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**Stanislaus County Teens Talent Showcase in
Recognition of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month - May**

What: Stanislaus County currently ranks the 14th highest county in California for teen pregnancies. In recognition of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month of May, on Friday May 22nd, the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA) Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, in collaboration with community partners, will be hosting a free Teen Talent Showcase and informational booths. Contestants are pre-screened and the finalists will be Stanislaus County teens ranging in ages from 13-19. Performances will include singing, freestyle dancing, music bands, and more. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Community partners will have informational booths.

The purpose of this event is to provide a forum where teens can be exposed to positive career opportunities encouraging youth to stay focused on their future and also provide an awareness of the effects of teen pregnancy in an effort to reduce the teen pregnancy rates in Stanislaus County.

Who: Sponsoring and participating agencies and organizations include: Health Services Agency, Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children, Planned Parenthood, Soroptimist International of Modesto North, Anthem Blue Cross, Modesto Junior College, California State University - Stanislaus Student Outreach, Youth Employment Opportunity Program, Project Youth Employment Services, Safavi Institute of Cosmetology and Esthetics - Paul Mitchell School, Institute of Technology, Modesto Pregnancy Center, and Youth Action Commission of Stanislaus County.

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When: Friday, May 22nd
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - Informational booths
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - Talent Show

Where: 10th Street Plaza, Downtown Modesto
(by *Brenden Theatre*)

Visuals: Featuring 27 teams of teen performers, and informational booths from local agencies and community organizations.

Media-Specific Information (do not publish): Spokesperson, Esmeralda Gonzalez, HSA Health Promotion Manager, will be available for interviews between 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 at the HSA informational booth.

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