



## About SC SRAE

SC's SRAE efforts are designed to support children and adolescents by promoting SRAE to prevent teen pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in groups that are most likely to bear children out-of-wedlock.

Those groups include youth who are homeless, in foster care, live in geographic areas with high teen birth rates, or come from racial or ethnic minority groups with disparities in teen birth rates.

SC's SRAE program aims to impact the following health indicators:

- Rate of out-of-wedlock births
- Rate of abortions
- Number of adolescents 19 years old and younger who engage in sexual intercourse
- Rate of sexually transmitted diseases, and Rate of teenage pregnancies

## How We Do This

The SRAE program has three funding streams to finance its efforts throughout the state, including:

- State Proviso Abstinence Until Marriage Emerging Grant
- State Proviso Abstinence Until Marriage Evidence-based Grant
- Federal Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant.

DHEC partners with groups throughout SC to provide SRAE services. Programs are evidence-based and medically accurate.

Sub-grantee agreements and overall program deliverables for the grant are monitored through detailed reports, invoices, evaluations, and regular site visits.



Each year, DHEC receives funding to incorporate positive youth development (PYD) programs that empower youth to build healthy life skills and protective factors that mitigate the impact of future negative factors.

These programs are conducted statewide, focusing on priority counties with higher rates of teen pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infections. Most of these priority counties are also considered rural areas.

Another goal of the SRAE program is to support efforts to improve parent-child communication about reproductive health and sexual risk-avoidance.