

Sexuality of Thai Unintended Teenage Pregnancies

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Abstract. The statistic of unintended teenage pregnancy in Thailand has been the highest rate in Asia. This problem issue is great importance to the quality of life of people in the future. There are a wide range of studies about adolescent sexual behavior and health, and health care behavior of teenage mothers. But few studies focused on understanding the sexuality of young people who were not ready to be pregnant. This phenomenological research aimed to illustrate teenage sexuality with unintended pregnancy. Samples were 12 teenage mothers with unintended pregnancy who gave birth at hospital during 2012. Purposive sampling was used. Data were gathered from documents and in-depth interviews. The data analysis was conducted in accordance with the guidelines of Cohen, Kahn, & Steeves. The result revealed that the age of teenage mother ranged from 19-14 years old. The majority of them were Buddhists, living with single parent and studying in secondary school level. Teenage sexuality that leads to pregnancy includes two main themes: I obsession to going out and fun-loving, and having boyfriend, and II Teen sex is common and should be prevented. The findings from this study suggest that we should promote the understanding and accessibility to contraceptive services among at-risk youth.