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MAY 6, 2009 NATIONAL DAY TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY

May 6, 2009, is The National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Local prevention efforts have helped to reduce teen pregnancy among 10-17 year old women in Douglas County from 17.8 pregnancies per 1,000 women in 1997 to 8.3 per 1,000 in 2007. The Healthy Teens Coalition is working to continue this downward trend through increased public awareness efforts and targeted education.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has developed a scenario-based online quiz that asks teens to think about what they would do in certain pressured situations. The Healthy Teens Coalition would like to encourage local teens to take the quiz online at www.stayteen.org/quiz/.

Information about the Healthy Teens Coalition is available online at www.co.douglas.or.us/healthyteens.

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