

THE MASSACHUSETTS PREGNANT & PARENTING TEEN INITIATIVE

Office of Sexual Health & Youth Development
Massachusetts Department of Public Health



PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase educational attainment & employment
- Improve access to & utilization of health services
- Enhance family stability & child development

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY...

"Every time I talk to them, even if I hit that patch where I get sad or don't get motivated about anything, as soon as [my case worker] calls me to check-in or to schedule our next visit, I get motivated again."

-MPPTI participant

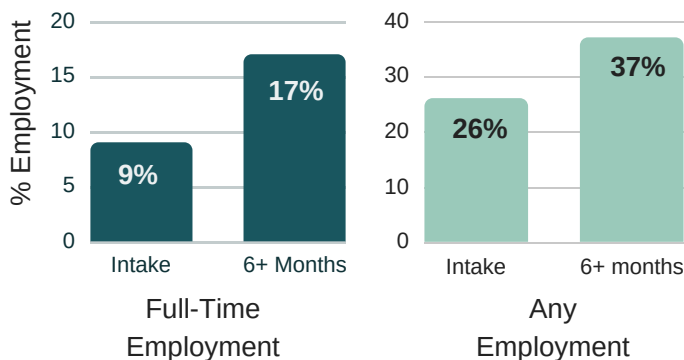


ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS PREGNANT & PARENTING TEEN INITIATIVE

The Massachusetts Pregnant and Parenting Teen Initiative (MPPTI) provides case management services to expectant and parenting adolescents using a positive youth development approach that builds on participants' strengths. The program aims to increase life opportunities and enhance family stability among young families in the communities of Chelsea, Holyoke, Lawrence, New Bedford, and Springfield.

PROGRAM IMPACT¹

Employment among MPPTI Participants, Intake & 6+ Months, 2014-2016 (n=296)



MPPTI serves an average of 580 participants - 280 adolescents and 300 children - annually. Among participants engaged in the program for 6+ months during 2014-2016:



The percentage² with full-time employment nearly doubled



The percentage using a long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) increased by 10%³

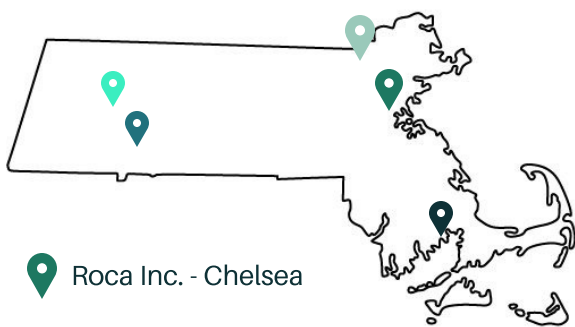


The percentage of participants with their own housing increased by 4%⁴

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PROGRAM INFORMATION



- 📍 Roca Inc. - Chelsea
- 📍 Roca Inc. - Holyoke
- 📍 Family Service of Merrimack Valley - Lawrence
- 📍 Meeting Street - New Bedford
- 📍 Roca Inc. - Springfield



PROGRAM MODEL

MPPTI uses a multidisciplinary team model to provide services that are tailored to participants' individual needs. Services are provided at community locations or during home visits.

Core services include:

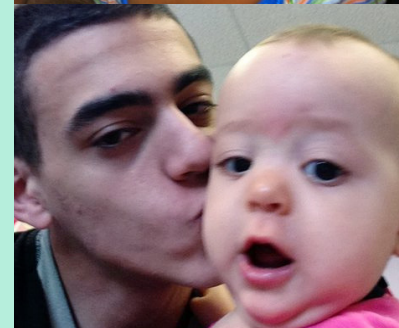
- Health education & counseling
- Behavioral health support
- Child health & development
- Referrals to primary and reproductive health care
- Education & employment support
- Parenting support
- Concrete supports (food, transportation, benefits)



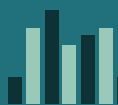
WHAT STAFF SAY...

"One participant we've seen become a co-worker... that's huge. No more mentoring them. Now side-by-side—we're colleagues. To me, that's awesome."

-MPPTI youth worker



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DATA
DRIVEN



POSITIVE YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT



RACIAL
JUSTICE



TRAUMA INFORMED
CARE



HEALTH
EQUITY



REPRODUCTIVE
JUSTICE



SUSTAINABILITY

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References:

1. Data on program impact is from MPPTI programming data collected during 2014-2016. Data is collected in a Microsoft Access database and analyzed in SAS.
2. McNemar's test, $p=0.0001$
3. McNemar's test, $p=0.002$
4. McNemar's test, $p=0.1$

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