

(A) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO REDUCE UNPLANNED ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES IN THIS STATE.

(B) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) BE A STRONG ADVOCATE IN ENSURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THE SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, HEALTH, AND LEGAL PROBLEMS OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY AND PARENTHOOD;

(2) IN COOPERATION WITH APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES, FOSTER PLANS TO ENHANCE THE COORDINATION OF ALL FEDERALLY OR STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REGARDING ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY AND PARENTHOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW;

(3) SHALL DEVELOP A COORDINATED COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE PLAN, INCLUDING ESTIMATES OF NECESSARY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING, FOR REDUCING ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY AND IMPROVING SERVICES TO AT-RISK, PREGNANT, AND PARENTING ADOLESCENTS;

(4) PROMOTE INTERDEPARTMENTAL AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE POLICY AND PROGRAM COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION;

(5) COLLECT DATA AND PERFORM ANALYSIS ON ONGOING AND NEW EFFORTS AIMED AT REDUCING, PREVENTING, AND IMPROVING SERVICES TO AT-RISK, PREGNANT, AND PARENTING ADOLESCENTS;

(6) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE POLICIES DESIGNED TO ENHANCE ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION EFFORTS AND TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO AT-RISK, PREGNANT, AND PARENTING ADOLESCENTS;

(7) MONITOR STATEWIDE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL OF REDUCING ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY;

(8) PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE WIDE COMMUNITY INPUT, COMMUNICATION, AND EDUCATION REGARDING ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY;

(9) PROVIDE ADVICE TO LOCAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES SEEKING TO MOBILIZE LOCAL EFFORTS DESIGNED TO PREVENT ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES AND ASSIST ADOLESCENT PARENTS;

(10) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEWIDE PLAN, RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANTS CONCERNING ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY FROM FUNDS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THIS PURPOSE, GIVING PRIORITY TO INNOVATIVE PROJECTS THAT:

(I) PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COORDINATED NETWORK OF SERVICES FOR AT-RISK, PREGNANT, AND PARENTING ADOLESCENTS; AND