



Teen Pregnancy Consequences

- Teen mothers are less likely to complete high school: Only one-third receive a high school diploma. (Maynard, R.A., Ed. 1996. Kids Having Kids: A Robin Hood Foundation Special Report on the Costs of Adolescent Childbearing, New York: Robin Hood Foundation.)
- Teen mothers are more likely to end up on welfare: Nearly 80 percent of unmarried teen mothers end up on welfare. (Calculations are based on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1979-1985, in Congressional Budget Office. 1990, September. Sources of Support for Adolescent Mothers. Washington, DC: Author.)
- The children of teenage mothers have lower birth weights. (Wolfe, B. & Perozek, M. 1997. Teen Children's Health and Health Care Use. In R.A. Maynard Ed., Kids Having Kids: Economic Costs and Social Consequences.)
- The children of teenage mothers are more likely to perform poorly in school. (Maynard, R.A., Ed., 1996. Kids Having Kids: A Robin Hood Foundation Special Report on the Costs of Adolescent Childbearing, New York: Robin Hood Foundation.)
- The children of teenage mothers are at greater risk of abuse and neglect. (George, R.M., & Lee, B.J. 1997. Abuse and Neglect of Children. In R.A. Maynard, Ed., Kids Having Kids: Economic Costs and Social Consequences of Teen Pregnancy, pp. 205-230. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute Press.)
- The sons of teen mothers are 13 percent more likely to end up in prison, while teen daughters are 22 percent more likely to become teen mothers themselves. (Maynard, R.A., Ed., 1996. Kids Having Kids: A Robin Hood Foundation Special Report on the Costs of Adolescent Childbearing, New York: Robin Hood Foundation.)