



HENNEPIN COUNTY TEEN PARENT CONNECTION

Supporting teen mothers, fathers, & their children in Hennepin County

Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection (HCTPC) is a collaborative consisting of professionals working with teen mothers and fathers and their children. The goal of HCTPC is to develop and implement a comprehensive coordinated system of evidence-based best practices of care for all pregnant and parenting teens in Hennepin County.

HCTPC SUMMER 2016 ACTIVITIES

The **HCTPC Steering Committee** worked to develop a strategic plan to guide the efforts and outreach for the upcoming year. This work continues into the fall.

Over the summer, our interns from the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health began contacting HCTPC member agencies to take a survey on teen parents and homelessness. This work will continue through the fall.

Questions? Contact us @ hennepintpc@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES!

HCTPC FREE COMMUNITY TRAININGS

Advocating to Meet the Needs of Young Mothers, Fathers, and their Children

September 26, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Center for Changing Lives
2400 Park Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Childhood Exposure to Violence

November 28, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Center for Changing Lives
2400 Park Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404

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Trauma-Informed Care for Teen Mothers & Fathers

October 24, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Center for Changing Lives
2400 Park Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404

HCTPC Meeting Minutes

Resources from these trainings can be found on the [HCTPC website](#).

March 2016 – Criminal & Sexual Exploitation of Youth: A Training for Professionals Working with Teen Parents

Presenters:

Pattie Kunene & Alex Subbaraman, St. Stephen's Human Services; Michele Garnett McKenzie, The Advocates for Human Rights; Vosiney Wiley, Breaking Free; & LaJeanna Fuller, Streetworks

What was Learned:

- Examined how and why traumatic bonding occurs
- Learned how to identify victims of sexual exploitation
- Investigation of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC)
- Discussed best practices in programming and prevention
- Learned about counseling techniques for commercially sexually exploited (CSE) youth
- Learned about criminal behaviors and market forces: supply, demand, motivation
- Learned about the federal and local laws related to sexual exploitation of

April 2016 – Focus on Undocumented Teen Parents

Presenters:

Celia Hernandez Payan, Portico; Jay Williams, MCTC Power of YOU; Lea Bloomquist, Hennepin County Child Care Assistance; & Michelle Pringle, Youth Eligibility Team of Hennepin County

What was Learned:

- [Portico](#)
- [MCTC Power of YOU](#)
- [Hennepin County Child Care Assistance](#)

May 2016 – Trauma Informed Care in Systems of Adolescent Parent Support: Naming, Linking, & Healing Complex Trauma

Presenter:

Krista Nelson, LICSW, LMFT; The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Attachment & Trauma Training Program

What was learned:

- Learned the difference between complex and historical trauma
- Examined trauma's impact in work with teen parent families
- Explored how traumatic stress impacts adolescent's thinking, feeling, relating, and doing
- Learned how a trauma informed organization can help professionals practice trauma prevention at their place of work

June 2016 – Teen Healthcare Resources in Hennepin County

Presenters:

Sandy Lien, Medica; Jen Chamberlain, MyHealth, Diana Hilgers, Bloomington Public Health; & Diane Murray, Teen Annex

What was learned:

- Explored available resources tailored for teen parents in Hennepin County.
 - Outreach programs
 - Community education
 - Healthcare services
 - Home visits
- Medica
- MyHealth
- Bloomington Public Health
Teen Annex

System of Care Partnership

The Northwest Hennepin Family Service Collaborative (NWHFSC), with Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health and the Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA), initiated the first Partner Provider meeting for the creation of a System of Care Partnership (SOCP) in mid-2000.

These early Partners observed that our most vulnerable children and families, those with urgent needs and few resources, experienced significant challenges in receiving critically important services. This was especially true for clients who had needs outside of the services provided by an individual service provider. Many times, finding the appropriate services was both difficult and time consuming.

The SOCP was created to build an efficient, effective, coordinated service delivery system that is focused on promoting healthy children and stable families by removing as many barriers to services as possible. Removing barriers results in quicker responses to identified needs, with more up-stream interventions that reduce the need for deep-end, longer-term, more expensive services.

Collaboration is the core of the SOCP. Together, Partner Providers developed processes, working protocols and goals for service delivery that will enhance cross-agency work. Partners developed lines of communication and working relationships among and between the child-serving systems and developed a coordinated, continuum of service delivery to enhance the ability of the Partner Provider entities to more effectively and efficiently serve children and families. A public page was developed through funding received from a Community Transformation Grant. The public page contains a community calendar, and a searchable resource data base that can be used by the SOCP Partner Providers to direct their clients for a wide range of services and resources.

The SOCP is a referral and information sharing system that better coordinates services among and between service providers for the benefit of their clients using the current, available resources of each partner entity and includes coordination at both the system and service delivery levels and emphasizes early identification and intervention. This system closes the loop on referrals. Each Partner involved in the service knows who is working with a client. It allows for timely tracking of referrals, and better care coordination among providers.

With a locus of services at the community level, the SOCP creates efficiencies in service delivery that enhances the ability of each participating entity in providing services across a large and diverse area through an organized pathway to services and supports. It provides direct and immediate contact with the individual practitioner who also may need to provide the service to a client who also may have geographical, language, or other cultural constraints.

For further information contact Jonette M. Lucia, MMA 763-391-7253 or email

Advocacy: Our Responsibility as Professionals & Citizens

As we prepare for our September community meeting, remember that legislators need information to do their jobs! Those of us in the know have an obligation to inform them so we can encourage policies that benefit teens and young children and therefore, society.

- Know who your legislators are: If you don't know for sure, check out this [website](#) where it will tell you.
- Tell your legislators what you think. They want, and need, to hear from you.
- Know how to contact them and what to say. [Here are tips](#). [More tips](#)
- Understand [process of how a bill becomes a law](#).
- Concerned about your nonprofit status and lobbying rules? [Find all you need to know here](#).

Steering Committee

The steering committee consists of a dedicated group of service providers from diverse backgrounds that are dedicated to supporting the mission and vision of the HCTPC. This group is responsible for guiding the work of the sub-committees, building and sustaining partnerships, organizing and hosting meetings, and promoting the sustainability of the HCTPC.

Steering Committee Members

Lisa Brown
Sue Fust
Jonette Lucia
Christine Hart
Laura Knutson
Rachel Fletcher
Geneva Dorsey
Sandy Lien
Patti Kuene
Mary Pat Sigurdson

Next Steering Committee Meeting

TBD
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Hosmer Library

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