

SHIFTNC cites 314 pregnancies in 2014. What they don't tell is that of that number, 273 pregnancies were among 18 & 19 year olds, and of that number, over 170 were married.

*Reducing pregnancies among the married citizens of our County is none of SHIFT's business.*

Only 41 pregnancies were among school age Teens, age 15-17. Of this number, 10 were married leaving only 31 unmarried 15-17 year olds getting pregnant. While we would all like to see that number reduced, SHIFT NC's program is not the way to do it. After 5 years of SHIFT's program in Gaston County, their age 15-17 number of pregnancies was 39% higher than Onslow County's for that same year.

Pregnancy numbers have been verified through the NC Vital Statistics.