

TO: Youth Council

Date: May 10, 2002

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action
 For Information
 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: "It's Up to Me"

PROPOSED MOTION: Information Only

DISCUSSION: The California Department of Health Services' "It's Up to Me" Teen Pregnancy Prevention campaign aims to mobilize Californians to help reduce teen pregnancies, encourage male involvement in preventing unplanned pregnancy, promote the availability of Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care, Treatment) services and promote adult involvement. Although the teen pregnancy rate in California has decreased over the past few years, teen pregnancy is still a large problem.

Each year, approximately 57,000 teens give birth in the state. In the decade between 1995 and 2005, the number of teens in California will increase by 34%. This growth demands that the state's pregnancy prevention efforts be constantly renewed and reinvented; "It's Up to Me" does this.

The Merced County Youth Council is extremely lucky to have as one of its members Ms. Claudia Corchado, Program Manager of the California Health Collaborative, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.

May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

ATTACHMENTS: N/A