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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LAUNCHES TEEN PREGNANCY
PREVENTION WEB PAGE
*MAY IS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH***

TALLAHASSEE—In honor of *Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month*, Governor Jeb Bush has recognized May 8, 2002, as “Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day.” Also, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) is announcing the addition of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Web Page to the DOH Web site at www.doh.state.fl.us. This web page provides teen pregnancy prevention information, as well as useful statistics regarding this issue.

According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, even with a recent decline in teen pregnancy, statistics indicate 4 out of 10 girls in the United States get pregnant at least once by age 20, resulting in more than 900,000 teen pregnancies a year. Despite encouraging reductions in births to teens, the United States still has the highest teen birth rate among Western industrial countries.

Although May has traditionally been the month to emphasize teen pregnancy prevention activities in communities and at the national level, the Department of Health continually addresses ways to reduce teen pregnancy by sponsoring regional “sexual abstinence until marriage” rallies, providing health services in county health departments and promoting the www.greattowait.com website.

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