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Executive Summary

Background

In late 2012, the Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection received a grant from the University of Minnesota’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. The Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection sought to understand the gaps and overlaps in the services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within Hennepin County.

Project Goals

There were two primary goals for the Community Asset Mapping Project:

1. To understand the existing services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children in Hennepin County.
2. To identify gaps in the services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within Hennepin County.

Emerging trends

These data revealed three general trends:

1. Differences in the general accessibility of services for teen mothers, fathers and their children residing in Northwestern, Western and Southern Hennepin County.
2. Differences in the accessibility of certain types of services based on the minor and adult status of teen mothers and fathers.
3. Differences in breadth of services offered to teen mothers and fathers.
Introduction

In late 2012, the Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection received a grant from the University of Minnesota’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs.

The Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection desired to better understand the types of services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within Hennepin County. To best represent the wide variety of services, the Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection chose Community Asset Mapping.

**ABOUT THE HENNEPIN COUNTY TEEN PARENT CONNECTION**

The Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection (HCTPC) was created by a group of concerned professionals who recognized the barriers teen mothers, fathers and their children faced while trying to access support services. Some of these barriers included fragmented and difficult to navigate systems, insufficient quality and availability of programs, and funding streams that do not target the needs of pregnant and parenting teen mothers and fathers. Today the HCPTC is a county-wide collaborative of over 60 representatives from government, school and community-based agencies dedicated to creating a comprehensive and coordinated model of service delivery for all teen mothers, fathers and their children residing in Hennepin County. Understanding the gaps and overlaps of services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children will allow the HCTPC to better allocate and align funding and services to meet the unique needs of teen mothers, fathers and their children.

**Mission:** The Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection aims to nurture the success of pregnant and parenting teen mothers, fathers and their children by creating and sustaining a system of seamless, evidence-based practices that holistically support the needs of teen mothers, fathers and their children residing in Hennepin County.

**Vision:** By working together, the Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection will help teen mothers, fathers and their children develop the hope, purpose and self-esteem that is essential to their success. As a result of the efforts of the Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection, teen mothers and fathers in Hennepin County will develop the means and motivation to delay second pregnancies, create successful educational experiences, understand the healthy growth and development of their children and learn how to prevent teen pregnancy among their children, family members and community.
Project Purpose & Data Collection

Purpose
The purpose of this project was to identify the gaps and overlaps in the services that are available to teen mothers, fathers and their children residing in Hennepin County.

Goals
There were two primary goals for the Community Asset Mapping Project:

1. To understand the existing services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within Hennepin County.
2. To identify gaps in the services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within Hennepin County.

Data Collection
There were two methods of data collection:

- Online surveys
- 1:1 follow-up interviews

Surveys were constructed through a joint effort from the Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection and the Center of Urban and Regional Affairs. Survey questions were developed to quantify and thoroughly understand the programming that was available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within 12 service areas. Online surveys were administered by the appointed research assistant from October 2012 to May 2013 and completed by 162 agencies.

One-on-one interviews were scheduled upon completion of the online survey. Interviews utilized the same questions found in the survey, but allowed for more program-specific information to be gathered (See Appendix B). Interviews were conducted by the research assistant provided by the Center for Urban and Regional affairs at 87 agency sites.

Agencies were identified based off of two criteria: 1) that they provided services to teen mothers, fathers and/or their children and 2) that their service delivery area was in Hennepin County.
Online surveys and 1:1 interviews were administered to an array of service providers across Hennepin County.

What part of Hennepin County is your agency located in?

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What part(s) of Hennepin County does your agency’s service delivery area extend to?

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*Please note that one agency can serve more than one region of Hennepin County, thus the numbers do not add up to 100%.
Data Results

Research Findings
This report provides a snapshot of the services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within Hennepin County.

This section of the report is organized into service areas which allow us to better understand the unmet needs of teen mothers, fathers and their children.

Does your agency have programming specific to the needs of teen mothers, fathers and their children?

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<td>Education</td>
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<td>Father Services</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
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<td>Life Skills Education</td>
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<td>Mental Health</td>
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<td>Parent Education and Support</td>
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<td>Prenatal Care</td>
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<td>Sex Education</td>
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*Please note that agencies can provide more than one type of service to teen mothers, fathers and their children, thus the numbers do not add up to 100%.
Data Results

Are there any limitations to the services that you provide to teen mothers, fathers and their children?

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<td>Gender</td>
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<td>Having Custody of Child</td>
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Does your agency provide transportation for teen mothers, fathers and their children?

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Does your agency provide services to teen fathers?

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Does your agency have programming specific to the needs of teen fathers?

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The Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection strongly believes that the best way to coordinate services for teen mothers, fathers and their children is to build on the existing supports in the community. The primary purpose of this research was to identify the gaps and overlaps in the services available to teen mothers, fathers and their children within Hennepin County.

Accessibility of Services to Teen Mothers, Fathers and their Children

Broadening the breadth of services that are both located in and provided to Western, Northwestern and Southern Hennepin County will increase the accessibility and use of these services by teen mothers, fathers and their children.

A similar distribution of services was observed across all service areas; services were concentrated in Minneapolis and dwindled as the Western, Northwestern and Southern boarders of Hennepin County were approached. This distribution revealed significant gaps in the general accessibility of services for teen mothers, fathers and their children. Although many agencies stated that their service delivery area extends to more than one region of Hennepin County, many do not provide transportation for teen mothers, fathers and their children to receive services which may intensify this obstacle.

These data paint a bleak picture for the accessibility of services within Hennepin County. Many teen mothers, fathers and their children residing in Hennepin County may be discouraged from seeking out support services because of the undesirable associations like the long commute, traveling expenses and having to miss school or work.

Recommendations

- More research should be conducted that analyzes the differences in the accessibility of services and service delivery in rural and urban Hennepin County.
- Funding streams should identify transportation as an essential need for all teen mothers, fathers and their children residing in Hennepin County.
Key Findings and Emerging Trends

Accessibility of Services to Teen Mothers and Fathers of Minor and Adult Status

Creating programming within all service areas that are accessible to minor and adult teen mothers and fathers will help promote the healthy development and success of all teen families regardless of their stage in life.

Research revealed that there were an array of services offered to teen mothers, fathers and their children within each service area. However the availability of services for teen mothers, fathers and their children greatly differed based on their age. Minor status teen mothers and fathers, between the ages of 13 and 17, had more services related to education, childcare and sex education offered to them. This connection may be heavily attributed to the co-location of these services within schools. Adult status teen mothers and fathers, between the ages of 18 and 21, had more housing and employment programs offered to them, which was greatly attributed to their adult status. Similarly, these data exposed that service areas rarely cater to the needs of both minor and adult teen mothers and fathers; meaning that where one age group has sufficient support services, the other lacks.

These gaps are the root of the unmet needs of teen mothers, fathers and their children in Hennepin County. Ultimately, these disparities may be contributing to teen mothers and fathers reliance economic support, high rates of mobility and homelessness, and lower levels of educational attainment.

Recommendations

- More research should be done to understand the unmet needs of minor and adult teen mothers and fathers.
- Funding streams should consider the unmet needs of minor and adult teen mothers and fathers in Hennepin County when creating new grants.
Accessibility of Services to Teen Fathers

Creating more services specific to the needs of teen fathers will help connect teen fathers to the support, education and skills needed to be positive, involved role models to their family.

Research revealed that there was a substantial disparity in the programs and services specific to the needs of teen fathers. Of the agencies surveyed only 16% stated that they have programming specific to the needs of teen fathers, while 50% stated that they would serve teen fathers but that they lack programming specific to their needs.

This inequality significantly impacts teen fathers in Hennepin County. The lack of appropriate services may make accessing services unwelcoming for teen fathers. This disparity may also be feeding the negative stereotypes associated with being a teen father which include an inability to care for the child and lack of desire to be a part of the child and/or mother’s lives.

Recommendations

- More research should be conducted to understand the unique needs of teen fathers in Hennepin County.
- Guidelines should be created and implemented for services specific to teen fathers within more agencies in Hennepin County.
- Funding streams should recognize and target the specific needs of teen fathers.
Appendix A

The Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection: Community Asset Mapping Project

The Community Asset Mapping Project is part of the Hennepin County Teen Parent Connection. Our goal is to identify the gaps in overlaps in the services provided to teen mothers and fathers within Hennepin County. As mentioned previously, the information you provide will help us understand the programs and services that your organization offers teen mothers and fathers. This information will later be put onto a map that will help professionals across the county connect teen mothers and fathers to the services most appropriate to their needs. Thank you for taking a few minutes out of your day to fill out this survey.

Required

Does your organization provide services to teen mothers and fathers? *If no, please return the survey anyway.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Does your organization have programs specifically for teen mothers and fathers? *

☐ Yes
☐ No

What types of program delivery does your organization utilize to serve teen mothers and fathers? *Please check all that apply.

☐ Home Visiting
☐ Group
☐ Individuals at Centers
☐ Information Referrals
☐ Other: ____________________

What settings does your organization provide services to teen mothers and fathers in? *Please check all that apply.

☐ School-based
☐ Home-Based
☐ Clinic
☐ CBO Center-Based
☐ Other: ____________________

What geographic areas does your organization provide service to teen mothers and fathers in? *Please check all that apply.
Minneapolis
West Hennepin
Northwest Hennepin
South Hennepin
Other:

What forms of communication can teen mothers and fathers use to contact your organization? *Please check all that apply.
E-mail
Texting
Phone Call
Social Media
Other:

What types of transportation can teen mothers and fathers use to reach your organization? *Please check all that apply.
Bus line
Cab
We meet client
We drive client
Other:

Does your organization pay for the transportation that you provide to teen mothers and fathers? *This may include providing bus cards, bus tokens, or reimbursements.
Yes
No
Other:

Which of the following best practices does your organization provide for teen mothers and fathers? We define best practices as services provided at or within your organization, this does not include referrals. Please check all that apply.
Education
Childcare
Safe, affordable housing
Case management
Preventative healthcare for children
Parent education and support
Life skills education
Prenatal care
Sex Education
Preventative healthcare for teen
Mental Health Services
Nutrition and health education
Other: 

Are there any limitations surrounding the services your organization provides to teen mothers and fathers? *Please check all that apply.

- Gender of the parent
- Age of parent
- Age of child
- Attendance at a certain school
- Ethnicity
- Income requirements
- Having custody of the child
- Other: 

Does your organization provide teen father services? *

- Yes
- No

Does your organization provide adult father services? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify what services are offered to fathers. Please check all that apply.

- Education
- Life skills education
- Safe, affordable housing
- Case management
- Sex education
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<td>Preventative healthcare for the father</td>
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<td>Mental health services</td>
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Are there any limitations surrounding the services your organization provides to fathers? Please check all that apply.

- Age of the parent
- Age of the child
- Must have custody of child
- Ethnicity
- Income restrictions
- Must attend a certain school
- Insurance
- Custodial parent must be present
- Other: ____________

Does your organization serve the extended family of teen mothers and fathers? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify what services are offered. Please check all that apply.

- Education
- Life skills education
- Safe, affordable housing
- Case management
- Sex education
- Parent Education and Support
- Childcare
- Preventative healthcare for children
- Preventative healthcare for teen
- Mental health services
What limitations surround the services that your organization provides to the extended family of teen mothers and fathers? Please check all that apply.

- [ ] Serves extended families, not fathers
- [ ] Serves siblings only, not fathers or grandparents
- [ ] Other: 

What age range of teen mothers and fathers does your organization provide services to? * Please check all that apply.

- [ ] 10 years
- [ ] 11 years
- [ ] 12 years
- [ ] 13 years
- [ ] 14 years
- [ ] 15 years
- [ ] 16 years
- [ ] 17 years
- [ ] 18+ years
- [ ] Other: 

What age range of children does your organization provide services to? Please check all that apply.

- [ ] Birth
- [ ] 1 year
- [ ] 2 years
- [ ] 3 years
- [ ] 4 years
- [ ] 5+ years
- [ ] Other: 

What is the name of your organization? *

What are the names of the programs that your organization provides for teen mothers and fathers? *


In the box below please provide program descriptions. This information is most beneficial to us if you copy from your grant proposal or website.
Appendix B

Case Management

Map made by CURA Staff, June 2013
Mental Health

Legend
- Mental Health
- Hennepin County
- South
- Minneapolis
- Northwest
- West

Map made by CURA Staff, June 2013
Prenatal Care

Legend
- Prenatal Care
- Hennepin County
- South
- Minneapolis
- Northwest
- West

Map made by CURA Staff, June 2013
Preventative Health Care for Teen Mothers and Fathers

Legend
- Healthcare for teens
- Hennepin County
- South
- Minneapolis
- Northwest
- West

Map made by CURA Staff, June 2013
Preventative Health Care for the Children of Teen Mothers and Fathers

Legend
- Healthcare for Children
- Hennepin County
- South
- Minneapolis
- Northwest
- West

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