OMG they’re too young to be pregnant: young families and reproductive justice

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What is Reproductive Justice?
What are all the things in a person’s life that impact their ability to create the families they want?

Unemployment
Poverty
Wages, Lack of Benefits
Education & Student Debt
Family Support
Culture/Religion
Immigration Status
Racism/ Sexism/ Ageism/ Discrimination
Affordable Child Care/ Health Care
Environment

Reproductive Justice

Everyone, regardless of race, age, ability, national origin, income, sexual orientation, or gender expression, has equal rights and access to reproductive health services, as well as the right to make informed decisions about whether or when to have children.

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Stigma

Next: Subway ads
Stigma

You're supposed to be changing the world... not changing diapers.

Young Parents and their families deserve respect, resources, and recognition to thrive.

#NoTeenShame

Know Your Rights – Young Families

Conoce tus derechos

Know your rights

Young Parents Dignity Agenda

Young Families need comprehensive solutions, not stigma or shame.

A call for respect, rights, and recognition for young parents and children.
Shifting Stigma in Texas: What’s the real problem?

• Texas slashes family planning funding and eliminates Planned Parenthood from Women’s Health Program.
• Texas refuses to expand access to health coverage through the Affordable Care Act.
• Texas refuses to lift 5 year Medicaid bar for immigrants who are lawfully present and meet income eligibility.
• Texas significantly limits access to abortion care with the passage of HB 2.
• Texas continues to be one of the largest recipients of abstinence only sex education.
• House Bill 90 would lower the age requirement to be eligible for the Texas Women’s Health Program from 18 to 15. (FAILED TO PASS)
• House Bill 467 removes language indicating that sexual activity before marriage causes psychological and physical harm from statute related to HIV/AIDS prevention programs in the state’s Health and Safety Code. (FAILED TO PASS)
• House Bill 468 would allow some minors to be able to consent to medical treatment related to contraception, other than abortion or emergency contraception. (FAILED TO PASS)

Thank You!
¡Muchas Gracias!

Next: call to action

Questions/Discussion