

# Teen Line

1-800-443-8336

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<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/cahotlines/teenline/>  
Iowa State University Extension/Iowa Department of Public Health

## How many people called?

Teen Line received 182 calls for the month of December. This is a decrease of 4 calls from the previous month. The annual total (fiscal year) of calls from October 2003 – December 2003 is 606.

## Who called?

The average caller was 15 years old, female (46% female, 31% male), and remained on the line for 4 minutes. Twenty percent of the calls were made by adults. Eight percent of the callers were using our service for the second time or more.

## Topics of discussion:

The greatest number of calls were categorized as relationship concerns (16%). Of these thirty calls, 55% revolved around family issues, 13% revolved around peer/friend issues, and another 26% were concerned about boy and/or girl relationships.

The remaining calls were categorized as follows: abuse (10 or 5%), birth control (2 or 1%), educational (9 or 5%), employment (5 or 3%), foster care/aftercare (1 or 1%), gangs (1 or 1%), hang-ups (37 or 20%), health (10 or 5%), information about hotline (16 or 9%), lonely or just needed to talk (7 or 4%), other (23 or 13%), prank (7 or 4%), pregnancy (10 or 5%), sexuality (7 or 4%), suicide (2 or 1%), and wrong number (14 or 8%).

## What was the outcome of the calls?

Of the 182 calls, 57 (31%) required a listening ear and counseling that the Teen Line staff provided. In addition, 34 callers (19%) had a specific question that staff was able to answer. To supplement the information given by staff, 33 referrals (18%) were made. Staff was unable to help the 45 callers (25%) that hung-up or made a prank call.

## To whom were the callers referred?

Of the referrals that were made, 13% were to a family planning center, 5% were to the caller's parents, 8% to another hotline, 13% to school personnel, 8% to medical services, and 15% who were referred to a counselor other than their school counselor. One caller (3%) were referred to the Iowa Aftercare Services Network.

## What is available for marketing?

Brochures and rulers are available displaying the Teen Line number. To obtain these you may order them through the Iowa State Extension Distribution Center at 515-294-5247 or contact the Teen Line during office hours from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.

If anyone would like additional statistics on the Teen Line, feel free to contact us at 1-800-443-8336. Current and previous reports are available for download at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/cahotlines/teenline/>.

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Time Period of Report: Dec. 2003 Number of Calls: 182 Average Call Length: 4 min.

## Client Information:

Male: 31% Female: 46% Avg. Age: 15 Adult Callers: 20% Repeat Callers: 8%

## Call Topic:

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>10 or 5%</u>  | Abuse...                  |
| <u>1 or 9%</u>   | <i>Physical</i>           |
| <u>2 or 18%</u>  | <i>Substance</i>          |
| <u>1 or 9%</u>   | <i>Denial of Care</i>     |
| <u>7 or 64%</u>  | <i>Sexual</i>             |
| <u>2 or 1%</u>   | Birth Control             |
| <u>3 or 2%</u>   | Brochure Request...       |
| <u>9 or 5%</u>   | Educational               |
| <u>5 or 3%</u>   | Employment                |
| <u>1 or 1%</u>   | Foster Care/Aftercare     |
| <u>1 or 1%</u>   | Gangs                     |
| <u>37 or 20%</u> | Hang-Up                   |
| <u>10 or 5%</u>  | Health...                 |
| <u>1 or 10%</u>  | <i>AIDS</i>               |
| <u>1 or 10%</u>  | <i>Dieting/Nutrition</i>  |
| <u>2 or 20%</u>  | <i>Eating Disorders</i>   |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | <i>Puberty</i>            |
| <u>4 or 40%</u>  | <i>STD's</i>              |
| <u>2 or 20%</u>  | <i>Other</i>              |
| <u>16 or 9%</u>  | Information about hotline |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | Legal                     |
| <u>7 or 4%</u>   | Lonely/Just to talk       |
| <u>7 or 4%</u>   | Prank                     |
| <u>10 or 5%</u>  | Pregnancy...              |
| <u>30 or 16%</u> | Relationships...          |
| <u>9 or 35%</u>  | <i>Boy/Girl</i>           |
| <u>12 or 46%</u> | <i>Family</i>             |
| <u>5 or 19%</u>  | <i>Peer/Friends</i>       |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | <i>Other</i>              |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | Runaway                   |
| <u>7 or 4%</u>   | Sexuality                 |
| <u>4 or 2%</u>   | Suicide                   |
| <u>14 or 8%</u>  | Wrong Number              |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | "You are not alone"       |
| <u>23 or 13%</u> | Other                     |

## Outcome:

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>3 or 2%</u>   | Brochure/Video Order Sent   |
| <u>57 or 31%</u> | Counseling                  |
| <u>45 or 25%</u> | Hang-Up/Prank/NA            |
| <u>8 or 4%</u>   | Needs to call us back       |
| <u>33 or 18%</u> | Referral...                 |
| <u>34 or 19%</u> | Supplied wanted information |
| <u>10 or 5%</u>  | Unable to assist caller     |
| <u>8 or 4%</u>   | Other                       |

## ...Referrals:

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| <u>6 or 15%</u>  | Counselor (not school) |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | Dept. of Public Health |
| <u>5 or 13%</u>  | Family Planning Center |
| <u>1 or 3%</u>   | Law Enforcement        |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | Legal Services         |
| <u>3 or 8%</u>   | Medical Services       |
| <u>1 or 3%</u>   | Other Adult            |
| <u>3 or 8%</u>   | Other Hotline          |
| <u>2 or 5%</u>   | Parents                |
| <u>0 or 0%</u>   | Runaway Services       |
| <u>5 or 13%</u>  | School Personnel       |
| <u>12 or 31%</u> | Other                  |

**...# Teen Line brochures requested:** 95

## **"You are not alone" series...**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Workbooks requested:           | <u>0</u> |
| Videos requested:              | <u>0</u> |
| Physicians' manuals requested: | <u>0</u> |

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