

# The Prevention and Solution of the Adolescent Pregnancy Problem Act, B.E. 2559 (2016)

A law that focuses on adolescents' rights and an integrated approach to prevent and alleviate adolescent pregnancies



Ministry of Public Health



Ministry of Social Development and Human Security



Ministry of Education

**Five  
Main Ministries**

are responsible for issuing ministerial orders and regulations for the execution of the Act

Ministry of Labour



Ministry of Interior



## Definition and Rights of Adolescents under the Act

any individuals aged above **10** but not over **20**



Right to make informed decisions



Right to receive social welfare services



Right to have access to education and information



Right to be treated equally and without discrimination



Right to receive reproductive health services



Right to enjoy confidentiality and privacy

## Key Mechanism under the Act

### The Prevention and Solution of the Adolescent Pregnancy Problem Committee



The Prime Minister of Thailand  
Chairman



The Committee includes 8 high-level government officials, 5 experts, and 2 youth representatives from the Children and Youth Council of Thailand.  
Director General of the Department of Health is a member and Secretary of the Committee.

### Functions of the Committee



Propose adolescent pregnancy prevention and alleviation policies and strategies to the cabinet



Provide guidelines for implementation by state agencies and the private sector



Propose amendments of relevant laws and offer advice on the issuance of ministerial orders



Submit a report on adolescent pregnancy prevention and alleviation to the cabinet at least once a year



Provide recommendations and solutions to address the implementation bottlenecks faced by state agencies and the private sector

# Key Measures

to Prevent and Alleviate Adolescent Pregnancies



## Educational Institutions



Provide age-appropriate sexuality education to students, and provide and train teachers



Provide counselling, support, and protection for pregnant students so that they are able to continue their education



Establish a referral system for reproductive health and social welfare services



## Workplaces



Provide accurate and adequate information to adolescent employees to help them prevent adolescent pregnancies



Support adolescent employees' access to reproductive health counselling and services



Establish a referral system for social welfare services



## Public Health Facilities



Provide accurate and adequate information to adolescent clients to help them prevent adolescent pregnancies



Provide quality reproductive health counselling and services based on adolescents' rights



Establish a referral system for social welfare services



## Social Welfare Organizations



Provide occupational training and employment opportunities to pregnant adolescents



Provide alternative families for adolescent who are not capable of raising their own children



Set up youth networks at the provincial and district levels to monitor and take action to prevent and alleviate problems associated with adolescent pregnancies



Encourage state agencies and the private sector to provide support to pregnant adolescents and their families



## Local Administrative Organizations



Issue local regulations to ensure that adolescents can exercise their rights in accordance with this Act