, summarize, and distribute information to DFCHS funded programs on contributing factors to teen pregnancy; and evidence-based/promising practices to reduce teen pregnancies.

A literature search was conducted of contributing factors to determine what influences a teen's decision to become pregnant. Technical assistance visits with 53 delegate agencies included a review of program requirements regarding prevention of sexual coercion, culture competence, and family/community involvement in teen decision-making about reproductive health. Applying ODH data, efforts to reach at risk populations has focused on building capacity for cultural competency. The ODH family planning project implemented a tool for assessment of cultural competence within delegate agencies (See <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/cfhs/famx/familyx1.aspx>). The completed assessments have progressed toward implementation of strategic plans to improve culturally competent policies and health services.

C. Collaborating with other programs to implement interventions to reduce teen pregnancy rates including the Family Planning and Abstinence Education programs; and the Birth Outcomes Improvement and Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiatives.

ODH Family Planning Program is collaborating with the ODH Adolescent Health Program and a local health department to provide an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program in an adolescent health clinic that serves primarily African-American adolescents from 11-21. This project is being coordinated by ODH, CityMaTCH, AMCHP and Health Care Education and Training. BCFHS, in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders has established a Birth Outcomes Initiative to determine and initiate activities to decrease poor birth outcomes in at risk populations and to lessen subsequent poor birth outcomes to women who have already had poor birth outcomes.

The ODH Family Planning Program has initiated a state-wide family planning needs assessment to determine the need for reproductive health services in counties and cities in Ohio. This process has included program project directors, advisory council members and program staff and will continue into 2008.