Conscious Choice is an approach to reducing teen pregnancies by building a supportive community. Participating young women who make the conscious choice to delay motherhood and graduate from high school are recognized and rewarded.

**Mission:**

Reduce Teen Pregnancies
Increase HS Graduation Rate

The E. Desmond Lee Regional Institute of Tutorial Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis supports the Conscious Choice program with UMSL scholarships, special events, and gifts. In addition, Conscious Choice collaborates with community partners for mentoring and provides workshops on such topics as bullying, etiquette, and reproductive health.

**Supporting Conscious Choice**

You may support Conscious Choice through the St. Louis School Foundation by visiting the website: [http://www.slpsfoundation.org/supportus.htm](http://www.slpsfoundation.org/supportus.htm)

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You may donate to **Conscious Choice** as outlined below:

**Donate by mail:**  
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If you have questions,  
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Thank you for your support!
• Teen pregnancy is the **number one** reason why girls drop out of high school

• Only 41% of teen mothers complete high school

• **Less than 2%** of teen mothers graduate from college

• The United States **ranks #1** in teen pregnancies among the industrialized nations

• **81%** of pregnancies are unplanned

• The **cost in 2008**:
  - Missouri dollars—215 Million
  - Federal dollars—10.9 Billion

• **750,000** teen girls, ages 15-19, get pregnant annually

• Babies born to teen mothers have a **higher mortality rate**

www.thenationalcampaign.org

**The Facts**

| Program Activities |

* Community Mentors
* Workshops
* Essay Contest for UMSL Scholarships
* College Showers
* Field Trips

**Participating Schools**

- Beaumont
- Northwest
- Sumner
- Vashon
- Roosevelt

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