

# Pasco School District Teen Parent Program *Our Children Are Our Legacy* 1998-2008

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**Solutions**  
*to the Dropout Crisis*

*Difficulties exist to be surmounted.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



# Program Goals

- High school completion
- Reduce subsequent pregnancies
- Prepare young parents for self-sufficiency



# Program Benefits

- Onsite child care
- Transportation for parents and babies
- Bilingual Para Educator
- Flexible schedule—coordinated with Pasco High School
- Students gain work skills
- Children in child-care center benefit from targeted early learning



# Grads Curriculum

## *Graduation Reality and Dual Role Skills*



- Parenting
- Child Development
- Self-Formation
- Safe and Healthy Environment
- Employability
- Economic Independence
- Process Skills
- Pregnancy and Wellness



**Prenatal and Neonatal Care**  
**Forming Healthy Relationships**  
**Care of the Newborn**  
**Child Development**  
**Parenting Skills**  
**Personal Finance**  
**Employability Skills**



# Work Experience Component

- Students work in the child-care center for one period a day.
- Students given the opportunity to get two college credits by completing Stars Basic 20 course.
- Articulation agreement with Columbia Basin College



# Program Highlights

- Since beginning (September 1998) – 95 teen parents have graduated from high school
- Over 175 healthy babies have been born
- Boys and Girls Club are partners in running the child-care center.
- Current enrollment:
  - Pregnant and parenting teens –24
  - Children enrolled in child care –33





# What's next...

- Adding a pre-school program to our campus
- Continuing to partner with community organizations



*Whatever you can do,  
or dream you can...begin it.  
Boldness has genius, power  
and magic in it.”*

**Goethe**

