



Mesquite-Vado, New Mexico Community Mapping Fact Sheet

What are teens in Mesquite-Vado saying about:

Teens and Sex

- ✓ 31.3 % of the teens surveyed say they have had sex
- ✓ Average age of first time of teens in the community = 14.3 yrs
- ✓ Of the sexually active teens, only 71% of their parents know they have had sex
- ✓ 66% of teens say their parents would disapprove of them having sex

Birth Control

- ✓ 49% say birth control is very important BUT ONLY 43% say they have used some form of protection or birth control every time they have had sex
- ✓ 44% of teens say their parents would disapprove of them using birth control
- ✓ Male condoms are the most commonly used form of contraception by teens in the community.
- ✓ 80% say a sexual relationship at this point in their life could interfere with future goals and plans

Communicating with Parents and Adults

- ✓ 64% say they *can* talk to their parents about sexual matters
- ✓ 63% of sexually active teens say this
- ✓ 65% of non-sexually active teens say this
- ✓ 54.6% say they *have* talked to either one of their parents about sex
- ✓ 40.5% say they *have* talked to either one of their parents about using contraception

What are Adults in Mesquite-Vado saying:

- ✓ 37.2% feel very comfortable talking with teens about sex
- ✓ 32.1% of females engage in discussion when their children come to them with questions about sex

Access To Services

- ✓ 60% of adolescents say they know where to get contraception
 - ✓ 56% of adolescents knew exactly where the place is
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