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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### *Too Many Teenage Mothers*

For many teenagers, Mother's Day came too soon. According to the D.C. Health Department's State Center for Health Statistics Administration, 838 teenagers between 15 and 19 became mothers in 2003.

What causes teenagers to trade away their dreams for responsibilities that overwhelm them?

Motivation is key. Young people make decisions within the context of

their lives. Adults must provide the inspiration and the resources to help teenagers delay pregnancy.

Teenage parents are in no one's best interest. We need to rededicate ourselves to reducing the numbers of teenage parents in the District.

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