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**Speech Title: Teenage Pregnancy**

**Introduction**

Attention Getter: In today’s society teenage pregnancy has been one of the most popular social issues. A few weeks ago The Stabrook news reported that a 13 year old giving birth to a baby girl. It was said that she was having a relationship with a 17 year old boy, who was attending the same school as her.

Thesis Statement: This issue has been a constant rise to social issues in our communities and it’s important for us to gist a clear view about the definition, the causes and effects and how we can prevent it from happening.

Creditability Statement: I am not a teenage parent but I have many friends, who I grow up with are victims of teenage pregnancy. Once I choose this topic I didn’t had to do a lot of inquires since I was fully aware of the all the elements that contributes to teenage pregnancy.

Review main points: Today I will be speaking about the definition to teen pregnancy, the causes and effects and how to prevent it.

**Body**

Main Point #1: What is teenage Pregnancy?

Supporting Material:

* According to the free dictionary states that teenage Pregnancy is when a female, age 13 to 19, who hasn’t completed her core education—secondary school—has few or no marketable skills, is financially dependent upon her parents and/or continues to live at home and is mentally immature.

Main Point#2: What are some causes of teenage pregnancy?

Supporting Material:

* Peer Pressure
* Absent Parents
* Lack of Knowledge
* Sexual Abuse

Main Point#3: What are the effects of teenage pregnancy?

Supporting Materials:

* Medical Complications
* Emotional Crisis
* Depression
* Neglect of Baby

Main Point #4: How to prevent teen pregnancy?

Supporting Materials:

* Be a more involved parent
* Educate teens on teen pregnancy
* Educate teens on pregnancy prevention

**Conclusion:** In concluding I must say teen pregnancy is a serious problem and we as a community should work together to ensure our teens are aware of the difficulties that tails it. We should focus on the prevention strategies to help reduce the high rate to teenage pregnancy.

Clincher: Teen girls need to comprehend that what they do today will influence tomorrow and it’s better to be careful than sorry. Life is precious to be wasted on insensitive acts such as teenage pregnancy.