

Authentic Youth Engagement

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Delta Futures Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Delta Health Alliance is a non-profit organization whose primary focus is on improving the health and education of those that call the Mississippi Delta home.



DHA Grants

IMPROVING HEALTH CARE

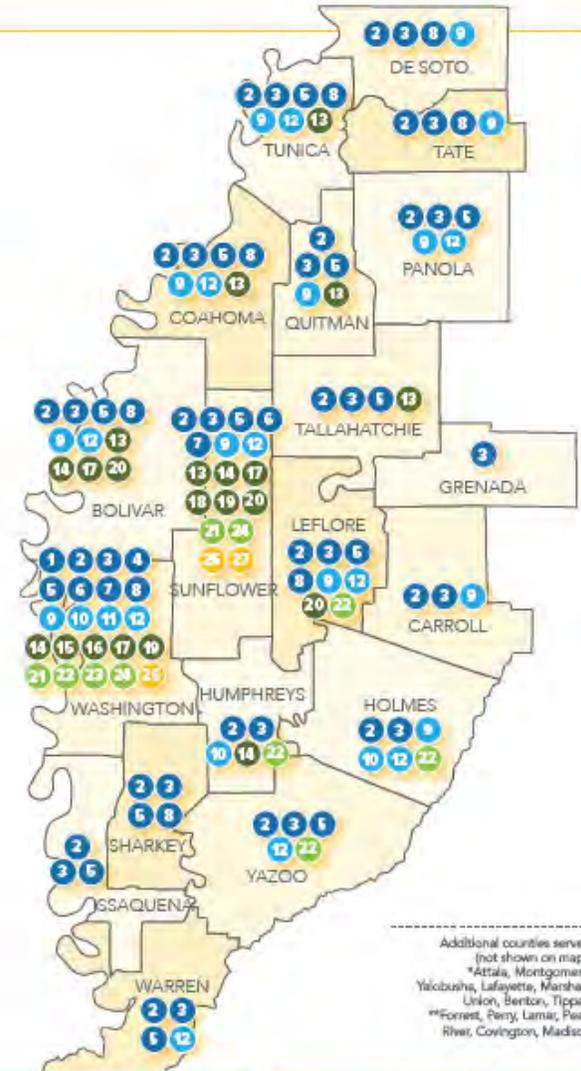
1. Leland Medical Clinic
2. Mobile Medical Clinic
3. The Delta Heart Health Network*
4. Small Provider Quality Improvement Program
5. Delta Futures Teen Pregnancy Prevention
6. Deer Creek Behavioral Health Network
7. Delta Systems of Treatment And Rehabilitation (Delta STAR)
8. Delta Opioid Task Force (DOT)

INCREASING HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

9. Electronic Health Services**
10. U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development
11. Delta Health Information Network
12. Medicaid Population Health Demonstration Project

EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

13. Tobacco-Free Coalition
14. Imagination Library
15. Monsanto Delta EATS (Edible Agriculture Teaching Students)
16. Whole Kids Foundation Delta EATS
17. Delta EATS Community Foods Planning Project
18. Early Head Start Childcare Partnership
19. Delta DREAMS
20. Delta Assault Response Team Network (DART)



Additional counties served (not shown on map):
 *Attala, Montgomery, Yalobusha, Lafayette, Marshall, Union, Benton, Tippah
 **Forest, Perry, Lamar, Pearl River, Covington, Madison

HELPING FAMILIES

21. Parents as Teachers
22. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Healthy Start Collaborative
23. Universal Parenting Place
24. Sesame Street in Communities

BUILDING PROMISE COMMUNITIES

25. Indianola Promise Community (IPC)
26. Deer Creek Promise Community (DCPC)
27. Phil Hardin Foundation Early Childhood Initiative (Promise Community Expansion)



Our approach to this work is that we are deliberate and intentional when it comes to engaging our youth.

Prior to our TPP 15 funding, we offered Becoming a Responsible Teen (BART) to our youth.

From the feedback we received from the youth that participated in that program, we developed our current program.

Youth specifically shared that they wanted more classes like the BART classes.



Youth Leadership Council

Since the Delta Futures program covers 10 Delta counties, it was decided that we would have three Youth Leadership Councils (YLCs).

It was important that we gave all our youth an opportunity for their voice to be heard and have input in decisions being made about the program.

Youth Leadership Council

When we met with our YLCs for the first time; it was expressed to them that the YLC was their group and we were there to support them however they needed support.

They selected officers and developed their own workplan.



After the first couple of meetings, we passed the baton to them.



From there the YLC set their own meeting agenda.



They decided what projects they wanted to do.

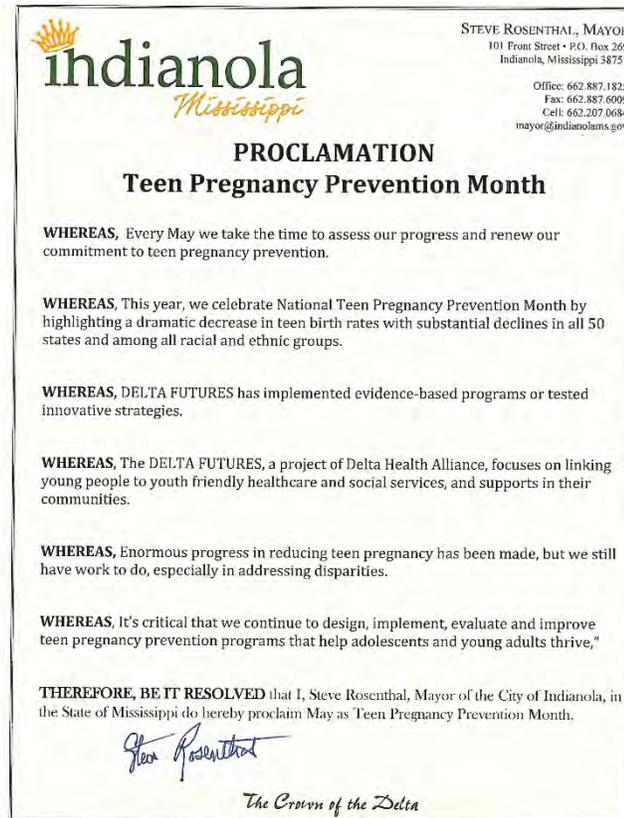


Also, the YLC determined when, where, and how they were going to do their awareness campaigns.



Here are some of their
projects

YLC of the Mid-Delta met with Mayor Rosenthal and discussed Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and asked if he would sign a proclamation.





Teen Summit 2018



TPP Month Celebration

Homecoming and 3K Run/Walk



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awareness FREE REGISTRATION



3K FUN RUN
Saturday, May 19, 2018
& WALK

Minnie Cox Park * 410 Faison Avenue * Indianola

Child & Adult Prizes for the most colorful costume

Registration Begins @ 8:30am
Run Begin @ 9:00am



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Youth Listening Session

Lessons Learned

Questions?



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