



MAKES A DIFFERENCE

FOR YOUNG PARENTS IN MICHIGAN

The goal of MI-APPP is to create an **integrated system of care**, including linkages to support services, for pregnant and parenting adolescents 15-19 years of age and their families.

THE CHALLENGES

TEEN FATHERS

Young fathers involved in raising their children run similar risks to teen mothers like dropping out of school, poverty, homelessness, and repeat pregnancy. However, the vast majority of programs addressing young parents only focus on the mother.



EDUCATION

30% of females who drop out of school cite pregnancy or parenting as the reason. Rates are higher for Hispanic youth (36%) and black youth (38%).



SUBSEQUENT BIRTHS

17.8% of teen births are repeat births. Black and Hispanic teens are more likely to have a repeat birth compared to white teens.



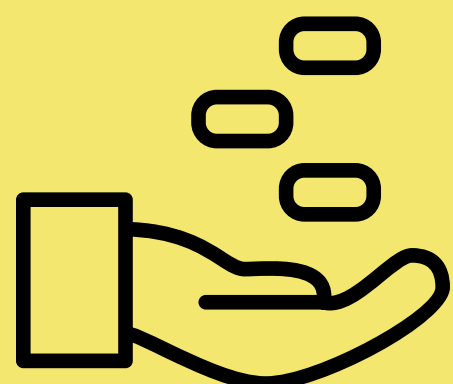
HOMELESSNESS

Estimates of the proportion of homeless young women in the US who are pregnant is between 6 and 22%.



POVERTY

About 48% of teen mothers in the US live below the poverty line. Most custodial teen mothers receive little or no child support.



MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH

Many teenage girls who are pregnant lack adequate prenatal care. Teens have a higher risk of having low birthweight babies.



MENTAL HEALTH

Teen mothers are nearly twice as likely as older mothers to be struggling with depression, loneliness, and fearfulness.

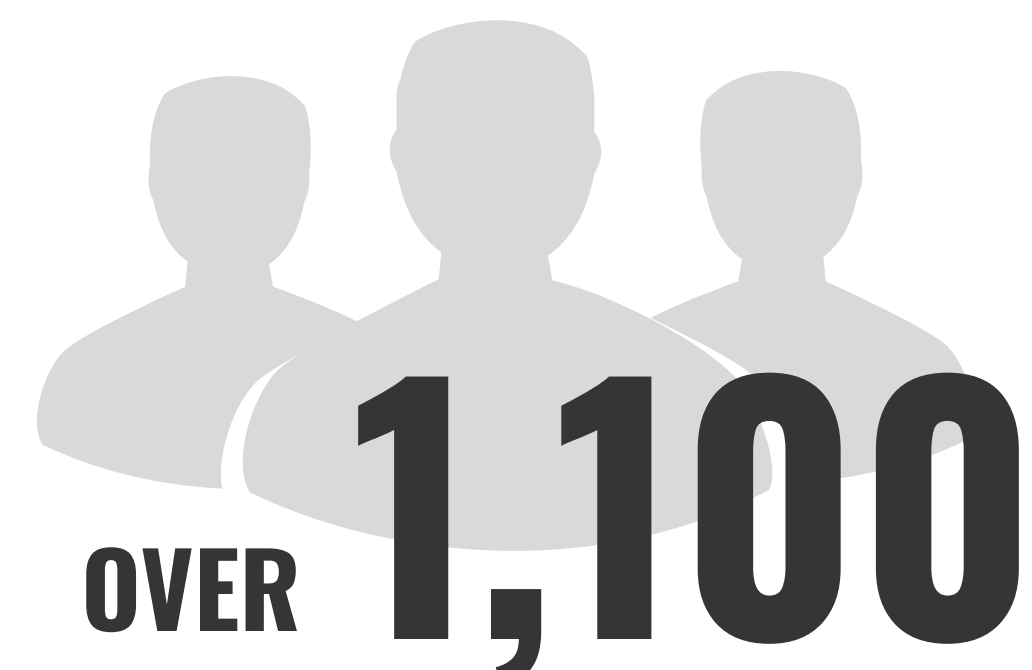


PROGRAM SUCCESSES

From 2014-2017, MI-APPP has served:



164
YOUNG FATHERS



OVER **1,100**
YOUNG PARENTS AND FAMILIES

After 6 months of MI-APPP case management, young parents saw the following improvements:

Re-enrollment in school

+ 46%



Contraceptive use

+ 23%



Planning and decision-making

+ 34%



Support systems

+ 39%



Self-esteem and optimism

+ 31%



So HOW do we do it?



3 COMPONENTS OF MI-APPP SUCCESS

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES



519

Teen parents and their families were provided supplemental support programs.

STRENGTH-BASED CASE MANAGEMENT



638

Teen parents were provided case management services.

LOCAL STEERING COMMITTEES

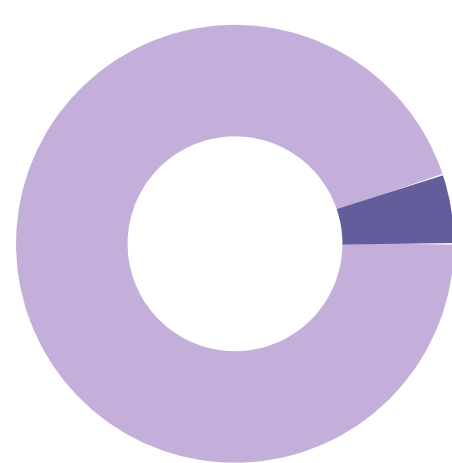


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Program partners have been engaged across the state.

WHY WE CARE

2016 STATE DATA



There were **5,792** teen births in MI in 2016.

12.2 White
33.6 Black
30.9 Hispanic

Birth rate per 1,000 15-19 year old females

Black teens are **2.8x** more likely to give birth than white teens.

Hispanic teens are **2.5x** more likely to give birth than white teens.

With the help of pregnancy prevention programs, teen birth rates continue to decline; in Michigan, the teen pregnancy rate has dropped over 40% since 2010. It is important, however, to remember that not all teen pregnancies are unintended, and to make sure we honor and offer support to the young people who become parents.

Many teen parents face additional systemic hardships. To support them, we must also look toward improving social conditions like poverty, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, racial disparities in health, and others.

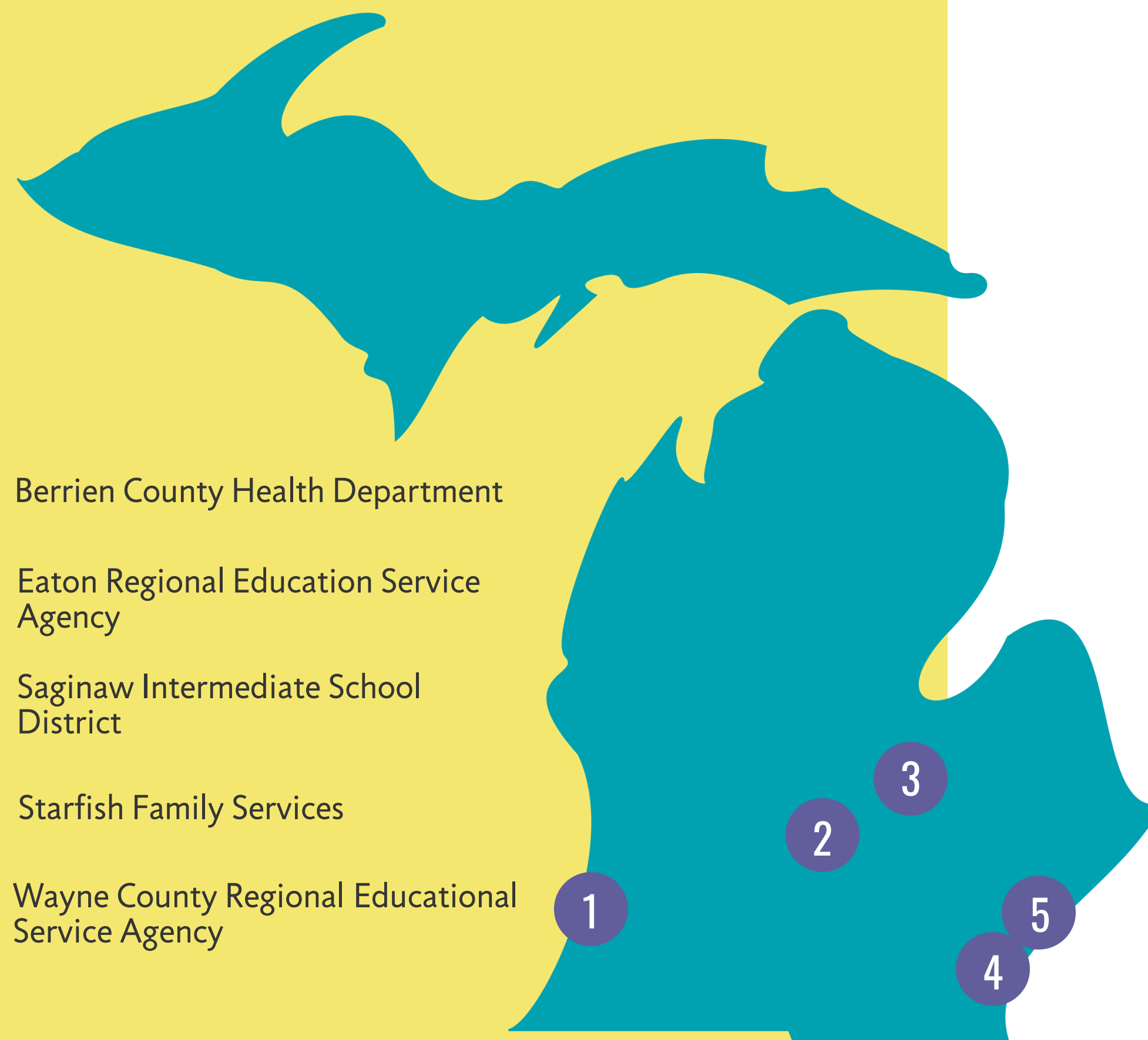


When provided with support, young parents are able to finish high school; pursue and excel in higher level education; gain employment and thrive in work environments; achieve housing and financial stability; and make valuable contributions to their communities.

WHAT'S NEXT?

MI-APPP has made some great strides in its five* community sites - engaging expectant and parenting teens, young fathers, and their families in a system of care that improves educational, health, and social outcomes for participants.

It is our hope that we can amplify MI-APPP's impact by expanding the program farther across the state!



* Program data for 2014-2017 also includes MI-APPP programming through the Calhoun County Public Health Department.