**ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:**

**ENRICHING THE LIVES OF PREGNANT TEENS**


MUSC and "Charleston School of Law"

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**IN THE UNITED STATES**
- There were over 700,000 teen pregnancies in 2006.¹
- Ten percent of babies born in 2008 were born to women under 20.²
- Nineteen percent of pregnant teens already have one child.

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**IN SOUTH CAROLINA**
- Nine out of ten teen mothers are not married.
- Thirty-five percent of babies born in 2008 were born to mothers with less than adequate prenatal care.

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**MISSION³**
To provide young, at-risk pregnant and parenting women comprehensive services to help them become self-sufficient and responsible mothers.

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**RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**
Provides comprehensive services for pregnant girls and young women ages 10 to 21 from the entire state of South Carolina, including prenatal care, continued education, life skills, counseling, and 24-hour residential care in a Charleston, SC facility.

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**EXPRESSED NEED**
- Financial support
- Transportation for FC residents
- A more robust list of community partners

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**METHODS**
- Establish a relationship with Florence Crittenton (FC).
- Develop a survey to distribute to FC residents that assesses their recreational, educational, and career-related needs and interests.
- Submit the survey to the MUSC IRB for approval.
- Meet with the FC residents to informally assess their needs and interests after the IRB denies approval of the survey.
- Compose a community resource guide to distribute to FC residents based on informal interviews conducted at the home.

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**SOURCES**
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