

Teens give their take on 'Baby Borrowers'

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The upcoming reality series "The Baby Borrowers" previews June 25, but some Gaston County teens can get a sneak peak today.

The reality show is based on a popular British program that takes five couples, aged 18 to 20, and tests their relationship by setting up a home, getting a job and becoming parents — first to babies and then to toddlers, pre-teens and teenagers.

"It isn't just about pregnancy and babies," said Gaston County Health Department health educator Sunny Roe, "it's about parenting and relationships and responsibility."

To'Shawn Adams is helping to host the project as part of his work with the National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Adams



Photo courtesy of Sunny Roe/Gaston County Health Department

Teens at Hunter Huss High School talk about the watch party for 'The Baby Borrowers.' Teens can get a sneak preview of the new reality show today at a watch party sponsored by the Gaston County Health Department. Teens pictured from left are Curtis Boyd, To'Shawn Adams, Jessica DuMont, Silvia Gomez, Kara Simpson, Frankie Charlton and Janelle Carnack.

is on the Youth Leadership Team for the National Campaign To Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

Teens from across the county will be invited to come to today's

party.

Kara Simpson, a junior at Hunter Huss High School, said she planned to attend.

"I think the show will be a real eye-opener for young people,"

At the local level

Number of Gaston County teens aged 14-19 giving birth

2002:	381
2003:	292
2004:	373
2005:	347
2006:	407

Source: N.C. Center for Health Statistics Web site

Simpson said. "Some young couples feel that a baby would help their relationship."

Roe said she hopes some steady couples would come to provide their perspective. Drinks, popcorn and door prizes will be provided as teens watch the first two episodes, then discuss their opinions.

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