

AWARDS



David C. Wiley Award



The Texas Campaign is proud to present Marlen Ramirez with the 2018 David C. Wiley Award. Ms. Ramirez, who has extensive outreach experience, oversees the Juntos Podemos Program – a teen pregnancy prevention program — within the Maverick County Health District. She also serves as a Community Health Worker, allowing her to work closely with local community-based organizations and health providers to raise awareness about healthier lifestyles. Having been a teen parent herself, she draws upon her own personal experiences to guide local youth. Her work with the Juntos Podemos Program has increased awareness within a tri-national community and has opened the opportunity for teens and parents in Eagle Pass, Texas, Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, and in the Traditional Kickapoo Tribe of Texas to have conversations on teen pregnancy prevention. The Texas Campaign is thrilled to recognize Ms. Ramirez because of her ongoing work on behalf of young people in Texas.

The David C. Wiley Award was created to recognize exceptional individuals who have made remarkable contributions to the field of teen pregnancy prevention in Texas through service, leadership, advocacy, or research. People on the forefront of this work, and those who have dedicated the better part of their careers to ending teen pregnancy deserve gratitude for their achievements.

Community Partner Award



The Texas Campaign is honored to recognize an Ector County Partnership between three agencies with the 2018 Community Partner Award. Over the past 8 years, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Community Health Education Office (TTCHEO), Ector County Independent School District (ECISD), and The Life Center (TLC) have worked tirelessly to bring reproductive education to students attending Ector County schools. This school year alone, nearly 12,000 students in grades 5 through 10 have received information on anatomy and reproduction, abstinence and contraceptives, STIs and how to avoid them along with information on social skills, navigating feelings, and puberty. The partnership has survived budget cuts, criticism, and board concerns to provide the coming generations with the tools needed to attain healthy and happy futures.

The Community Partner Award celebrates fellow organizations that are committed to outstanding work in the prevention of teen pregnancy. This work has been proven to significantly improve the lives of Texas adolescents and their families, and the Texas Campaign is proud to highlight and acknowledge the community partners who are leading the way. It takes a collective effort to advocate for teen pregnancy prevention and only together can we make significant progress towards this important mission.