Name/Title: Baby Project - Cost Analysis - First Year of Life

Purpose of Event: Students will determine the costs associated with teenage pregnancy and childbirth through age 1 of the child. By showing teens the high costs involved, they may make better decisions about becoming sexually active.

Suggested Grade Level: 9-12

Materials Needed: The materials the students need will depend on how the students choose to present their final project. Each student will give a full report of his/her findings using any medium of choice. Examples of delivery include PowerPoint presentations, homemade videos, baby books, brochures, etc.

Description of Idea

Students will discover the cost of the following by making phone calls to the offices' billing departments, visiting stores, using online sites.

1. Prenatal Care including tests, diagnostic ultrasound, doctor charges for the 9 months of pregnancy. (call physician office)
2. Hospital charges - labor/delivery and anesthesia charges (call hospital)
3. Pediatrician charges - well/sick visits, all immunizations (call physicians office)
4. Diaper costs for one year
5. Food costs for one year (formula, baby fruit, vegetables, cereal)
6. Cost of furnishing a nursery
7. Child care costs for 9 months so the mother can return to school
8. Essential items such as stroller, car seat, outlet covers, high chair, etc. (Students can visit store or do searches online for prices)
9. Infant and toddler clothing costs for the year
10. Miscellaneous items that are needed

Assessment Ideas:

Students will give a full report of their findings using any medium of their choice. Examples of delivery include PowerPoint presentations, home made videos, baby books, brochures, etc. Students are very surpised at how quickly the costs mount. It definitely fosters class discussions regarding responsibility and making good sound decisions.

Teaching Suggestions:

Students are generally given 6 - 8 weeks to complete this assignment. They may work alone or with a partner. Individuals may email me for copies of the entire project (shellyjm@cinci.rr.com).

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