

Investigating the Knowledge and Attitude of Teenage Pregnancy among Learners in the Eastern Cape

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ABSTRACT Teenage pregnancy is one of the social problems in South Africa and is of great significance, as it affects the education of young girls. Previous studies indicate that pregnant teenagers are more likely to be at risk of complications of pregnancy than older women. The aim of this study was to investigate the knowledge and attitudes toward teenage pregnancy among high school learners. A sample of 181 learners was taken from three selected schools in Eastern Cape. The learners were recruited and served as study participants. Data was collected using a self-administered questionnaire, which was designed to measure the knowledge and attitudes toward teenage pregnancy. Descriptive and inferential statistics were used to analyze the data. The results showed an 11.7 percent prevalence of teenage pregnancy among the learners. The learners sampled from the three selected schools were found to have positive knowledge and attitudes regarding teenage pregnancy. The results of the study may inform teenage pregnancy prevention and intervention strategies aimed at high school learners.