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Need

In 2011, there were 136 live births to women, ages 15-19 in King County. The total population of women ages 15-19 in King County was 1,458 that year. One out of ten teenagers became parents in King County in 2010. Many teen parents have not had the opportunity to develop parenting skills which are essential to the health, safety, and education of their children. The Community Outreach, Recreation, and Education (CORE) Center has developed a Teen Initiative Plan (TIP) to deal with the problems of pregnant and parenting teens in King County.

Goals

Through the CORE Center, the King County Health Department and the Sweetwater School System have collaborated to provide prenatal care to pregnant teens at local schools. The State Department of Human Services has coordinated with the Health Department and the Sweetwater School System to develop an on-campus day care program for teen parents who are still in school. In addition to the day care, the CORE Center will provide TIP classes to teen parents whose children are enrolled in the on-campus day care center.

Approach

The TIP parenting classes will be required of teen parents whose children are enrolled in the on-campus day care program. The classroom program will be designed to:

- Teach the importance of good nutritional habits and preventative health care
- Teach the importance of child safety
- Teach responsible decision making
- Teach the importance of education

A CORE Center member will coordinate speakers for the various topics and lead class discussion. Ideally, the class would be conducted by a certified teacher who would invite guest speakers through the CORE Center. The TIP class would be an elective course for the student.

Budget Justification

1 – 32” LCD HDTV DVD Combo	$408
1 – Cart for Flat Panel TV	100
Parenting Textbooks	450
50 pupils textbooks	
3 teacher guides	
10 Classroom DVDs	550
Teaching aids	300
Total Grant	**1,808**

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Teen Initiative Plan Proposal