

PUBLIC OPINION

How Tulsans feel about teen pregnancy, sex education, birth control, and healthcare.

TEEN PREGNANCY



6 IN 10 (58%) do not know where Oklahoma ranks nationally for teen pregnancy

TULSANS overwhelmingly agree (80%) reducing teen pregnancy is important



Support grew to 90% after being told how Oklahoma compared nationally for teen birth rates

SEX EDUCATION

88% of TULSANS support sex education within Tulsa Public Schools



WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SEX EDUCATION?

The majority of Tulsa adults supported all proposed sex education content including

1. HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Including teaching respect, signs of abuse, bullying, and harassment

2. CONSENT EDUCATION

Including how to ask for and give consent

3. RELATED LAWS

Including laws related to pregnancy, adoption, parenting, and sexual health

4. INCLUSIVE SEX EDUCATION

Including LGBTQ+ health and relationship information

TEEN HEALTHCARE



90% of **TULSA** adults agree teens should have access to publicly funded health centers

TALKING ABOUT SEX

Half of **TULSANS** believe parents feel uncomfortable talking with their kids about sex



The most common justifications



- holding conservative values
- being afraid to say the wrong thing
- feel like they don't have the right information

CONTRACEPTIVE KNOWLEDGE

There is near universal familiarity (96%) with birth control pills and condoms.



Familiarity with arm implants grew by almost double digits (56% to 65%) from prior polling completed in 2015



Only 44% knew where to find free or reduced cost birth control in **TULSA**



To find clinics in Tulsa offering free or reduced cost sexual health care to teens visit: amplifytulsa.org/youth/find-a-clinic

BIRTH CONTROL

The majority of respondents think teens should have access to birth control if they are sexually active.

Most Tulsans (82%) think teens should wait to have sex



The majority (64%) of Tulsa adults also think teens should be able to get birth control if they want it



There is agreement (67%) for public high school students to have access to free condoms from their school nurse



Tulsans disagree (66%) with the notion that providing teenagers with access and information about birth control will make them more likely to have sex

