



GCAPP PARENT TOOLKIT:

Scary Stats Parents Need to Know

Did you know that by the time a teenager reaches 12th grade, nearly 50% have had sexual intercourse? Did you know that sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among teens and young adults in Georgia are higher than ever? This age group, 15-24 years old, makes up nearly two thirds of all the new cases in Georgia, year after year. One out of four teens will contract an STI. By the age of 25, half of all sexually active young adults will get an STI. Here's where Georgia stands nationally:

#5 in the U.S. for chlamydia

#3 in the U.S. for gonorrhea

62,776

Number of chlamydia cases

20,553

Number of gonorrhea cases

What Parents Can Do: Talking Protects!

Open, honest conversations can make a big difference.

Youth who lack accurate information about sex and risky behaviors are more likely to experiment.

When teens are able to talk to a trusted adult they are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.

Most young people prefer getting information about sex, relationships, and love from trusted adults.

Here are some ways to support your teen:

● Let your child know they can come to you about

● Find a good time to talk.

● Ask them if they are aware of the risks and harm of STIs.

● Listen and don't judge your response matters.

Source: GA Department of Public Health



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