



## Annual Awards

Each year, Teenwise Minnesota honors individuals, agencies, policy makers and programs that make outstanding contributions toward the promotion of adolescent sexual health, the prevention of adolescent pregnancy and the support of adolescent parents in Minnesota. Below is a list of award recipients.

### 2012

**Individual:** Dr. Paul Erickson, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Minneapolis  
**Program:** New Beginnings, Chaska  
**Teens:** Project 4 Teens, Council for Health Action and Promotion, Mankato  
**Judy Ojeda  
Community  
Partner:** SELF Program, Youth and Family Services, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

### 2011

**Legacy:** Nancy A. Nelson  
**Agency:** Minneapolis Public Schools  
**Advocate:** John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney  
**Teen:** Otis Mays  
**Judy Ojeda  
Community  
Partner:** Red Lake Community Education

### 2010

**Individual:** Christine Austin-Roehler, Wright County Public Health  
**Program:** El Colegio Charter School  
**Advocate:** North High School Peer Educators, Minneapolis  
**Teen:** Phoebe Chastain, Southwest High School, Minneapolis  
**Community  
Partner:** The memory of Judy Ojeda, Neighborhood House

### 2009

**Individual:** Terry Bosacker, West Suburban Teen Clinic  
**Program:** Community Doula Program, American Indian Family Center  
**Advocate:** Glynis Shea, Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota  
**Teen:** New Beginnings Cast of Characters, Carver Scott Educational Cooperative  
**Community  
Partner:** Aquí Para Ti, Hennepin Family Care East Lake Clinic



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### 2008

- Individual:** Gary Greenfield, Minnesota Department of Health
- Program:** The Center Clinic, Dodge County, Minnesota
- Advocate:** Donna Amidon, School-Based Clinics, Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support
- Teen:** Abbie McMillian, Coalition for Responsible Sex Ed, Minnesota Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, First Minneapolis Church of Minneapolis.
- Community Partner:** Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder

### 2007

- Individual:** Charlnitta "Chi" Ellis, The City, Inc.
- Program:** Bright Futures, a collaborative Olmsted County Adolescent Parent Support Seen on da Streets, Reproductive Health of Young Men
- Advocate:** Michelle Fallon, Center for Early Education and Development and Clinical Director, Baby's Space Partnership
- Teen:** Tracina "Traci" Coward, Robbinsdale Senior High School, Kwanza Community Church and Youth Coordinating Board and
- Community Partner:** Sexual Violence Prevention Program, Minnesota Department of Health

### 2006

- Individual:** Chicka Merino, Peer Education Coordinator, Lutheran Social Service
- Program:** Mankato Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program
- Policy Maker:** Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter
- Teen:** Minnesota Teens for AIDS Prevention (or MN-TAP)
- Community Partner:** Jorge Amerigo, Publisher, Vida y Sabor, the first Latino entertainment magazine in Minnesota

### 2005

- Individual:** Martha Larson, Winona Teen Parent Program
- Agency:** Family Tree Clinic
- Policy Maker:** State Senator Sandy Pappas
- Teen:** Planned Parenthood Teen Councils of Twin Cities, Duluth and Rochester



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**Community Partner:** Denise Johnson, Editor, Star Tribune  
**Member:** Dana O'Connor, MOAPPP Board Member

### 2004

**Individual:** Carolyn Rehn, formerly with Planned Parenthood  
Paula Baker, Early Success, Bemidji Teen Parent Program  
**Program:** "Keeping It Real," program of the MN Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice - sex education program for African American youth  
**Policy Maker:** State Senator John Marty for the Comprehensive Unintended Pregnancy Prevention and Abortion Reduction bill  
**Teen:** Joe Ubani, Annex Teen Clinic—Dads Make a Difference  
**Member:** Clarence Jones and Suzanne Payne, MOAPPP Board Members

### 2003

**Individual:** Sue Hebeisen, RN—Minneapolis Dept of Health and Family Support  
Claudia Pineda, Casa de Esperanza, St. Paul  
**Program:** Life Program, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Grand Rapids  
Juventud Viva, La Escuelita  
**Policy Maker:** Commissioner Mike Opat, Hennepin County Board Chair  
**Teen:** Alessandra Williams, Minneapolis, Lutheran Social Service  
Darnell Poole and Tristen Hurt, Young Men in Transition, Catholic Charities, St. Paul  
**Member:** Vern Xiong, Lao Family Community, St. Paul

### 2002

**Individual:** Corinne Ryan, Pregnant and Parenting Students' Program Coordinator, Cottage Grove, MN  
Mark Eastwood, attorney with Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, MN  
**Program:** The National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN  
**Policy Maker:** Sen. Julie Sabo (DFL), Minneapolis, MN  
Rep. Jim Davnie (DFL), Minneapolis, MN  
**Teen:** Ashley Boevers, MN ENABL with Project Sight, Fairbault  
Becky Gerhardson, Partners in Parenting Peer Education, Fergus Falls



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**Member:** Helen Jackson, Call to Action and the youth council T.O.W.M (Teens With One Message)

### 2001

**Individual:** Denise Jourdain, Division of Indian Work, Minneapolis  
Dr. Matthew Bernard, Cyndee Ebnet—Dodge Co. Women’s Health Clinic

**Program:** Co-Madres, Neighborhood House, St. Paul  
Fairview Health Services and Fairview Southdale—Mentor Program

**Policy Maker:** Rep. Neva Walker  
Sen. LeRoy Stumpf  
Governor Jesse Ventura

**Teen:** Burgette Perkins, Annex Teen Clinic, Dads Make a Difference

**Member:** Kay Guenther, New Beginnings  
Jenny Oliphant, The National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Research Center, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

### 2000

**Individual:** Ruth Hiland, Minneapolis Public Schools  
Nathan Blake, Northfield

**Program:** North High Pilot City Peer Educators, Minneapolis

**Policy Maker:** Sen. Sheila Kiscaden  
Sen. Linda Higgins

**Teen:** Helena Hoff and Brandie Davis, Woodbury Jr. High  
Kellen McWhite, Robbinsdale Armstrong HS

**Member:** Lynn Brofman, MOAPPP Board  
Barbara Kyle, Minneapolis Public Schools, TAPP

### 1999

**Individual:** Lorie Schuetzle, Anoka

**Program:** Dads Make a Difference

**Policy Maker:** Rep. Greg Gray

**Teen:** Tiffany Hermanson, Thief River Falls

**Member:** Brian Russ and Robbin Frazier

### 1998

**Individual:** Julie Kilpatrick, Washington Co. HELM and  
Marlene Lindquist, West Suburban Teen Clinic, Excelsior



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**Program:** Teen Indian Parent Program, DIW, Minneapolis  
**Policy Maker:** Sen. Becky Lourey  
**Teen:** Nearneshka Mullins, St. Paul  
**Partner:** The Poll Group  
**Member:** Jeffry Jeanetta Wark

### 1997

**Individual:** Mary Ruth Sigan, Pine River Backus High School  
**Program:** MICE Program at North High, Minneapolis  
**Policy Maker:** Sen. Jane Ranum  
Rep. Richard Jefferson  
**Teen:** Greg Holloway, Edina; Jamaica Oyster, Freshwater ENABL  
**Member:** Grit Youngquist, St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health  
Kathy Brothen, MN Department of Education

### 1996

**Coalition:** Park Rapids Area Youth Issues Network  
**Individual:** Dorothy Headly, Project SIGHT, Northfield  
**Program:** Winona Area Learning Center Teen Parent Program  
**Policy Maker:** Attorney General Skip Humphrey  
**Member:** Tisha Bolger and Noya Woodrich  
**Teen:** Katie Hiniker, Kasota

### 1995

**Coalition:** Pine River-Backus Community Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force  
**Individual:** Jeanne Jacobs, Partners in Parenting, Fergus Falls  
**Program:** Wilder Juvenile Horizons, St. Paul  
**Policy Maker:** Sen. Jane Krentz  
**Teen:** Sally Burg, Park High School, Cottage Grove  
**Member:** Kathy Truax, Rochester



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### 1994

- Coalition:** The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Network of Central MN, St. Cloud
- Individual:** Ruth Colby, AGAPE, St. Paul
- Member:** Nancy Harold, St. Paul
- Policy Maker:** Emily Anne Staples, Hennepin Co. Commissioner
- Agency:** Health Start, St. Paul