



the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy

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NEW ANALYSIS FROM POWER TO DECIDE SHOWS DECLINES IN TEEN PREGNANCY AND CHILDBEARING LEAD TO BILLIONS IN SAVINGS

(Washington, D.C.) — More than two decades of investments in prevention programs and services have led to significant declines in unplanned pregnancies and birth rates among teens in the United States. New analysis from Power to Decide, the campaign to prevent unplanned pregnancy, shows that these declines resulted in public savings of \$4.4 billion in 2015 alone. On Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Power to Decide will host a telephonic press conference to discuss the new analysis.

Investments in prevention programs empower young people to decide if, when and under what circumstances to get pregnant—and help them live life on their own terms. As reflected in the new analysis, these investments also save the public billions of dollars each year. If further investments were made in these vital programs, the organization estimates an additional \$1.9 billion could be saved each year.

The new analysis from Power to Decide reflects the public sector savings that are directly tied to medical and economic supports provided during pregnancy and infancy for teen mothers specifically through Medicaid and the Women Infant and Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) programs.

WHO: Ginny Ehrlich, Chief Executive Officer, Power to Decide
Kelleen Kaye, Vice President, Research and Evaluation, Power to Decide

WHAT: Telephonic press conference to discuss the new analysis released by Power to Decide

WHEN: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. EST

WHERE: 1-877-888-4291 or 1-785-424-1878 Conference ID: Pregnancy

Power to Decide is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to ensure all people—no matter who they are, where they live, or what their economic status might be—have the power to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant and have a child. Please visit us at www.PowerToDecide.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.