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PETERSBURG TEEN PREGNANCY RATE ON THE DECLINE

(PETERSBURG, Va.) Petersburg Health Department is celebrating the lowest teen pregnancy rate in four years. The health department has seen a decrease in the rate of teen pregnancies within the City of Petersburg from 103.7 teen pregnancies per 1,000 females in 2009 to 66.7 per 1,000 in 2012. These rates represent a 36% decline.

The Petersburg Health Department continues its focus to provide ongoing collaborations across schools, businesses, City of Petersburg Government agencies, community and faith-based organizations. “We are actively engaged with our community partners, says Alton Hart, Jr. MD, MPH, Crater Health District Director, it takes the entire community working together to provide guidance, education and services to continue the city’s decline in teen pregnancies.”

The Petersburg Health Department provides a number of youth services to assist teens. HealthSpace Teen Clinic and PRIDE are community based programs. PRIDE is designed to provide educational outreach to youth ages 10-18 years old. HealthSpace Teen Clinic operates in the Cities of Petersburg and Hopewell offering reproductive educational and clinical services to teens ages 13-18 by appointment or walk-in. Clinical services provided by HealthSpace include; reproductive health screenings, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, and appropriate contraceptives for pregnancy prevention. All services provided are at no cost and confidential.

We are currently reorganizing the Petersburg Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition and are thankful to our coalition members and their continued support. The coalition is open to anyone interested in championing the efforts to reduce teen pregnancy. Individuals interested in participating in Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition are encouraged to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, please call Monique Lindsey at 863-1652 X 8985 to RSVP.

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