

ABSTRACT

RESEARCH SUBJECT: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program: Teens' Attitudes
Toward Sexuality

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Teen pregnancy has been identified as a problem for teenagers, their families, and society. However, there is a lack of research into teenager's attitudes toward pregnancy and sexual health. The purpose of this descriptive qualitative study is to gain perspectives from teens about pregnancy, contraception, and sexual health. The conceptual model used is the nursing model for teen pregnancy. A convenience sample of 50 teenage girls between the ages of 15 and 19 who attend rural Darke County High Schools will be recruited for participation. The teens will specifically include girls from economically advantaged and disadvantaged upbringings. Surveys, questionnaires, and interviews will measure the teen's attitudes. This study is a replication of Jewell, Tacchi, and Donovan's (2000) study. Results will show the importance of including teen's perspectives about pregnancy, contraception, and sexual health when planning pregnancy prevention programs.