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The Truth about the Teenage Pregnancy Epidemic

1. ISSUE STATEMENT

- ⊖ Many teens are not aware of the responsibility that comes with having children at an early age, including the cost, birth complications; drop out rates, and high risk of poverty.

2. THE CURRENT PICTURE/ALARMING STATISTICS...

- ⊖ LA- ranked 5th in teenage pregnancy
- ⊖ 90% drop out rate for teen moms
- ⊖ Greater risk for poverty as an adult
- ⊖ High risk for birth complications

www.teenpregnancystatistics.org www.health.howstuffworks.com
www.nhs.gov www.howstuffworks.com

3. AS YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR HUMBLE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE...

- ⊖ Assembly
 - Former teen moms speak
 - Representatives from teen pregnancy assistance agencies
- ⊖ Classes
 - More focus on consequences
- ⊖ Donations
 - Collections for teen pregnancy assistance
 - Baby clothes, food, formula, diapers, etc.