

THINK ABOUT IT!

The mission of the Child Support Services Division **Think About it!** Program is to encourage students to think about the life choices they make now and the potential child support issues they may encounter in the future based on their decisions.

Our **Think About It!** Program is a combination of engaging presentations, interactive student activities and real life scenarios with a focus on **Alaska's Child Support Program.**

DID YOU KNOW?

About 275,000 babies are born to teenage mothers every year.

If you are interested in this program or have questions related to it, please call the Child Support Services Division at (907) 269-6900 or contact our Outreach Liaison at (907) 269-6777



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Having a baby is costly!



- \$ One baby can go through 5,000 diapers in under three years... guess who gets to clean that up? That's \$1,200.00 and 166 hours spent on changing diapers.
- \$ In the first two years, parents can expect to lose 730 hours of sleep (that's 30 days)
- \$ 80% of teenage fathers do not marry the mother of their child.
- \$ Your state occupational, fishing and driver's license can be revoked. Your PFD can be garnished and you can even be thrown in jail for not paying your child support.
- \$ 2/3 of unmarried single parents live at the poverty level.
- \$ Teen pregnancy can have serious consequences for teenagers, including decreased chances of finishing school, and a rocky financial future.
- \$ It costs \$241,080.00 to raise a child to age 18. This does not include expenses such as sports, cell phones and video games.

DID YOU KNOW?
Three out of ten girls in the United States get pregnant at least once by age 20.

Your time can be spent hanging out with friends, playing sports, acting in plays, going to prom, applying for colleges, or traveling for the summer. Why give up all of the exciting experiences of being a teenager to become a parent?

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59% of adults ages 18 to 39 are still financially dependent on their parents in some capacity.

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The child support payment you receive monthly will not be enough to raise your child.

\$363.00 is an average monthly child support payment in Alaska.

Let's take that \$363.00 Child Support check and pay for your baby's necessities...

- \$775.00—Day Care/Monthly**
- \$108.00—4 cans of formula**
- \$35.00—diapers (140 count)**
- \$20.00—baby wipes**

That leaves you with the responsibility of paying \$575.00 for the rest of the baby's necessities, not including important things like rent, household bills, shampoo, clothes and gas for your car.

Not the glamorous life a teenager pictures is it?

