

WHERE TO FIND HELP IF YOU'RE PREGNANT OR PARENTING AND UNDER 20

Contact the Youth Success Agency nearest you for more information.

Blackstone Valley Community Action Program (BVCAP)

Pawtucket, Central Fall, Lincoln and Cumberland
32 Goff Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 401-723-4520 x240

Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP)

Cranston, Foster, Scituate and Coventry
311 Doric Avenue, Cranston, RI 401-467-9610

East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP)

Lower Bay: Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Middletown,
Jamestown and Little Compton
19 Broadway, Newport, RI 401-848-6697

Upper Bay: East Providence, Warren, Bristol and Barrington
100 Bullocks Point Avenue 401-437-1000

Family Resources Community Action Program (FRCA)

Woonsocket
245 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 401-235-6011

Family Service of RI (FSRI)

Providence
55 Hope Street, Providence, RI 401-331-1350 x3231

Providence Community Action Program (ProCAP)

Providence
518 Hartford Avenue, Providence, RI 401-273-2000

South County Community Action Program (SCCAA)

Exeter, Charlestown, Narragansett, Westerly, Hopkinton,
North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Richmond,
West Greenwich and New Shoreham
1935 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 401-789-3016

Tri-Town Community Action Agency (TTCAA)

North Providence, Johnston, North Smithfield,
Smithfield, Burrville and Glocester
1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 401-351-2750

Westbay Community Action Agency (WBCAP)

Warwick, West Warwick and East Greenwich
205 Buttonwoods Avenue, Warwick, RI 401-732-4660 x114

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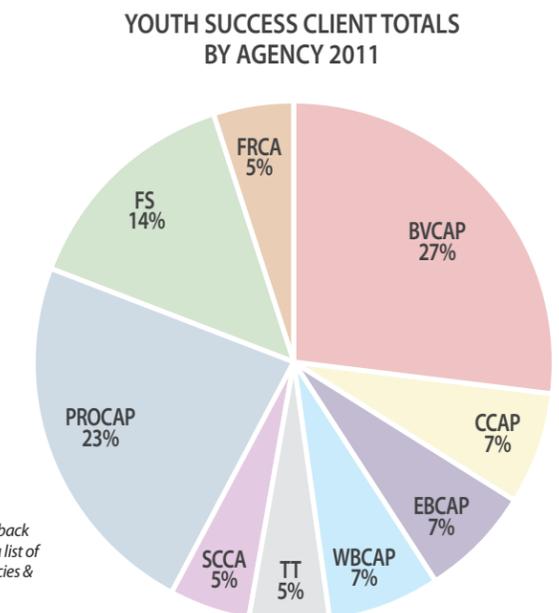
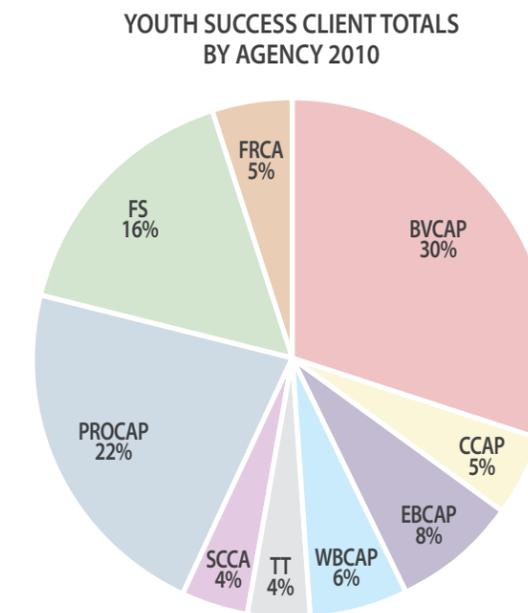


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CLIENT PROFILE

YOUTH SUCCESS serves any pregnant or parenting teen under the age of 20, regardless of income. In 2010, 1,066 young girls were active in the Youth Success program. Since teen pregnancy and birth rates vary greatly by city/town, each agency serves a different number of clients. Agencies in 'at risk' communities serve a greater number of clients.



Note: See back panel for a list of CAP Agencies & partners.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, New England states have some of the lowest teen birth rates in the nation. Of the six New England states, Rhode Island has the highest birth to teen rates at 22.3 births per 1,000 teenage girls.

The top five 'at risk' communities in Rhode Island with birth rates per 1,000 girls ages 15-19 are:

Central Falls	85
Woonsocket	75
Pawtucket	53
West Warwick	42
Providence	41

(Source: RI KIDS COUNT: RIDOH, Center Health Data an Analysis 2006-2011)

Children most at risk of not achieving their potential are children who live in poverty. Since the recession, more children are living in poverty in Rhode Island—more than one in five children in 2011— according to U.S. Census figures. Rhode Island has the highest child poverty rates among the six New England states.

Healthy growth and development of a child depends on the ability of the parents and families to support and nurture children, while also meeting other social, economic, and health needs.

YOUTH SUCCESS (YS) is Rhode Island's statewide program that provides comprehensive services to pregnant and parenting teens. This program serves a population of girls vulnerable to repeat pregnancies, low education, and dependency on state assistance.

Many pregnant and/or parenting teenagers face higher incidence of poverty, single parenthood, low educational achievement and mental stressors.

YOUTH SUCCESS assists pregnant and/or parenting teens in daily living, completing school or educational goals, parenting, and self-sufficiency.

All pregnant and parenting teens in Rhode Island under the age of 20 are eligible, not just those receiving RI WORKS (RIW) cash benefits and/or medical assistance.

Programs and services must work collaboratively for teen parents to set and achieve goals that lead to personal and economic self-sufficiency.



The network of Rhode Island Community Action Agencies provide access to GED classes, English as second language classes, life skills training, and parenting classes. Comprehensive case management services include basic human needs for food and shelter, child care, transportation, housing, WIC, SNAP, and paternity and child support.

YOUTH SUCCESS began in 2009 with eight Community Action Agencies (Blackstone Valley, Comprehensive, East Bay, Family Resources, Providence, Tri-Town, South County, and West Bay) and Family Services of Rhode Island acting as sub-grantees.

Since 1992, Rhode Island Community Action Association (RICAA) has been a catalyst for change, helping low and middle income Rhode Islanders.



2010-2011 OVERVIEW



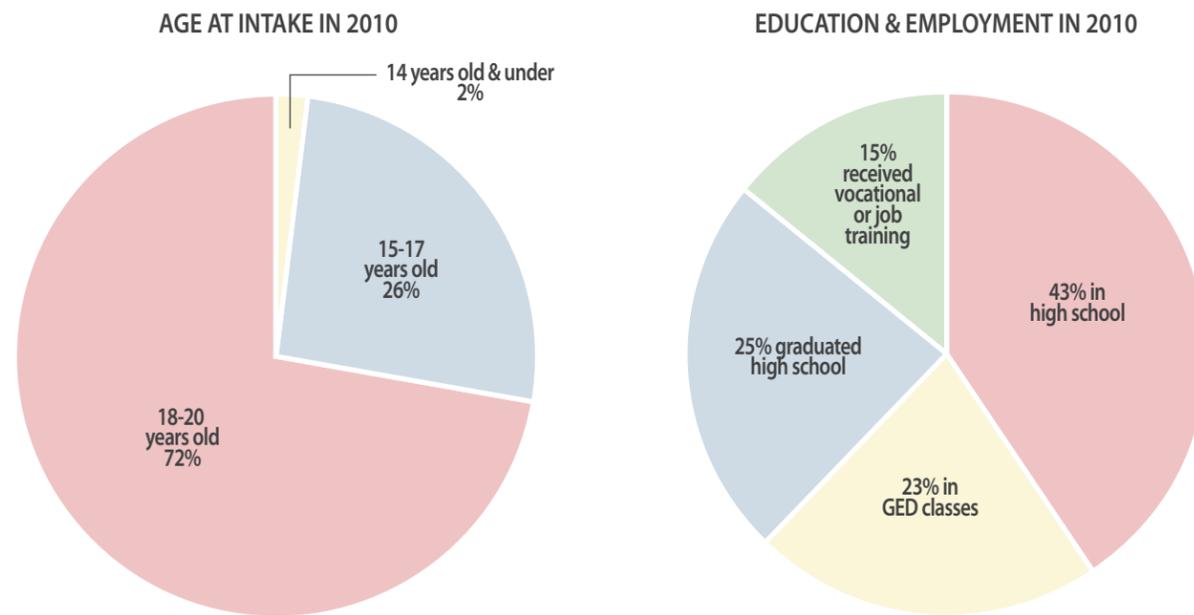
2010 MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Mother's self sufficiency

Children develop within the context of the family and the family develops in the context of the community. Teen pregnancy and parenting threatens the development of teen mothers as well as their children. Often, teen mothers have a difficult time finishing high school and continuing on to college.

The Youth Success program serves teen mothers and teen fathers graduate from high school, get an associate's degree, and become employed and self-sufficient in the community.

A majority of clients, 80%, are enrolled in an educational program (in high school or taking GED classes), and 15% of clients are in employment or job training.



Representation of the 1,066 girls served by YOUTH SUCCESS in 2010.

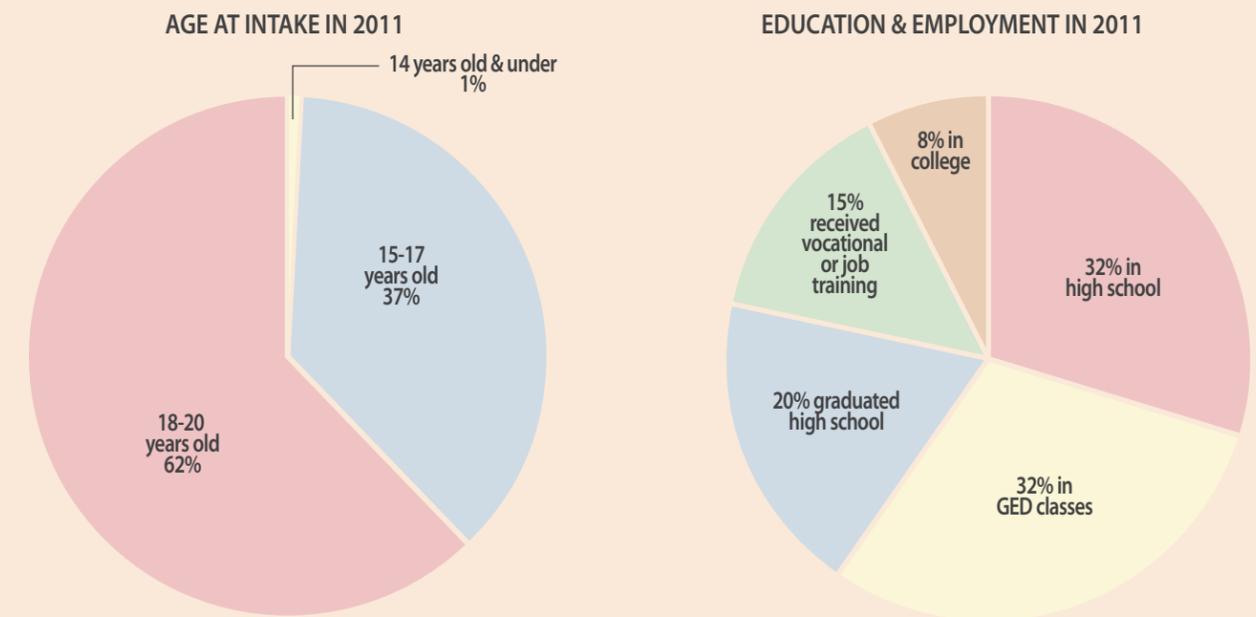
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2011 MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Mother's self sufficiency

From 2010 to 2011, YOUTH SUCCESS saw a 4% DECREASE in the number of pregnant teens served in the state.

A majority of clients, 72%, are enrolled in an educational program (high school, GED, or college), and 15% of clients are in employment or job training.



Representation of the 1,028 girls served by YOUTH SUCCESS in 2011.

In 2011, only 4% of Youth Success clients repeat pregnancies during their time in the program.

In comparison, 18% of teen births in Rhode Island are repeat births. Nationally, 25% of teen mothers have repeat pregnancies within two years of the initial birth.

(Source: RI KIDS COUNT: RIDOH, Center Health Data an Analysis 2006-2010)

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

DATA OF CAP AGENCIES

From January 1st 2010 to December 31st of 2011, 2,095 young girls have been served by the YOUTH SUCCESS program. The YOUTH SUCCESS agencies assure that clients maintain attendance in high school, GED classes, and/or employment. YOUTH SUCCESS provides participants with support services for parenting, assessment of needs, and assistance with other social services. Education, job training, and employment lead to self-sufficiency.



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~ Victoria, 17

Since 2009, YOUTH SUCCESS has helped 2,885 high school girls. A critical part of the program includes referrals and connections to other services and programs such as RI WORKS, SNAP, medical assistance, and WIC. The goal is to help clients graduate from high school, earn their GED, and become self-sufficient in the community.



Barrington — “Desiree” was 15 years old and scared when she told her mom that she was pregnant. They went to the East Bay Community Action Program in Barrington. “My mom told me about YOUTH SUCCESS because they helped her when she was a young teen parent,” says Desiree, “YOUTH SUCCESS enrolled me in Rite Care and WIC and I started working on my GED. I enrolled my daughter in Head Start and it has helped her prepare for school; she knows her ABCs and can count to twenty.” Over the past year, Desiree earned her GED and is now attending CCRI.

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~ Monica, 19

North Providence — “Victoria” was 17 years old, pregnant, and a senior at North Providence high school when she first came to the YOUTH SUCCESS program at Tri-Town Community Action Program in Johnston.

Her case manager, Lauren Lungarelli referred her to parenting programs that helped her and her baby. “The Youth Success program has helped me so much. It has shown me how to care for my baby and helped me apply for college”, says Victoria, “Youth Success at Tri-Town has also helped my boyfriend and the father of my child, enroll into GED classes so he can get an education.”

With the support of Tri-Town Youth Success program, Victoria is on a path to self sufficiency. Her one year old son is healthy and she plans to attend the Community College of Rhode Island and then transfer to Rhode Island College so she can pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse.



Central Falls — “Monica” came to Central Falls from Santiago Cape Verde as a young girl. She was 19 and a student at Central Falls high school when she became pregnant.

“Being a teen mother brings a variety of obstacles and difficulties”, says Monica, “Youth Success at Blackstone Valley Community Action provide me with many resources both inside and outside of school. It showed me

better ways I could educate myself. It has definitely made a significant impact on my life and my son’s life.” Monica plans to become a pharmacist.

SUCCESS STORIES