

#SexEdForAll



May 2022

What is Sex Ed for All Month?

Many organizations across the country (both state and national), that perform similar work to Fact Forward refer to May as **Sex Ed for All Month**. This reframing focuses on sexual health information as well as the access and rights young people deserve to make healthy decisions. The space of teen pregnancy prevention has changed, and we believe this more inclusive and positive approach reflects those changes appropriately. The Office of Population Affairs also recently announced May as **National Adolescent Health Month**. We look forward to highlighting that in 2023.

Both campaigns have the same goal: making sure all adolescents and young adults have access to the best sex education and health care possible. We are proud to stand alongside numerous organizations also dedicated to keeping young people healthy.

Sample Social Media Posts:

Every young person deserves inclusive, evidence-based sex ed at school. How can educators ensure their students are prepared? Find tips here: www.factforward.org/resources/educators. #SexEdForAll #HealthyYouthNAHM

Healthcare providers can help reduce teen pregnancy rates by making their clinics teen friendly. This includes providing adolescent patients with confident, private, respectful, and culturally competent services. www.factforward.org/resources/healthcare-providers #SexEdForAll #HealthyYouthNAHM

Parents and trusted adults, confused about what reproductive health information is appropriate for the youth in your life? This Tips for Parents brochure will help you out. You can view it here: <https://bit.ly/2QGLWzs> #SexEdForAll #HealthyYouthNAHM

Only 18 states require sex ed programs to be medically accurate. Most programs aren't centered around queer people, consent, or cultural competence. How can you make sure you're up to date on #reproductivehealth? Access free resources: www.factforward.org/resources/factsheets. #SexEdForAll #HealthyYouthNAHM

Do you know the facts about your community? You can view South Carolina county specific information regarding teen pregnancy rates here: <https://www.factforward.org/statistics>. #SexEdForAll #HealthyYouthNAHM

Do you know the facts about your community? You can view South Carolina county specific information regarding STI/STD rates here: <https://bit.ly/STIRankings> #SexEdForAll #HealthyYouthNAHM

Looking for a fun way to gauge what the youth you work with know regarding #reproductivehealth? Here's a free sex education bingo card that will make finding out simple and interactive! <https://bit.ly/2QF7tIS> #SexEdForAll #HealthyYouthNAHM


Social Media Graphics:

Use these graphics to supplement the above social media posts. To download high quality versions of these images, [click here](#).

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Based on the latest data, South Carolina has the **11th** highest teen birth rate in the nation.




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Why Sex Ed Matters

Sex education is health care. *Period.*




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35 SC counties saw a decrease in the teen birth rate from 2019-2020.



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LGBTQ+ inclusive sex ed saves lives.




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In 2020, there were **3,069** births to teens ages 15-19 in South Carolina.



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Young people deserve comprehensive sex ed that is:

- ✓ Accurate
- ✓ Inclusive
- ✓ Empowering




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Since 2002, Black & Hispanic teen birth rates have consistently remained higher than the white teen birth rate and state teen birth rate.



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Every **171 minutes**, a teen gives birth in South Carolina.



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