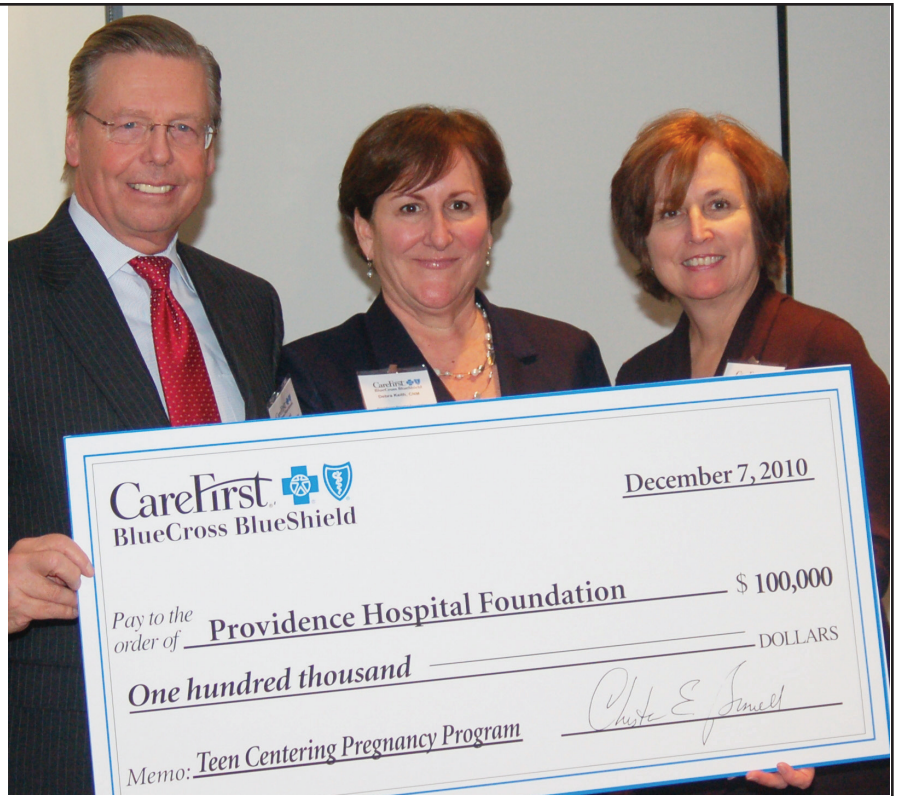


Providence Hospital's Teen CenteringPregnancy's® Program Receives \$100k Grant from CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

Providence Health Foundation was recently awarded a \$100,000 grant from CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield to help fund the Teen CenteringPregnancy® program at Providence's Center for Life (CFL). The group health care format addresses needs that are unique to young teens: helping them to feel comfortable and supported, and providing more time for important pre-natal education.



(l-r) Chet Burrell, CareFirst President and CEO, presents grant check to Debra Keith, CNM, Director of the Center for Life at Providence Hospital, and Beth Fromm, Vice President for Development, Providence Health Foundation.

“The group format—with its emphasis on assessment, education, and support—is an ideal model for pregnant adolescents. Teen CenteringPregnancy® promotes peer support within a safe environment, empowering teens as they negotiate their transition to parenthood. It consistently demonstrates higher rates of positive birth outcomes.”

—Debra Keith, CNM
Director of the Center for Life and CenteringPregnancy® program

Teen CenteringPregnancy®, which will also use a home visiting component, fits in well with CareFirst's funding priorities such as improving access to health care and reducing health care disparities. CareFirst, the largest health care insurer in the Mid-Atlantic region, has previously support the efforts of CenteringPregnancy® at Providence Hospital.

For 150 years, Providence has provided landmark medical care for persons in need throughout the metropolitan area. Providence is setting new standards in innovative, state-of-the-art health and wellness services like that of the Teen CenteringPregnancy® Program.

