

Teen Line

1-800-443-8336

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<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/cahotlines/teenline/>
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How many people called?

Teen Line received 238 calls for the month of October. This is an increase of 74 calls from the previous month.

Who called?

The average caller was 18 years old, male (36% female, 33% male), and remained on the line for 3 minutes. Sixteen percent of the calls were made by adults. One 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 (34%). Of these thirty-four calls, 33% revolved around family issues, 28% were concerned about peer/friend issues, and another 33% were concerned about boy and/or girl relationships.

The remaining calls were categorized as follows: abuse (11 or 5%), birth control (6 or 3%), educational (8 or 3%), employment (1 or 0%), foster care/aftercare (4 or 2%), gangs (2 or 1%), hang-ups (68 or 29%), health (15 or 6%), information about hotline (21 or 9%), lonely or just needed to talk (3 or 1%), other (20 or 8%), prank (24 or 10%), pregnancy (7 or 3%), runaway (2 or 1%), sexuality (10 or 4%), suicide (1 or 0%), You Are Not Alone materials (1 or 0%) and wrong number (17 or 7%).

What was the outcome of the calls?

Of the 238 calls, 49 (21%) required a listening ear and counseling that the Teen Line staff provided. In addition, 34 callers (14%) had a specific question that staff was able to answer. To supplement the information given by staff, 46 referrals (19%) were made. Staff was unable to help the 96 callers (40%) that hung-up or made a prank call.

To whom were the callers referred?

Of the referrals that were made, 7% were to a counselor other than their school counselor, 11% to the Iowa Department of Public Health, 11% were to a family planning center, and 16% were referred to medical services. Add to that, 2% to legal services, 7% were referred to their parents, 9% were referred to another adult, 2% to runaway services, and 14% to another hotline. Four callers (7%) 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: Oct 2003 Number of Calls: 238 Average Call Length: 3 min.

Client Information:

Male: 37% Female: 36% Avg. Age: 19 Adult Callers: 15% Repeat Callers: 5%

Call Topic:

<u>11 or 5%</u>	Abuse...
<u>2 or 17%</u>	<i>Physical</i>
<u>5 or 42%</u>	<i>Substance</i>
<u>1 or 18%</u>	<i>Verbal/Emotional</i>
<u>4 or 33%</u>	<i>Sexual</i>
<u>6 or 3%</u>	Birth Control
<u>4 or 2%</u>	Brochure Request...
<u>8 or 3%</u>	Educational
<u>1 or 0%</u>	Employment
<u>4 or 2%</u>	Foster Care/Aftercare
<u>2 or 1%</u>	Gangs
<u>68 or 29%</u>	Hang-Up
<u>15 or 6%</u>	Health...
<u>1 or 7%</u>	<i>AIDS</i>
<u>1 or 7%</u>	<i>Dieting/Nutrition</i>
<u>2 or 13%</u>	<i>Eating Disorders</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Puberty</i>
<u>6 or 40%</u>	<i>STD's</i>
<u>5 or 33%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>21 or 9%</u>	Information about hotline
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Legal
<u>3 or 1%</u>	Lonely/Just to talk
<u>24 or 10%</u>	Prank
<u>7 or 3%</u>	Pregnancy...
<u>34 or 14%</u>	Relationships...
<u>13 or 33%</u>	<i>Boy/Girl</i>
<u>13 or 33%</u>	<i>Family</i>
<u>11 or 28%</u>	<i>Peer/Friends</i>
<u>3 or 8%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>2 or 1%</u>	Runaway
<u>10 or 4%</u>	Sexuality
<u>1 or 0%</u>	Suicide
<u>17 or 7%</u>	Wrong Number
<u>1 or 0%</u>	"You are not alone"
<u>20 or 8%</u>	Other

Outcome:

<u>3 or 1%</u>	Brochure/Video Order Sent
<u>49 or 21%</u>	Counseling
<u>96 or 40%</u>	Hang-Up/Prank/NA
<u>3 or 1%</u>	Needs to call us back
<u>46 or 19%</u>	Referral...
<u>34 or 14%</u>	Supplied wanted information
<u>18 or 8%</u>	Unable to assist caller
<u>8 or 3%</u>	Other

...Referrals:

<u>4 or 7%</u>	Counselor (not school)
<u>6 or 11%</u>	Dept. of Public Health
<u>6 or 11%</u>	Family Planning Center
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Law Enforcement
<u>1 or 2%</u>	Legal Services
<u>9 or 16%</u>	Medical Services
<u>5 or 9%</u>	Other Adult
<u>8 or 14%</u>	Other Hotline
<u>4 or 7%</u>	Parents
<u>1 or 2%</u>	Runaway Services
<u>3 or 5%</u>	School Personnel
<u>5 or 9%</u>	Other

...# Teen Line brochures requested: 325

"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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