

A BETTER TOMORROW
(Fictitious Agency – devised for Illustration Only)

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN ANNUAL REPORT MUST CONTAIN:

- Annual Services Available
- 2005 Accomplishments/Services Provided
- Board Member List
- Staff List (Chief Administrative Personnel – Volunteer or Paid)
- **FEDERATIONS MUST ADD DUES AND FEES DISCLOSURE LISTED IN ITEM #17 OF THE FEDERATION APPLICATION.**

2005 SERVICES AVAILABLE

There has been a significant rise in the number of teenage pregnancies throughout the past decade. Young mothers and their babies are at risk of economic, social and health problems.

A Better Tomorrow helps pregnant teenagers deal successfully with the challenges of pregnancy and parenthood by providing a positive nurturing environment with caring adult volunteer counseling. The counselors work with the young women to provide friendship and guidance. The young women are given prenatal health care and parenting classes. They are also eligible to be a part of our Mothers in High School program which offers childcare and support. All young women are encouraged to complete their education.

During their stay at A Better Tomorrow, young women are eligible for vocational training in a variety of areas. We offer classes in basic computer use, business writing and job searching. The young women must participate in our World of Work program. Each young woman chooses a field they find interesting and will accompany at least three volunteers to work for half a day. This allows them to gain some insight into the many potential career opportunities that are available and to be exposed to a variety of different fields.

We have no income eligibility requirements for the young women we help. However, most of our clients come from economically disadvantaged homes.

A Better Tomorrow provides a safe place for the pregnant teenagers to stay during their pregnancy and up to three months after giving birth. The girls are also required to take parenting classes to help them better deal with issues and problems they will face in the future such as discipline and nutrition. It is critical to teach these new mothers the necessary parenting skills to assure the successful development of our future generations. The young mothers can learn that their future will not be easy but with proper education and support their lives can be rewarding. Young women who are interested are also put in touch with adoption agencies and helped with counseling through this process.

2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased a 20,000 square foot building. Renovations should begin in March 2006 and we expect to be able to move in by the end of April 2006. The new building will allow us to increase our living quarters to hold a total of 18 young women and 2 staff. This will raise the capacity of occupants by 25%. Classroom space will also augment more participation and hands on involvement by an additional five persons. The child day care facility will also be expanded by a proportional 25%.

The new facility will have a larger area for administrative work and an easily accessible space for staff workshops.

- Selected as primary recipient of the 2005 Rockefeller Foundation Youth Service Grant to provide parenting education for young mothers allowing the training and development of an additional 15 young women.
- Recipient of Suzuki Community Services Grant to help fund child care costs; resulting in a 35% increase of child care services for 10 additional children.
- Recipient of Community Medical Service Award which provided 12 infant car seats.
- High School retention rate for young women entering the program during 2004 was 72%.
- Attendance and participation of young women at classes and workshops was 100%.
- Assisted in placing 5 young women in paid full-time positions and another 4 in part-time positions.
- Conducted classes on the following: Child Birth, Infant Daily Care, Discipline in a Loving Home, Nutritious Food Can Be Fun, Teenagers and Sex, Being a Successful Mother and Student, and Financial Aid Availability. These classes were provided for the 28 resident pregnant teenagers, totaling over 924 classroom hours. The classes were also offered to 25 non-resident pregnant teenagers and young mothers totaling over 513 hours of training.
- Provided childcare services for our maximum capacity of 12 children throughout the entire year. The childcare was provided at an average of 7 hours per day for 12 infants. Services were furnished for a total of 30 newborn children.

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