

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 164 calls for the month of September. This is a decrease of 4 calls from the previous month. The annual total (fiscal year) of calls from October 2002 – September 2003 is 2,229.

Who called?

The average caller was 17 years old, male (45% female, 27% male), and remained on the line for 4 minutes. Eighteen percent of the calls were made by adults.

Topics of discussion:

The greatest number of calls were categorized as relationship concerns (20%). Of these thirty-two calls, 46% revolved around family issues, 18% to peer/friend issues, and another 33% were concerned about boy and/or girl relationships.

The remaining calls were categorized as follows: abuse (8 or 5%), educational (7 or 4%), employment (1 or 1%), foster care/aftercare (4 or 2%), gangs (1 or 1%), hang-ups (32 or 20%), health (10 or 6%), information about hotline (17 or 10%), lonely or just needed to talk (3 or 2%), other (24 or 15%), prank (11 or 7%), pregnancy (10 or 6%), runaway (1 or 1%), sexuality (5 or 3%), suicide (3 or 2%), and wrong number (12 or 7%).

What was the outcome of the calls?

Of the 164 calls, 49 (30%) required a listening ear and counseling that the Teen Line staff provided. In addition, 28 callers (17%) had a specific question that staff was able to answer. To supplement the information given by staff, 32 referrals (20%) were made. Staff was unable to help the 44 callers (27%) that hung-up or made a prank call.

To whom were the callers referred?

Of the referrals that were made, 5% were referred to the Iowa Department of Public Health, 11% were to a counselor other than their school counselor, 5% were to a family planning center, and 15% were referred to medical services. Add to that, 3% to law enforcement, 10% were referred to their parents, 3% were referred to another adult, and 13% to another hotline. Three callers (8%) 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: Sept 2003 Number of Calls: 164 Average Call Length: 4 min.

Client Information:

Male: 27% Female: 45% Avg. Age: 17 Adult Callers: 18% Repeat Callers: 0%

Call Topic:

<u>8 or 5%</u>	Abuse...
<u>2 or 25%</u>	<i>Physical</i>
<u>4 or 50%</u>	<i>Substance</i>
<u>1 or 13%</u>	<i>Verbal/Emotional</i>
<u>1 or 13%</u>	<i>Sexual</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Birth Control
<u>2 or 1%</u>	Brochure Request...
<u>7 or 4%</u>	Educational
<u>1 or 1%</u>	Employment
<u>4 or 2%</u>	Foster Care/Aftercare
<u>1 or 1%</u>	Gangs
<u>32 or 20%</u>	Hang-Up
<u>10 or 6%</u>	Health...
<u>1 or 10%</u>	<i>AIDS</i>
<u>1 or 10%</u>	<i>Dieting/Nutrition</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Eating Disorders</i>
<u>0 or 0%</u>	<i>Puberty</i>
<u>4 or 40%</u>	<i>STD's</i>
<u>4 or 40%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>17 or 10%</u>	Information about hotline
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Legal
<u>3 or 2%</u>	Lonely/Just to talk
<u>11 or 7%</u>	Prank
<u>10 or 6%</u>	Pregnancy...
<u>32 or 20%</u>	Relationships...
<u>13 or 33%</u>	<i>Boy/Girl</i>
<u>18 or 46%</u>	<i>Family</i>
<u>7 or 18%</u>	<i>Peer/Friends</i>
<u>1 or 3%</u>	<i>Other</i>
<u>1 or 1%</u>	Runaway
<u>5 or 3%</u>	Sexuality
<u>3 or 2%</u>	Suicide
<u>7 or 4%</u>	Wrong Number
<u>0 or 0%</u>	"You are not alone"
<u>24 or 15%</u>	Other

Outcome:

<u>2 or 1%</u>	Brochure/Video Order Sent
<u>49 or 30%</u>	Counseling
<u>44 or 27%</u>	Hang-Up/Prank/NA
<u>6 or 4%</u>	Needs to call us back
<u>32 or 20%</u>	Referral...
<u>28 or 17%</u>	Supplied wanted information
<u>9 or 5%</u>	Unable to assist caller
<u>10 or 6%</u>	Other

...Referrals:

<u>4 or 11%</u>	Counselor (not school)
<u>2 or 5%</u>	Dept. of Public Health
<u>2 or 5%</u>	Family Planning Center
<u>1 or 3%</u>	Law Enforcement
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Legal Services
<u>6 or 15%</u>	Medical Services
<u>1 or 3%</u>	Other Adult
<u>5 or 13%</u>	Other Hotline
<u>4 or 10%</u>	Parents
<u>0 or 0%</u>	Runaway Services
<u>3 or 8%</u>	School Personnel
<u>9 or 23%</u>	Other

...# Teen Line brochures requested: 51

"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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