# Reconceiving Black Adolescent Pregnancy: A Paradigm Shift for Research, Policy, and Practice

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Black adolescent pregnancy is a complex issue with a long history in the United States. The rates of pregnancy among Black teens have been consistently higher than those of other racial and ethnic groups, and this disparity has persisted for decades.



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Traditional approaches to addressing Black adolescent pregnancy have focused on individual risk factors, such as poverty, lack of education, and limited access to healthcare. While these factors are certainly important, they do not fully explain the high rates of pregnancy among Black teens.

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition that the root causes of Black adolescent pregnancy lie in structural racism and the social and economic inequality that Black youth face. This recognition has led to a paradigm shift in the way that researchers, policymakers, and practitioners approach this issue.

Reconceiving Black Adolescent Pregnancy: A Paradigm Shift for Research, Policy, and Practice provides a comprehensive analysis of the complex social, economic, and cultural factors that contribute to adolescent pregnancy among Black youth. The book also offers innovative approaches to addressing this issue based on a human rights framework.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides an overview of the current state of Black adolescent pregnancy in the United States. The second part examines the root causes of this issue, including structural racism, poverty, and limited access to healthcare. The third part offers a vision for a new paradigm for addressing Black adolescent pregnancy, based on the principles of human rights, social justice, and reproductive justice.

*Reconceiving Black Adolescent Pregnancy* is a groundbreaking work that will change the way we think about and address this issue. The book is essential reading for researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and anyone who is interested in promoting the health and well-being of Black youth.

### Reviews

"*Reconceiving Black Adolescent Pregnancy* is a must-read for anyone who is interested in understanding and addressing the complex issue of Black adolescent pregnancy. The book provides a comprehensive analysis of the root causes of this issue, and offers innovative approaches to addressing it based on a human rights framework." - **Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former Surgeon General of the United States**  "This book is a powerful indictment of the structural racism that has led to the high rates of pregnancy among Black teens. The authors offer a compelling vision for a new paradigm for addressing this issue, based on the principles of human rights, social justice, and reproductive justice." - **Dr. Dorothy Roberts, author of** *Killing the Black Body* 

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