

HCR

27

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**Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives**

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 18, 1996

TO: Sen. Lyda Green
Chair Senate Health Education & Social Services Committee

FROM: Rep. Con Bunde
Co-Chair House HESS

RE: HCR 27

HCR 27 is in the Senate Health Education & Social Services Committee. This memo is to request a committee hearing as soon as you are able to schedule the resolution.

A packet of information regarding this legislation is attached. If you need further information please call Patti at ext. 6824.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**SPONSOR STATEMENT
HCR 27**

The impetus for HCR 27 is an ongoing successful "Sugar Baby" project at Mears Junior High School in Anchorage. HCR 27 supports the use of the "Sugar Baby Project" in school districts throughout Alaska. The project will provide students the opportunity to experience some of the difficult responsibilities involved in being a parent.

A "Sugar Baby" is a 10 pound sack of sugar. Students must be responsible for the total care and protection of the "Sugar Baby" for five consecutive days. Students may not lose, break or drop the baby, and they may not cause the child to be taken away. It is the students responsibility to make sure that the baby is protected from hazardous situations at all times, and they must plan to include their baby in all activities, dates, and shopping sprees. The project rules also prohibit hiring a baby-sitter.

Establishing a positive, responsible, healthy approach to sexual behavior is critical for the prevention of adolescent sexual activity and the related problems of teen pregnancies, childbirth, and sexually transmitted diseases. Adolescent sexual activity has profound long-term economic and social costs. Alaska teens report an early onset of sexual activity. This premature sexual activity results in a high teen birth rate, and serious concerns about sexually transmitted diseases.

The "Sugar Baby" project will instill an understanding of parental responsibility in students. More importantly, students may learn responsible sexual conduct which is the key to reducing teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

I urge your positive consideration of this resolution.

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Bill Version: HCR 27
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Revision Date: _____
Title: Relating to prevention of teenage pregnancy by implementation of the Sugar Baby project.
Sponsor: Representative Bunde
Requestor: House HESS

Department Affected: Legislative Affairs Agency
BRU: All
Component: All

COMPONENT SERIAL NO:

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Zero fiscal impact to Legislative Affairs Agency

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Health Class
Mears Junior High School

"Sugar Baby" Project



Cost Analysis

Directions Now is the time to budget for expenses, so here is a list of items that you will have to "purchase". You may use a current home catalog, newspaper, etc. for as many "purchases" as possible. Some items may require you to "shop" in our area. Find a price for every item listed.

I: Clothing:

Baby clothes come in sizes "newborn, 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months. Assume your child will outgrow three sets of sizes its first year of life.

ITEM	COST	X3	TOTAL COST/YEAR
bootie socks (6 pairs)	\$	X3	\$
shoes (1 pair)	\$	X3	\$
play shirts (6 pairs)	\$	X3	\$
pants (6)	\$	X3	\$
overalls (2)	\$	X3	\$
sweaters (2)	\$	X3	\$
coats (1)	\$	X3	\$
dresses (3- girls only)	\$	X3	\$
swimsuit (1)	\$	X3	\$
shorts (3)	\$	X3	\$
sunwits (3)	\$	X3	\$
pajamas (4)	\$	X3	\$
undershirts (6)	\$	X3	\$
light jacket (1)	\$	X3	\$
bibs (3)	\$	X3	\$
	TOTAL:		\$

Name: _____

Date: _____

Period: _____

JOURNAL

Day 1 _____

Day 2 _____

Day 3 _____

Day 4 _____

Day 5 _____

Health Class
Mears Junior High School

"Sugar Baby" Project



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Excellent Project

THE FOLLOWING PAGES MAY
NOT FILM LEGIBLY BECAUSE OF
THE POOR QUALITY OF THE ORIGINAL

Name: _____
Date: 1-6-00
Period: 2: +

JOURNAL

Thursday

Day 1 It was a very long day. You could see it in the way he carried it with him.

Friday

Day 2 The weather was terrible. It was hard to take a walk. I guess I was a bit out of shape.

Saturday

Day 3 We went to a nice movie. Lugging it around was a bit of a pain. I'm getting a bit out of shape.

Sunday

Day 4 Had to chop up the food. It was a bit of a pain. I was a bit out of shape.

Day 5 Had to carry it around the mall. Could barely keep up w/ friends while carry it when they were walking.

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ITEM	COST	TOTAL COST/YEAR
bootie socks (6 pairs)	\$ 11.94 X3	\$ 35.82
shoes (1 pair)	\$ 12.00 X3	\$ 36.00
play shirts (6 pairs)	\$ 10.75 X3	\$ 32.25
pants (6)	\$ X3	\$
overalls (2)	\$ X3	\$
sweaters (2)	\$ 27.00 X3	\$ 81.00
coats (1)	\$ X3	\$
dresses (3- girls only)	\$ 72.60 X3	\$ 217.80
swimsuit (1)	\$ 12.00 X3	\$ 36.00
shorts (3)	\$ 15.00 X3	\$ 45.00
sun suits (3)	\$ 24.78 X3	\$ 74.34
pajamas (4)	\$ 33.96 X3	\$ 101.88
undershirts (6)	\$ 23.97 X3	\$ 71.91
light jacket (1)	\$ 36.00 X3	\$ 108.00
bibs (3)	\$ 9.00 X3	\$ 27.00
TOTAL:		\$ 1000.93

Food and Formula

III: Formula

- 1) You are to choose one of three choices powdered, concentrate, or ready mix
- 2) Your baby will drink 24 oz of formula per day
- 3) To calculate how much formula the baby will drink in one month

$$24 \text{ oz} \times 30 \text{ days} = \underline{720} \text{ oz per month}$$

- 4) To calculate how much formula the baby will drink in one year

$$= \text{oz per month} \times 12 \text{ months} = \underline{8640} \text{ oz per year}$$

- 5) Now write down your formula choice

A Formula chosen 1 can

B How many oz per can? 48 oz

C What is the cost per can? 7.99

- 6) How many cans of the formula will you purchase for the year?

A Ready mix formulas are not diluted (open and pour) so 8 oz. = 8 oz.

B Concentrate formula is like canned soup 8 oz = 16 oz when mixed with an equal amount of water

C Powdered formula is like powdered milk; a certain number of oz of powder is mixed with water to make formula

D How many oz of formula will your canned formula convert to when you are ready

to use it? (Read the label) _____

- E Now divide the number of oz your "ready to use" formula makes into the total number of oz needed for the year

$$\text{oz per year } \underline{8640} \text{ divided by oz per can } \underline{48 \text{ oz}} = \underline{180}$$

The final figure is the number of cans of formula you will need to purchase for the entire year

"I will need to purchase 180 cans of formula for one year."

\$1,438.20 per year

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V. Other Expenses:

A		Medical Costs (Birth)	
1	Doctor (Pre and Post-natal Care)	\$ 5,000	
2	Hospital	\$ 5,000	
3	Complications (C-Section)	\$ 5,000	
4	Well-child Checkups and Vaccinations	\$ 5,000	
B		Housing Costs	
1	Average Rent	\$ _____	per yr
2	Utilities		
	Gas	\$ _____	per yr
	Electricity	\$ _____	per yr
	Garbage	\$ _____	per yr
	Water and Sewer	\$ _____	per yr
3	Approximate Phone Bill	\$ _____	per yr
4	Cable Television	\$ _____	per yr
C		Transportation	
1	Car Payment	\$ _____	per yr
2	Gasoline	\$ _____	per yr
3	Car repairs	\$ _____	per yr
4	License and Insurance	\$ _____	per yr

First Year Total Baby Expenditures:

I.	Child's Clothing:	\$ 1060.83
II.	Nursery:	\$ 5,580.05
III/IV.	Food/Formula:	\$ 1,537.68
V.	Other:	\$ 29,590.52

Cost that I may incur if I should become a parent: TOTAL: \$ 34,269.08

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Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Sophie

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES NO

Why or why not?

It felt like I was really taking care of a baby.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby.

I had to give up some of my free time and some of my hobbies.

How did being a parent change your life style?

It changed some of my habits and I had to be more responsible.
 true

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

yes

Explain your answer.

You would have more support and help from a spouse.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

It's a great feeling to take care of someone and see them grow up.
 what a joy!

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

It would be harder because they all need attention.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- contentment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

Of course it did! I know how much a baby needs! I think I will be a better parent!

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

18/20

My child's name is

~~scribble~~

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time? YES NO

Why or why not? It was a pain taking it ~~in~~ where ever you go

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby None

How did being a parent change your life style? ~~about~~ made more difficult to get around

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes then the responsibilities could have been split

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

I don't know can't get treated like a kid sugar? you're a kid - what do you bring to your family?

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

it would have been more restricting have to plan more

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- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
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- love
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- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself? YES NO

Explain: I think you should still have children but only after marriage
Frank

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

Period 1

My child's name is

Lorenz Sciliccia

18/20

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

I don't know I just did kinda hard to explain

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

going to the movies

How did being a parent change your life style?

everyone kept staring at me

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

married

Explain your answer:

because when you can

take turns

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

having beautiful child

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

don't know

really?

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- contentment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- shyness
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

?

Final Student Response

1-6-95 152 Hours

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Hubert

18/20

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO X

Why or why not?

Because it was a pain carrying that bag or "baby" around all the time.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby:

none

How did being a parent change your life style?

It tired me out and made my arm hurt

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer:

because I would let my wife carry my baby and take care of it most of the time. good luck

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

I don't think there are none.

what do you bring to your family?

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

It would of been harder.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

overwhelmed
maternal instinct
resentfulness
trapped X
happiness
love

contentment X
possessiveness X
excitement
smothered
anger X
pride

defensiveness X
fulfillment
joy
sadness X
fear
frustration X

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES X

NO

Explain:

I am not going to have (until) I am a happy old man in a retirement home again. good luck

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Pubert

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

It was a pain carrying it around all the time

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

I couldn't go to a bowling league why?

How did being a parent change your life style?

I didn't get to do as many things

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

yes

Explain your answer:

you could share the responsibility

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

none, it was all a big pain in the butt. What do you bring to your family?

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

It would have been harder

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

overwhelmed
maternal instinct
resentfulness
trapped
happiness
love

contentment
possessiveness
excitement
smothered
anger
pride

defensiveness
fulfillment
joy
sadness
fear
frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

having a kid is a pain because it is heavy the burdens that when it is desired + loved

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Jake

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time? YES NO X

Why or why not? BECAUSE IT WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU HAD TO CARRY AROUND WHEREVER YOU WENT, AND IT WAS TRING

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby GOING ICE SKATING WITH FRIENDS

How did being a parent change your life style? I GOT TO DO LESS AND LESS ACTIVITIES WITH MY FRIENDS.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

NO

Explain your answer BECAUSE YOU COULD HAVE SHARED THE RESPONSIBILITIES WITH YOUR PARTNER

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

WHEN IT GROWS OLDER IT IS ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU LOPEFULL

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HARDER BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO WATCH OVER 2 OR 3 NOT JUST ONLY ONE

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| overwhelmed <u>X</u> | contentment _____ | defensiveness <u>X</u> |
| maternal instinct _____ | possessiveness _____ | fulfillment _____ |
| resentfulness _____ | excitement _____ | joy _____ |
| trapped <u>X</u> | smothered _____ | widness _____ |
| happiness _____ | anger _____ | fear _____ |
| love _____ | pride _____ | frustration <u>X</u> |

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself? YES X NO _____

Explain: IT HAS SHOWN ME HOW HARD IT IS, AND THAT IT IS BEST TO WAIT UNTIL YOUR OLDER

JUST WISHES

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Iron Mike : great name!

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time? YES

10.1 ✓

Why or why not?

because he is heavy

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

Have watching the

the championship (why?)

How did being a parent change your life with

It changed my sleeping

pattern (why?)

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

yes

Explain your answer

because 2 people would have the responsibility

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

to love your child & raise him

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

It would take 3 times the energy

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed _____
- maternal instinct _____
- resentfulness _____
- trapped
- happiness _____
- love _____
- commitment _____
- possessiveness _____
- excitement _____
- sorrowful _____
- jealous _____
- pride _____
- defensiveness _____
- fulfillment _____
- joy _____
- sadness _____
- fear _____
- frustration _____

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

It takes more energy than you think it

gen

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Cassey-Batista

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES X

NO

Why or why not?

I love my cabbage patch, so I
am carrying it.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

I would've
had to give up bowling, but my

How did being a parent change your life style?

I didn't have much
free hands!

mom
watched?
!!

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

YES

Explain your answer

because i wouldn't be the only
one taking care of it.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent

What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

I don't know yet
what do you bring
to your family?

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

O - god - I would die, its
hard caring for one

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period.

overwhelmed

contentment

defensiveness

maternal instinct

possessiveness

fulfillment

resentfulness

excitement

joy

trapped

smothered

wedness

happiness

anger

fear

love

pride

frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES X

NO

Explain:

I'm now definitely waiting to
have one
best wishes

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Suzior

Carrot

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

cause it was hard to do

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

Swimming,

going to the mall, movies (most were still options)

How did being a parent change your life style?

It made my weekend boring

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer

then there are 2 people and not just one so there are more people to care for it

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

love and discipline when they older

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

you would need more energy

Put a check by any of the emotions that as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed _____
- maternal instinct _____
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness _____
- love _____
- commitment _____
- possessiveness _____
- excitement _____
- smothered _____
- anger _____
- pride _____
- defensiveness _____
- fulfillment _____
- joy _____
- sadness _____
- fear _____
- frustration _____

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

I already knew it that if I work hard in my life...

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

SNOOP

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

It was too really
just beginning

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

none

How did being a parent change your life style?

It changed my sleeping

pattern (how?)

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

yes

Explain your answer

cause we would have been able
to take turns watching i.M.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

to see your child

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

more energy

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| overwhelmed <input type="checkbox"/> | contentment <input type="checkbox"/> | defensiveness <input type="checkbox"/> |
| maternal instinct <input type="checkbox"/> | possessiveness <input type="checkbox"/> | fulfillment <input type="checkbox"/> |
| resentfulness <input type="checkbox"/> | excitement <input type="checkbox"/> | joy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| trapped <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | smothered <input type="checkbox"/> | sadness <input type="checkbox"/> |
| happiness <input type="checkbox"/> | anger <input type="checkbox"/> | fear <input type="checkbox"/> |
| love <input type="checkbox"/> | pride <input type="checkbox"/> | frustration <input type="checkbox"/> |

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain

more than you think

more a bit!

Final Student Response

My child is a BOY GIRL
My child's name is Claudia Wice

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time? YES ✓ NO

Why or why not? I thought it is interesting as

I thought I could take some responsibility

things we
List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby I couldnt

do much of anything over the

weekend, except stuff I had to do.

How did being a parent change your life style? we decided not to become

a parent (and is a great parent some day)

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes
Explain your answer You would have double - hopefully

the income and you'd have help.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting? There isn't any rewards.

You give everything to them

and get nothing in return (at first - sort of)

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby? It would be harder

to care for two.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| overwhelmed <u> </u> | contentment <u>X</u> | defensiveness <u> </u> |
| maternal instinct <u> </u> | possessiveness <u> </u> | fulfillment <u> </u> |
| resentfulness <u> </u> | excitement <u> </u> | joy <u> </u> |
| trapped <u>X</u> | smothered <u> </u> | sadness <u> </u> |
| happiness <u> </u> | anger <u>X</u> | fear <u> </u> |
| love <u> </u> | pride <u> </u> | frustration <u>X</u> |

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself? YES X NO

Explain: Ohm my girl going to

have kids. you don't get

nothing out of it. two much

... .. "much" giving

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Michael Jr

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO ✓

Why or why not?

Because it was easy

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

none

How did being a parent change your life style?

You had to focus

mostly on the baby

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

yes

Explain your answer

You would be hard help

see you get it

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

You have a child to support

when you get old maybe
will you be supporting your parents? to be changing

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

Your life would be even more hectic and focused on the children

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed _____
- contentment _____
- defensiveness _____
- maternal instinct _____
- possessiveness _____
- fulfillment _____
- resentfulness _____
- excitement _____
- joy _____
- trapped _____
- smothered _____
- sadness _____
- happiness _____
- anger _____
- fear _____
- love _____
- pride _____
- frustration ✓

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES ✓

NO

Explain:

I found it to expensive

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Alexander

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

it's a good thing to start now
and not learn how later.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

SNOW boarding

How did being a parent change your life style?

It seemed I became more
mature but?

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

No

Explain your answer

Because you have two people to
take care of the baby then one person

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent

What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

having a wonderful family
you

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

There'd be easier for the baby, I would already
know how to parent a baby for the first one

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period.

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- contentment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

to my self I feel I could
probably have more responsibility, great!

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Charley

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

Because this was the way I did it

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

Boyscouts

How did being a parent change your life style?

I + admit

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

yes

Because I could have had a partner to help with the baby.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

More love, larger family tree, etc!

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

It would have been harder especially at school.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- contentment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

Because now I now to wait till I get it of her to have held me.

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Kaylea

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO X

Why or why not?

because it was a little

I like to be T.I.C

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

The Mall

and JESSICA

How did being a parent change your life style?

My life was so

Dull boring, stupid. I like to

be free to make my choices

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer:

Because it wouldn't be

just me taking care of the

Baby by myself

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

You not free to make

your own choices

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

VERY HARD = you have no life

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

overwhelmed

contentment

defensiveness

maternal instinct

possessiveness

fulfillment

resentfulness

excitement

joy

trapped X

smothered X

sadness X

happiness

anger X

fear

love

pride

frustration X

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO X

Explain:

I am still the same

but now

I am free

again

Final Student Response

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My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Patricia

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

I enjoyed it because I had to

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

I had to

give up my social life (there were options)

How did being a parent change your life style?

I had to include

the baby in everything.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

YES

Explain your answer

I could + the spouse

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

After a while, the child will
be in your arms and you're happily

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

YES, I would have gone ~~mad~~
insane.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- contentment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

This was + helpful
by 30's great!

Final Student Response

My child is a BOY GIRL

My child's name is Lucas

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time? YES NO

Why or why not? It was hard to write and read.
I enjoyed it.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby. I had to give up my sleep.
Great!

How did being a parent change your life style? You had to include it
where every you went and couldn't leave it out.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?
Yes

Explain your answer. I wouldn't have had a partner to help me.
I wouldn't have had a partner to help me.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting? The love they will give you later on in life.
Seeing the child grow up.

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby? It would be very difficult to care for all the
children while trying to take care of a baby.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| overwhelmed <input type="checkbox"/> | contentment <input type="checkbox"/> | defensiveness <input type="checkbox"/> |
| maternal instinct <input type="checkbox"/> | possessiveness <input type="checkbox"/> | fulfillment <input type="checkbox"/> |
| resentfulness <input type="checkbox"/> | excitement <input type="checkbox"/> | joy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| trapped <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | smothered <input type="checkbox"/> | sadness <input type="checkbox"/> |
| happiness <input type="checkbox"/> | anger <input type="checkbox"/> | fear <input type="checkbox"/> |
| love <input type="checkbox"/> | pride <input type="checkbox"/> | frustration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself? YES NO

Explain: It taught me my responsibilities of being a
parent that you won't always have a babysitter
in case it is when you go out, you!

Final Student Response

My child is a BOY (GIRL)
My child's name is Mary Jane

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time? YES NO
Why or why not? Just most of it because I think babies are cute.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby. None

How did being a parent change your life style? I couldn't have as much fun as I wanted to after having a baby early

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent? YES
Explain your answer: You can't take care of it.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting? Respect, love & Trust & Cookies. ha!

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby? It make me tired.

- Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:
- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| overwhelmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | contentment <input type="checkbox"/> | defensiveness <input type="checkbox"/> |
| maternal instinct <input type="checkbox"/> | possessiveness <input type="checkbox"/> | fulfillment <input type="checkbox"/> |
| resentfulness <input type="checkbox"/> | excitement <input type="checkbox"/> | joy <input type="checkbox"/> |
| trapped <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | smothered <input type="checkbox"/> | sadness <input type="checkbox"/> |
| happiness <input type="checkbox"/> | anger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | fear <input type="checkbox"/> |
| love <input type="checkbox"/> | pride <input type="checkbox"/> | frustration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself? YES NO
Explain: It's harder than I thought, just!

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

THEORETIC THINKS I. S. C. D.

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

IT WAS WITH MYSELF THE ONLY
SINCE MYSELF ONLY I GET ALONE. ^{time}

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

WIK

How did being a parent change your life style?

IT CHANGED MY
LIFE BECAUSE I HAD TO USE TO
CARRYING 20 POUNDS AT SCHOOL.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Explain your answer

BECAUSE I HAD MY FRIENDS
HELP ME.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

THERE ARE NOT MANY REWARDS
TO PARENTING; JUST WATCHING YOUR
CHILD GROW.

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

I WOULD HAVE HAD MORE TO
CARRY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| overwhelmed | contentment | defensiveness |
| maternal instinct | possessiveness | fulfillment |
| resentfulness | excitement | joy |
| trapped <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | smothered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | sadness |
| happiness | anger | fear |
| love | pride | frustration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

BECAUSE I GOT A REALLY GREAT
IDEA OF WHAT CRIMINALS AROUND
WILL BE THE TIME LIKE YOU!

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

~~_____~~ _____

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

because I was not used to holding

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

Could go to the mall or I would get laughed at (not a problem for many)

How did being a parent change your life style?

learned more responsibilities

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes because she could take care of it

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

Watching it grow up and being able to talk to someone to talk to
beginning around two years - you hear a lot about "winnie-the-pooh", etc.

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

I wouldn't be different

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- contentment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain: Now I know what they have to go through

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL



My child's name is

Mara Jade

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO ✓

Why or why not?

It was embarrassing. People looked at you weird. In most I think...

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

None

How did being a parent change your life style?

It really didn't. I just had to drag it around.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer

I wouldn't have had to spend the entire time taking it along only half the time. Good luck

children often prefer one parent over the other

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

Eventually, with a real child you would have the satisfaction of knowing that you made a difference.

Yes.

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

You would have to spend less time talking to the children & the baby

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed _____
- maternal instinct _____
- resentfulness / _____
- trapped _____
- happiness _____
- love _____
- contentment _____
- possessiveness _____
- excitement _____
- smothered _____
- anger / _____
- pride _____
- defensiveness _____
- fulfillment _____
- joy _____
- sadness _____
- fear _____
- frustration / _____

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO ✓

Explain:

I did this in 6th grade. It's still the same. I always knew a child would be out of hand.

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Lorenzo

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not? Because there wasn't much to do and it was
funny.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby Not really any
activity I had to give up.

How did being a parent change your life style? Not much but having to
carry a around and people looking at me.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

YES

Explain your answer because you wouldn't have to care for all the
time just half the time.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting? that when these older they could help around
the house, etc.

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby? would of changed alot because there would be more
responsibilities.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed _____
- maternal instinct _____
- resentfulness _____
- trapped _____
- happiness _____
- love _____
- confinement _____
- possessiveness _____
- excitement _____
- smothered _____
- anger _____
- pride _____
- defensiveness _____
- fulfillment _____
- joy _____
- sadness _____
- fear _____
- frustration _____

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself? YES NO

Explain: I don't think I want to take care of a baby until
I have the money to care for it and older.

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Falkons Grant!

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time? YES ___

NO

Why or why not?

because I enjoyed it so much

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

hobby, going out

with friends

How did being a parent change your life style?

didn't see time for

myself

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer.

because you would have

help on taking care of a child

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

having a child to take care of
love to death Grant!

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

it probably would be a lot harder because you'd have to look after more children

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed ___
- maternal instinct ___
- resentfulness ___
- trapped ___
- happiness ___
- love ___
- contentment ___
- possessiveness ___
- excitement ___
- smothered ___
- anger ___
- pride ___
- defensiveness
- fulfillment ___
- joy ___
- sadness ___
- fear ___
- frustration ___

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO ___

Explain

it isn't very fun - actually it can be under the right circumstances

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Gretta Grace Bisson

nice name - interesting

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

Fun - I like it. I was fun. how

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

I had to give up going to G-20

How did being a parent change your life style?

well I had to take it

everywhere and that - kinda changed my life

and I'm not use to carrying it.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

Explain your answer

well I don't want a life partner

and I don't see Greg as my baby sugar

and I'm

interesting

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

well watching your child grow into

an adult.

you!

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

well I don't know

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent" you felt during this five day period.

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- commitment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- sadness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

well I don't want a life partner

and I don't see Greg as my baby sugar

and I'm

great!

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Sheely nice

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES



NO

Why or why not?

I think it was almost cool!

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

swimming and a lot of stuff

How did being a parent change your life?

I can't do so much stuff.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

No

Explain your answer.

well, I don't

no, I mean if it well

some-one I trust, ok. a bit

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

See them grow. interesting? could be doing

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

more money and more of the hard times

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period.

- overwhelmed
- maternal instinct
- resentfulness
- trapped
- happiness
- love
- contentment
- possessiveness
- excitement
- smothered
- anger
- pride
- defensiveness
- fulfillment
- joy
- widness
- fear
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain.

I well always had my first well I'm (21)

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Katie

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

Because it was kind of fun

to see how the baby can grow up like a kid.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

Like my job

Shopping

How did being a parent change your life style?

I couldn't go shopping
as much as I wanted to

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer

I wouldn't have to be

working the baby the whole time

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

You are able to watch your
child grow up!

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

I would have been harder
to pay attention to everybody

Put a check by any of the emotions that as a "parent" you felt during this five day period:

overwhelmed

contentment

defensiveness

maternal instinct

possessiveness

fulfillment

resentfulness

excitement

joy

trapped

smothered

sadness

happiness

anger

fear

love

pride

frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain

I think I am going to adapt
kid

ha!

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Mikal ^{interests}

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

X

NO

Why or why not?

Too Heavy.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

Gymnastics,

Dance,

singing!

How did being a parent change your life style?

Can't do anything without a ten pound thing coming along with you. ^{it's limiting}

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married, rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer

If you were married you would have more help.

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

?

what do you bring to your family

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

You would have more to take care of.

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period.

- overwhelmed _____
- maternal instinct _____
- resentfulness _____
- trapped _____
- happiness
- love _____
- contentment _____
- possessiveness _____
- excitement _____
- smothered _____
- anger _____
- pride _____
- defensiveness _____
- fulfillment _____
- joy _____
- sadness _____
- fear _____
- frustration

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

Not to have twins!

he!

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Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

April Eugene

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

because I enjoyed it

Sorry

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby

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How did being a parent change your life style?

it made me more of you

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

Explain your answer

yes you could give a better experience

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

to be a parent & to be a parent
just beginning

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

be more tired

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| overwhelmed | contentment | defensiveness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| maternal instinct | possessiveness | fulfillment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| resentfulness | excitement | joy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| trapped | smothered | sadness | |
| happiness | anger | fear | |
| love | pride | frustration | |

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

because I've done this in the past

it has not affected my attitude in the grade

Final Student Response

My child is a

BOY

GIRL

My child's name is

Dabs

Did you enjoy your assignment most of the time?

YES

NO

Why or why not?

I didn't like it because it restricted my play time.

List any activities you had to give up in order to take care of your baby.

None

How did being a parent change your life style?

It didn't really change my lifestyle.

Do you think your experience would have been different if you had been married rather than a single parent?

Yes

Explain your answer.

It would be much different because there would be someone else

to take care of the baby part of the time also this is a possibility of 2 incomes

You experienced some of the restrictions of being a parent. What do you think are some of the rewards of parenting?

You will have a child to love.

How do you think your experience would have differed if you had been a parent to other children in addition to your baby?

It would be overwhelming because there are many papers around

Put a check by any of the emotions that, as a "parent", you felt during this five day period:

- overwhelmed _____
- contentment _____
- defensiveness
- maternal instinct _____
- possessiveness _____
- fulfillment _____
- resentfulness _____
- excitement _____
- joy _____
- trapped _____
- smothered _____
- sadness _____
- happiness _____
- anger _____
- fear _____
- love _____
- pride _____
- frustration _____

Has this assignment affected your attitude toward being a parent yourself?

YES

NO

Explain:

Carrying around the weight is nothing like having a real baby.



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HCR 27**

The impetus for HCR 27 is an ongoing successful "Sugar Baby" project at Mears Junior High School in Anchorage. HCR 27 supports the use of the "Sugar Baby Project" in school districts throughout Alaska. The project will provide students the opportunity to experience some of the difficult responsibilities involved in being a parent.

A "Sugar Baby" is a 10 pound sack of sugar. Students must be responsible for the total care and protection of the "Sugar Baby" for five consecutive days. Students may not lose, break or drop the baby, and they may not cause the child to be taken away. It is the students responsibility to make sure that the baby is protected from hazardous situations at all times, and they must plan to include their baby in all activities, dates, and shopping sprees. The project rules also prohibit hiring a baby-sitter.

Establishing a positive, responsible, healthy approach to sexual behavior is critical for the prevention of adolescent sexual activity and the related problems of teen pregnancies, childbirth, and sexually transmitted diseases. Adolescent sexual activity has profound long-term economic and social costs. Alaska teens report an early onset of sexual activity. This premature sexual activity results in a high teen birth rate, and serious concerns about sexually transmitted diseases.

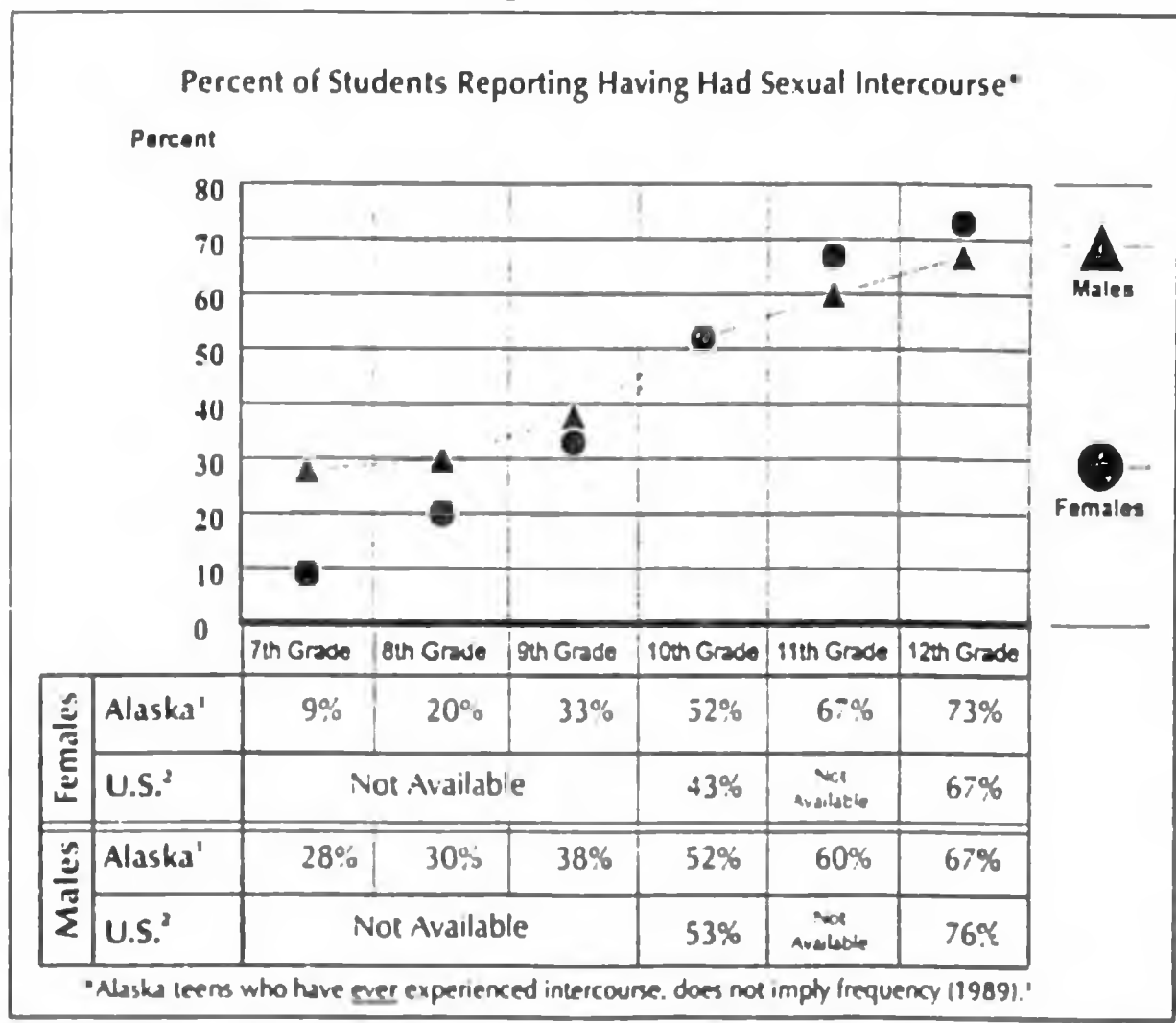
The "Sugar Baby" project will instill an understanding of parental responsibility in students. More importantly, students may learn responsible sexual conduct which is the key to reducing teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

I urge your positive consideration of this resolution.

Sexual Experience

- Alaska teens (grades 7-12) report an onset of sexual intercourse at an earlier age (females - 14, males - 13) than teens nationally (females - 17, males 16).¹
- 25% of surveyed Alaskan 8th graders (junior high students) report having had sexual intercourse.¹

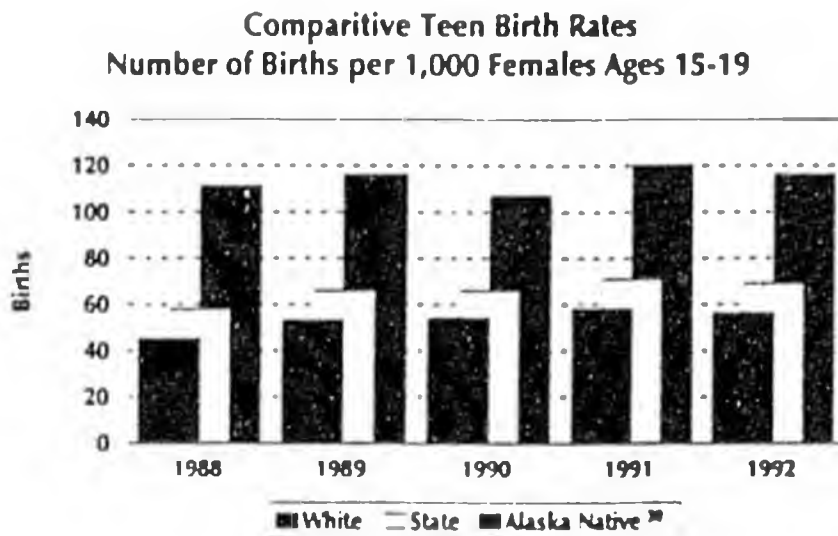
Figure 2.6/Table 2.7



Teen Pregnancy and Births

- For Alaska teens ages 15-19, pregnancy and birth rates are on the increase. Birth rates fell in the mid-1980's but are rising again. 1991 estimates show a higher rate than anytime in the 1980's.^{19,24}
- Estimated teen pregnancy rate, for the three year period 1990 - 1992: 140 pregnancies per 1,000 Alaska females ages 15 - 19 (Alaska's teen pregnancy rate is an estimated number derived by using national pregnancy outcome studies).^{24,15}

Figure 2.9/Table 2.9



		1988	1989	1990	1991*	1992*
Alaska ¹⁰ Teen Births	White	45	53	54	58	56
	Native	111	116	107	120	116
	State	58	66	66	71	69
U.S. ¹⁰ Teen Births	White	42	49	51	Not Available	
	Black	112	110	113		
	U.S.	50	58	60		

*1991 and 1992 data are provisional; the Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics cautions the reader that the data may change.

Public Cost of Teen Pregnancy and Births

- The public cost of teen parenting is defined as Food Stamps, Medicaid, and state and federal AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).⁹ Other significant costs omitted from this estimate include:

- education/job training;
- child care;
- child protective services for teen or child;
- foster care;
- housing;
- psychological counseling; and
- partial loss of mother and child as contributing members of society.

- Over 50% of the national AFDC budget is spent in households in which the mother was a teenager at the time her first child was born.¹¹
- Nationally, public funds pay for the delivery costs of at least 50% of the births to teenagers.²⁶

Annual Public Cost of Teen Parenting in Alaska

A 1988 cost analysis of teen parenting found:

- \$51.4 million is spent to assist Alaska families that began when the mother was a teenager.⁶
- \$4 million is spent annually to assist mothers who are currently teens.⁶
- More than \$12,000 in public monies is spent annually to support each family headed by a teenager.⁶

1993 Teen Parenting AFDC Costs

- The number of teenage parents heading families and receiving public assistance has more than doubled since 1989.¹⁹
- In December 1992, 714 teen parents received AFDC services compared to 335 in January 1989.¹⁹
- The costs of AFDC for teen parents will be a minimum of \$7 million in 1993.¹⁹
- In Alaska, for the three year period 1989-1992, 73% of mothers under age 20 were Medicaid recipients.¹⁰