

Extending care to 21 is the earliest intervention: the evidence



CalYouth (California, 2018)

Each additional year in extended care decreased the odds of early parenthood between the ages of 17 and 21 by about 28%.



Washington State Institute for Public Policy (2020)

Extended care decreased the likelihood of having a child between ages 18 and 23. Participants in extended care were also less likely to be reported to Child Protection Services or to have a child removed from the home.



Midwest Study (USA, 2015)

Extending care to age 21 is associated with a 38% reduction in the risk of girls becoming pregnant between 17 and 19 years old.



The National Youth in Transition Database study

Extended foster care was associated with a decreased likelihood of parenting a child by age 19



Deloitte Access Economics (NSW, 2018)

Rate of teen pregnancy reduced from 16.6% to 10.2% for young women who stay in care until the age of 21 relative to those who leave care at 18 years of age.



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