



Did You Know...? (July 2007)

"Did You Know...?" is a feature of the Vision 2020 website. It's our goal to bring you a series of facts about numerous issues related to poverty and to highlight the work other organizations are doing around poverty elimination.

If your organization has a fact(s) you'd like to see on the "Did You Know...?" feature, please contact Vicky Selkove: vselkove@wccf.org or (608) 284-0580, ext. 326.

What are the chances of a child growing up in poverty if:

- 1. the mother gave birth as a teenager,**
- 2. the parents were unmarried when the child was born, and**
- 3. the mother did not receive a high school diploma or GED?**

27% if one of these things happen.

42% if two of these things happen.

64% if all three of these things happen.

BUT, if NONE of these things happen, a child's chance of growing up in poverty is just 7%.

- [The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy \(2005\)](#)

