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Healthy Teen Network's blog, [Under the Currents](#), provides another online platform to discuss news and ideas in the world of adolescent sexual and reproductive health.

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2014 Healthy Teen Network Awardees

Each year, Healthy Teen Network recognizes the important work of individuals and organizations through our awards, presented at [our annual national conference](#). We are excited and proud to announce this year's award recipients!



Susan Tortolero Emery

Douglas B. Kirby Adolescent Research Award

Susan Tortolero Emery, Ph.D. is Professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences and of Epidemiology at The University of Texas School of Public Health. She is Director of the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research and Director of The University of Texas Prevention Research Center (UTPRC). Dr. Tortolero Emery has more than 20 years of experience conducting research on risk and protective behaviors regarding adolescent physical and mental health. A central focus of her research concerns adolescent sexual and reproductive health. She has been Principal

Investigator on numerous NIH- and CDC-funded studies and is one of the principal developers of *It's Your Game...Keep It Real!*, a sexual health education curriculum for middle school students proven to delay sexual initiation.



Corey Jones

Outstanding Teen Parent Award

Corey Jones has been involved in youth advocacy work for the past 10 years. He started his career as a Peer Educator for the *No Kidding* program with YouthLaunch, where he educated youth on the rights, responsibilities, and realities of teen parenthood. During his eight years there, he led a team of peer educators, helped develop the curriculum that was used to teach and train the peer educators, and traveled around the county speaking about the life of a teen parent and how youth development programs can empower young parents to achieve their life's goals. Mr. Jones was a credible source because at the tender age of 16 he

became a father. He currently works with the Austin Municipal Court as a juvenile case manager for high risk juveniles. He graduated from Texas Lutheran University, and he and his wife, the mother of both of his girls, are still together today. He credits the *No Kidding* program for playing such a huge role in his life and accomplishments.



Mary Jo Podgurski

The Carol Mendez Cassell Award for Excellence in Sexuality Education

"I am blessed to spend my days interacting with young people and I treasure every moment; I believe deeply in their wisdom," says Dr. Mary Jo Podgurski. "My primary mantra is simple: Every young person is a person of worth." Dr. Podgurski founded The Washington Health System Teen

[Using a Logic Model to Support Your Programs](#)

Capacity-Building Assistance

Healthy Teen Network provides capacity-building services, such as training and technical assistance (TA) on a range of topics related to adolescent health and well-being. We are available to support your initiatives with a range of services, including training, TA, keynote addresses, evaluation support, resource development, and more. [Visit us online for more information.](#)

Calendar of Events

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Healthy Teen Network's online [Calendar of Events](#) connects you with information on important events and national observations.

To submit upcoming events for possible inclusion in the calendar, please email [Shanise Taylor](#).

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Outreach in 1988. She began volunteering with pregnant teens in 1976 and has created numerous youth development and education programs using reality-based, interactive educational techniques that are evidence-based and empower youth. She directs a monthly Adolescent Advisory Board of 75 teens, maintains an active peer educator group (since 1995), and produces teen educational dramas through the Real Talk Performers. Dr. Podgurski hosts the Common Ground Teen Center, the only teen center in her community. In 2005 she co-founded the first GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) and continues to volunteer weekly at GSA meetings. Dr. Podgurski is the author of seven books and has presented more than 500 workshops locally, nationally, and internationally.



Georgia Public Private Partnership to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (P3)

Outstanding Emerging Innovation Award

The Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power & Potential (GCAPP) is serving as the backbone organization of the Georgia Public Private Partnership to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (P3). P3 has set a state goal to reduce teen pregnancy by 1/3 by 2020. P3 members represent state public agencies, non-profits, and foundations from multiple arenas including education, child welfare, public health, and juvenile justice. P3 partners are strengthening major state systems and building the infrastructure to strengthen the capacity of youth-serving professionals and clinicians to implement quality, evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs and reproductive and sexual health clinical practices. P3 has had unprecedented outcomes in changing systems, aligning resources and work, and building a statewide infrastructure to support high quality programs and practices in the last three years.



#NoTeenShame Spirit of Service Award

#NoTeenShame is the public voice on the issue of teen pregnancy and the unnecessary stigmatization of teen parents. Created by a group of seven young mothers--Natasha Vianna, Gloria Malone, Lisette Orellana, Jasmin Colon, Christina Martinez, Marylouise Kuti-Schubert, and Consuela Greene--across the country (some of whom have never met in person), #NoTeenShame believes no young person should be shamed for his or her reproductive choices. "What #NoTeenShame has really shown me, as simply one of

its core members, is that online advocacy that is born out of speaking up when something is wrong is powerful, purposeful, and can change the way people think about certain topics," says Gloria Malone.

Awards will be presented at [Synergy: Achieving More Together](#). This can't miss event will feature [keynotes by Kenya Solomon Masala and Dr. Wanda Jones](#), [engaging plenary sessions](#), skills-building workshops, many networking opportunities, and more. The conference will be held October 21-24 in Austin, Texas. [Register now and save \\$100!](#)

On the Road with Healthy Teen Network

CUAPP in San Antonio



Participants at another recent Healthy Teen Network SHARP Training

Healthy Teen Network trainers Deborah Chilcoat and Alex Eisler traveled to San Antonio Texas in July to deliver a [SHARP \(Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention\) Training-of-Facilitators \(TOF\) and Training-of-Trainers \(TOT\)](#) for the UTTeenHealth program at the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC). The UTTeenHealth program is a grantee under a CDC Division of Reproductive Health cooperative agreement.

Deb and Alex trained UTTeenHealth staff, as well as Bexar Department of Juvenile Probation staff, to deliver the SHARP curriculum with youth.

SHARP may be the best fit for the unique needs of the youth in your community--it is one of the few evidence-based programs designed specifically for use among system-involved youth.

The SHARP intervention includes videos, a video game, lecture, group discussion, and activities. The session applies motivational interviewing approaches during the intervention. You can find out more about the SHARP curriculum through [Sociometrics](#).

Contact [Healthy Teen Network](#) today, or complete a [service request form](#), to learn how we can support you to implement SHARP. Trainings-of-facilitators (TOF) as well as Trainings-of-trainers (TOT) are available now!

Healthy Teen Network Member Spotlight:

The Door

Empowering young people to reach their potential



work, and life.

[The Door](#)'s mission is to empower young people to reach their potential by providing comprehensive youth development services in a diverse and caring environment. Since 1972, The Door has helped a diverse and rapidly growing population of disconnected youth in New York City gain the tools they need to become successful, in school,

Each year The Door serves more than 11,000 young people from all over New York City, with a wide range of services including reproductive health care and education, mental health counseling and crisis assistance, legal assistance, GED and ESOL classes, tutoring and homework help, college preparation services, career development, job training and placement, supportive housing, sports and recreational activities, arts, and nutritious meals--all for free, completely confidentially, and under one roof.

As the challenges facing young people are many and varied, the solutions The

programming because increased staff collaborations and truly "wraparound" services lead to stronger bonds of support, amplified triumphs, and more empowered young people.

If you have any questions about the Healthy Teen Network Spotlight, please contact [Kelly Connelly](#).

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