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Mothers on Welfare Have More Children
1993

Source: Nicholas Zill, Westat, Inc., analysis of Survey of Income and Program Participation
Reported Ideal Number of Children by Welfare and Poverty Status of Mother

![Bar chart showing ideal number of children by welfare status.]

Source: Nicholas Zill, Westat, Inc., analysis of National Survey of Family Growth

TANF Fertility-Related Rules

- TANF can fund "prepregnancy" family planning
- Family caps allowed
- Bonuses to states that most decrease "Illegitimacy Ratio"
  * $20 million/yr. to 5 states
TANF Teenager-Related Rules

- Live in adult-supervised setting
- Be in school or training program
- $50 million/yr. for abstinence-only education
- States can require non-custodial teen parents to "fulfill community work obligations"

TWO DIFFERENT APPROACHES

Informational/Nonjudgmental/Value Neutral
vs.
Authoritative/Value Driven

Promoting change by providing a vision of future