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Governor to Award \$1 Million in Grants for Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Education Programs

Gov. Christie Whitman will discuss the need for promoting personal responsibility tomorrow when she announces the awarding of nearly \$1 million in grants to community groups throughout New Jersey for adolescent pregnancy prevention programs.

Gov. Whitman announced her comprehensive \$1.1 million prevention education and outreach initiative to combat teen pregnancy last June. In addition to the grants being announced tomorrow, the initiative also included \$100,000 for a toll-free help line (1-800-THE-KIDS) and \$150,000 for a media outreach campaign. Additionally, the Governor's initiative endorsed the creation of the Teenage Pregnancy Advisory Council.

The Governor will be joined by Human Services Commissioner William Waldman and representatives from recipient agencies during the award ceremony in the Governor's Outer Office at the State House in Trenton. Twenty-one community agencies from throughout the state will be receiving grants during the ceremony.

Tomorrow evening, the Governor will also take part in a town meeting in Voorhees sponsored by The Courier Post.

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