

Protecting Sexual & Reproductive Health of Adolescents in the Baltimore EMA

Key Facts

**Adolescents and young adults, ages 15-24,
make up 1/2 of all new STI infections**

**Unique factors place youth
at risk for STIs:**

- **Biology**
- **Confidentiality Concerns**
- **Insufficient Screening**
- **Lack of Access to Healthcare**
- **Multiple Partners**

**Untreated STIs can cause
life-long health problems**

**Untreated STIs can increase the
risk of getting HIV**

Impact of Sexual Behaviors*

Reported among Maryland 15 - 19 year olds in 2018:

- **2,678 births among females**
- **9,838 cases of chlamydia**
- **1,767 cases of gonorrhea**
- **30 cases of primary and secondary syphilis (the infectious stages)**

Preventing STIs & HIV: Best Practices

- **Access to medically accurate comprehensive sexual health education**
- **Access to sexual health services (including condoms)**
- **Access to STI Testing & Treatment**
- **Vaccination (Human Papillomavirus, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A)**

*additional information, not in presentation. Data sources:

[Maryland STI 2018 Annual Report](#). Center for STI Prevention, Maryland Department of Health. Accessed 4/17/2020
[Maryland Vital Statistics Annual Report, 2018](#), Table 11a. Births By Age, Race And Hispanic Origin Of Mother, Region And Political Subdivision, Maryland, 2018. Maryland Department of Health, Vital Statistics Administration. Accessed 3/20/2020.