



Young Parents Take Action

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During a recent effort by ICAH to encourage the Chicago City Council to increase funding for HIV prevention programs, 29 pregnant and parenting youth sent comments in support to their aldermen. Below are some of their comments, underscoring not only the commitment that they have to this issue, but also highlighting the concerns they have for the futures of their families and communities.

I'm here today trying to see if you could listen to what people have to say. **I am a teenager and a mother.** I think you should still support the HIV prevention funds. If you don't there is going to a lot of other young girls getting pregnant or infected and more people would be dying.

I feel as though we need as much help as we can get. African American young women are at higher risk than any other race. **I ask you on behalf of all the young women at Simpson Academy** to please do all you can. Thank you for your time.

I urge you to do all that you can to support HIV prevention for youth in Chicago because there are to many young American women dying at a young age. Put yourself in there position or if you have kids think about the tools they need to do the right thing. Wouldn't you want someone to help you or provide a funding to help your child in their or your situation. I'm a teen, I'm 18 years of age and I have a lot of sympathy for them myself. I feel all the pain that they is going through right about now. **SO PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT DO SOMETHING TO HELP THESE YOUNG TEENS AND THESE YOUNG PARENTS BY SUPPORTING THEM OR FUNDING THEM WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS. WHAT IF IT WAS YOU?????**

I am in high school and condoms is important to me.

I urge you to do all that you can to support HIV prevention for youth in Chicago. I'm a teen mom and **I would like to help other young people** to have more information about HIV and birth control.

I urge you to do all that you can to support HIV prevention for youth in Chicago, **because I am a teenager and I don't want my baby to have an HIV.**

I urge you to do all that you can to support HIV prevention for youth in Chicago, because **what if it was your little girl or son.** You would want them to be treated or tested with insurance or not.

I urge you to do all that you can to support HIV prevention for youth in Chicago. I don't think that it is fair for you to cut AIDS prevention **we have the right to speak up** and I don't think it's fair so please find it in your heart to save AIDS prevention.

Please help us support the cause of HIV. **There's a lot of young women my age with HIV** so please help us prevent HIV.

I am a teenager who thinks that this information is needed and very well helpful.