



The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

And

UCAN (Uhlich Children's Advantage Network)

in cooperation with

Reps. Judy Biggert and Danny K. Davis

Invite you to a briefing for congressional staff:

Fostering Hope: Preventing Teen Pregnancy Among Youth in Foster Care

Thursday, January 12, 2005

12:00-1:00 PM

HC-6, the Capitol

Lunch will be provided

The National Campaign and UCAN are working together to help reduce first and subsequent teen pregnancy among youth in foster care, who are at high risk of early pregnancy and parenting, as supported by, a University of Chicago study of youth transitioning out of foster care in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin which found that nearly half of the girls had been pregnant by age 19.

At this briefing, staff from the National Campaign and UCAN will share results from the first year of this important initiative including: **focus group** research with foster teens and foster parents and an **online survey** of child welfare providers in the Chicago area; feedback from child welfare and teen pregnancy practitioners in Washington, D.C. and Chicago; and initial **implications and recommendations** for policymakers and practitioners. Angel Nash, a young woman from Chicago who has recently aged out of the foster care system will be there to share her experience of becoming a young mother in foster care.

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The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy is a private, non-profit organization with the mission of improving the lives of children, youth, and families. Since its founding in 1996, the National Campaign has helped the nation produce a one-third decline in teen pregnancy rates. Please visit teenpregnancy.org for more information.

It is the Mission of UCAN (Uhlich Children's Advantage Network) to preserve the sanctity of childhood and give youth a refuge and a future. When children are abused, troubled, or neglected, we provide comprehensive care and treatment so they may grow into healthy, productive adults. When families are challenged, we provide support and promote healing so a nurturing environment is restored. Please visit ucanchicago.com for more information.