



## Women's Program Highlights

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## Opening Soon: Teen Health Center

South Carolina has the 12th highest teen birth rate in our nation, with over 4,200 women under age 21 giving birth in 2014. The economic impact of teen pregnancy is estimated to surpass \$166 million annually. In a recent statewide exploratory study examining teen pregnancy prevention efforts, the S.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (S.C. Campaign) identified strategies to reduce these birth rates. In response to this study, Greenville Health System



(GHS), in partnership with the state's public health system (DHEC) and the S.C. Campaign, has established the Bridge Health Center for Teens & Young Adults.

The center is housed in a medical office complex on Cleveland Street in Greenville. It is the first of its kind in South Carolina and is designed to establish a new paradigm for partnering public health entities with larger healthcare systems.

Opening early 2017, the center's mission is to establish a teen-focused, teen-friendly environment that provides timely and effective prevention and treatment for conditions threatening the health and well-being of adolescents and young adults. The initial focus will be to decrease teen pregnancy. The center is modeled after the highly successful "The Point at Tobias" in Spartanburg, which led to a 48 percent reduction in teen births from 2008-13.

Over the next three years, the goal for the Bridge Health Center for Teens & Young Adults is to become a multidisciplinary facility for comprehensive adolescent health care. Within this timeframe, plans include adding general adolescent healthcare services, mental and behavioral health services, and sports medicine. Educational programs also will be offered for teens and the adults who care for them.



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