

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

A teenage pregnancy prevention program has been designed to reduce teen pregnancies and other high risk sexual behaviors among youth ages 13-18 in Maryvale.

The program will be implemented by Touchstone Behavioral Health of Phoenix, a non-profit 501 (C)(3) organization providing evidence-based prevention and early intervention program and behavioral health services to youth and families in Maricopa County.

The grant is for \$478,183 for five years and was awarded by the Office of Adolescent Health.

Touchstone CEO Steven Ginsberg said, "These programs have been proven effective in preventing teen pregnancy."

Group meetings will be held in schools, community centers, faith based organizations and other community locations where community outreach can be achieved. Touchstone will be looking for community partners to help build and maintain the program.

Youth will be recruited throughout the community. For more information contact Vernon Powell at Touchstone Behavioral Health 602-732-4960. www.touchstonebh.org.