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Kristen Tertzakian
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Dear Ms. Tertzakian:

I am pleased to inform you that Utah has developed a ten year (2006-2015) state goal to reduce teen pregnancy.

Based on the review of the teen pregnancy rate in the state and comparison with the national rate, we have decided that a reasonable goal for Utah would be a 20% decrease. Utah is below the national average and has seen a 20% decrease over the past nine years (1995-2203). Utah's goal will be based on a 20% decline as a reasonable goal to achieve. By the year 2015, the pregnancy rate among Utah girls aged 15-19 will be 31.7 per 1000 girls of the same ages.

From 1995-2003, Utah's pregnancy rate among 15-19 year olds has declined by 20.8%. The rate in 1995 was 50.0 and the 2003 rate (the most current data available) was 39.6.

We feel confident that Utah will reach this goal by 2015 and look forward to strengthening our partnership with The National Campaign To Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

Sincerely,

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