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# **2017 Linking TANF Families to Employment and Economic Opportunities Meeting**

## **Approaches, Strategies, and Resources to Preventing Teen Pregnancy**

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- **OAH was established in 2010**
- **Vision: To advance best practices to improve the health and well-being of America's adolescents**



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**Mission** - *Leading the nation to ensure that America's adolescents thrive and become healthy, productive adults*

- Educate the public and professionals
- Support evidence-based programs and practices
- Lead through action
- Promote multi-sector partnerships
- Invest in evaluation and research

<http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/about-us/mission.html>

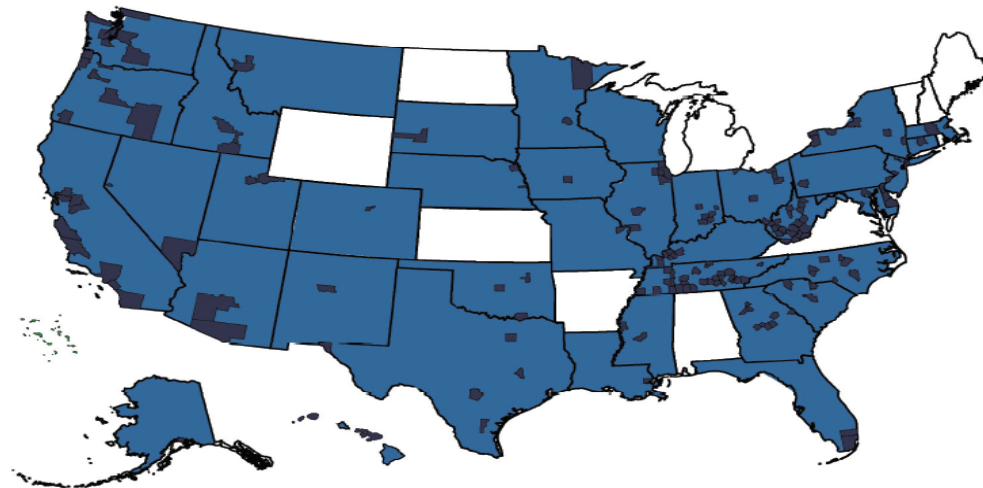


- Administer and support
  - Teenage Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program
  - Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF)
  - Adolescent HIV/AIDS Prevention National Resource Center
  - Several National TPP Evaluations
- Coordinate adolescent health initiatives across HHS
- Convener of Adolescent Health: Think, Act, Grow (TAG)



# OAH TPP Program – Who We Serve

- Reaching communities with the greatest need & the most vulnerable youth
- Anticipate serving 1.7 million youth between 2010 – 2020
  - ½ million youth in 39 States & DC - Sept 2010 – Aug 2015
  - 1.2 million youth in 39 States & Marshall Islands - July 2015 – June 2020



■ Counties reached by the OAH TPP Program

■ States reached by the OAH TPP Program

□ The OAH TPP Program does not currently fund grantees in this state

**Replication of EBPs (Tier 1)**



**Identifying New & Innovative Approaches (Tier 2)**



**Capacity Building to Implement EBPs**  
*8 grantees*

Provide CBA to at least 3 YSOs/yr

Focus on vulnerable youth

**Replicating EBPs to Scale in Communities with Greatest Need**  
*50 grantees*

Comm Mobilization  
Youth Engagement  
EBPs in  $\geq 3$  Settings  
Safe & Supportive Environments  
Youth-Friendly Srvcs

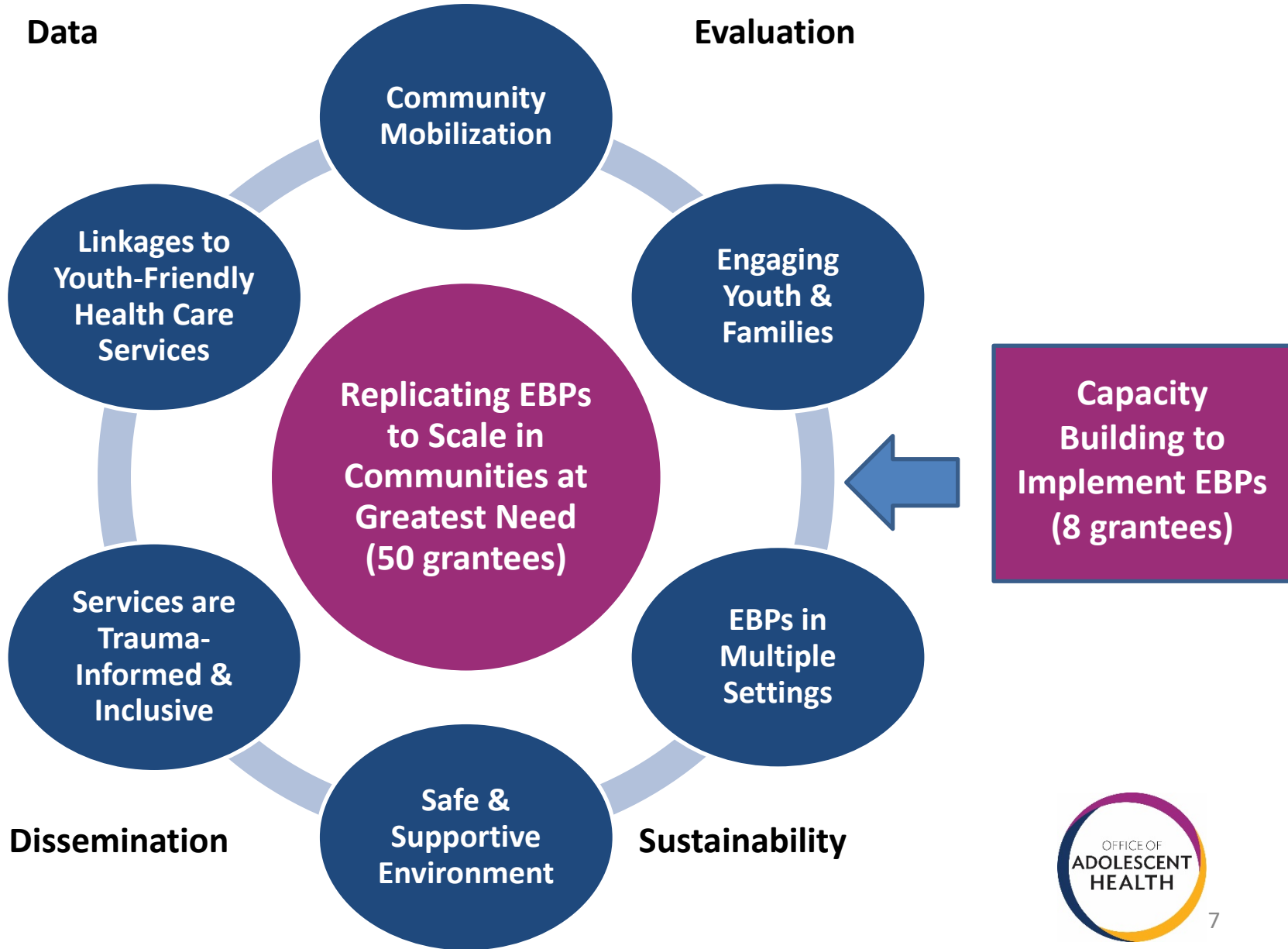
**Early Innovation**  
*2 grantees*

Intermediate Orgs  
Program & Technology-Based Innovations  
National Competition to ID Innovators

**Rigorous Evaluation of New Approaches**  
*24 grantees*

Implementation  
Rigorous Evaluation  
Program Packaging  
Dissemination  
Addressing Gaps in Evidence

# Replication of Evidence-Based Programs



# Pregnancy Assistance Fund

## PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE FUND



\$25 million competitive grant program funding States and Tribes to provide a seamless network of support services to expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers, and their families

### THE NEED

- >229,000 babies were born to young women aged 15 to 19 in 2015.<sup>1</sup>
- Only half of teen mothers receive a high school diploma by age 22.<sup>2</sup>
- Children of teen mothers are more likely to have lower school achievement and higher rates of health problems, incarceration, and unemployment than children of older parents.<sup>2</sup>
- At least a quarter of teen mothers report being in abusive relationships before, during, or after their pregnancies.<sup>3</sup>
- Many young fathers face financial hardship, low education attainment, poor health outcomes, and employment challenges but father involvement is associated with positive child education outcomes.<sup>4</sup>

### SUPPORTING EXPECTANT & PARENTING FAMILIES

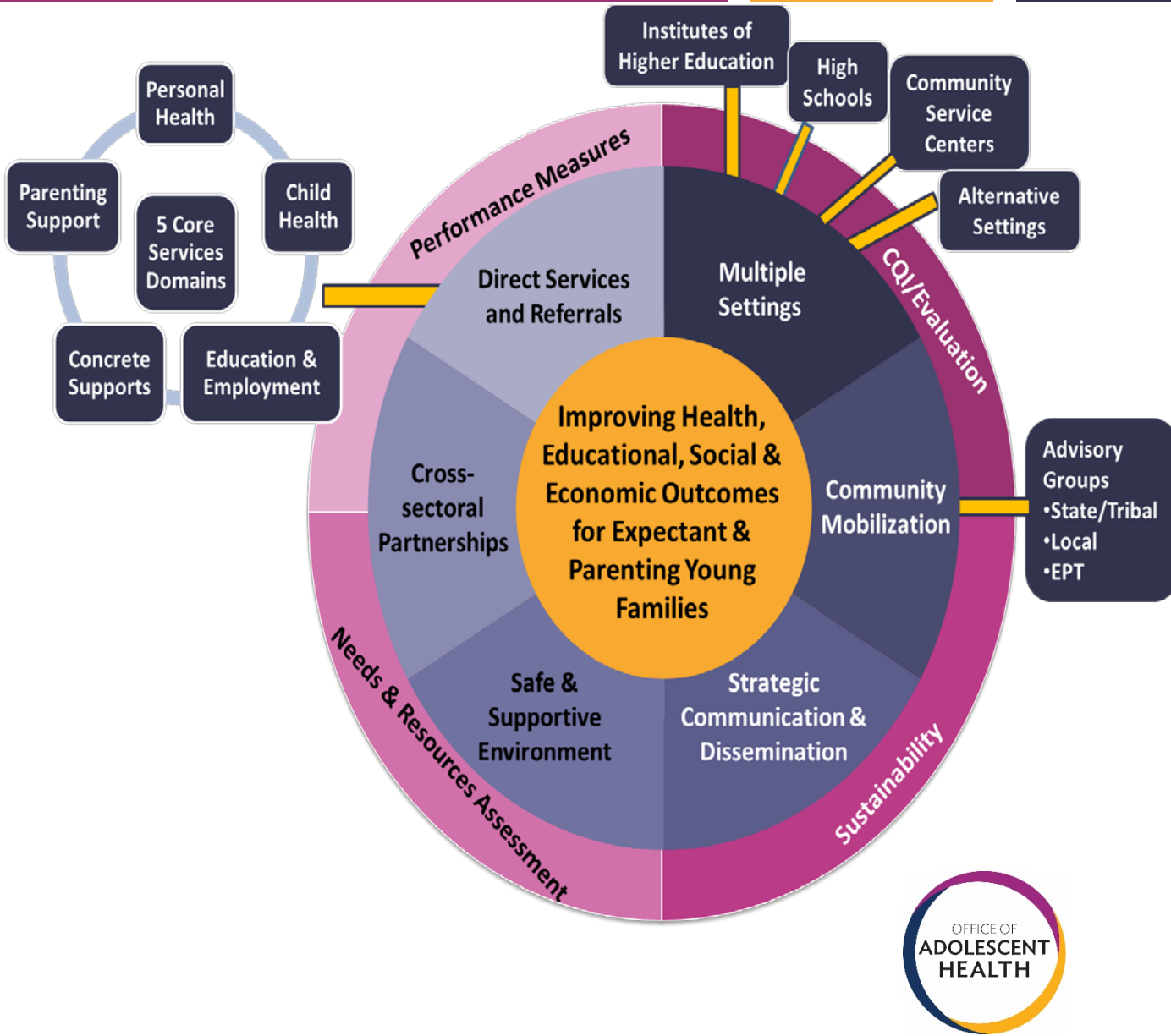
The PAF Program supports expectant and parenting young families in high schools, colleges, community service centers, and other settings.

#### COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS

In FY 2013-15, PAF Program grantees supported expectant and parenting youth by providing critical supports through direct services and linkages/referrals including: 16,600 parenting skills information, 14,400 case management services, 13,700 education support services, & 11,000 concrete supports (such as food, housing, clothing, furniture)

#### PUBLIC AWARENESS

PAF Program funds are also used to raise awareness of existing but underutilized resources for young families and to improve services for pregnant women who are victims of intimate partner violence.





- Comprehensive:
  - Education
  - Parenting Skills
  - Access to quality healthcare
  - Healthy Relationship Skills
  - Life skills
  - Self-sufficiency
  - Child care
  - Economic stability
  - Housing
- Needs require a comprehensive approach

- EBP At-A-Glance chart
- Training on EBPs required for program implementation
- Evaluation results based recommendations

## Strategies used for both programs

- Planning, piloting and readiness period
- Developing partnerships
- Establishing healthcare linkages and referrals
- Recruitment and Retention
- Multiple Settings for implementation
- Community Mobilization
- Youth and Community Engagement



# Adolescent Health: Think, Act, Grow<sup>SM</sup> (TAG)



## TAG 5 Essentials for Healthy Adolescents

1. Positive connections with supportive people
2. Safe and secure places to live, learn, and play
3. Access to high-quality, teen-friendly health care
4. Opportunities for teens to engage as learners, leaders, team members, and workers
5. Coordinated adolescent- and family-centered services



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