



## News Release

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## **40 Teen Mothers to Graduate Saturday from the Florence Crittenton School**

**DENVER, COLORADO - May 16, 2009 -**

Forty teen mothers, many cheered on by their children, will receive their high school diplomas tonight from the Florence Crittenton School, an alternative high school operated by the nonprofit Parent Pathways in cooperation with Denver Public Schools.

The ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, 1660 Sherman Street in Denver, as the Florence Crittenton School celebrates its largest-ever graduating class.

Receiving their diplomas is especially sweet for these teenagers who have overcome the odds of teen pregnancy and in many cases poverty to achieve their goal, with the support of the wraparound services provided by Parent Pathways.

The Florence Crittenton School provides a high school education and a comprehensive range of services to pregnant and parenting teen girls. It helps teen mothers stay in school and graduate, give birth to healthy babies, learn how to be nurturing mothers, prevent repeat pregnancies, obtain post-secondary education and acquire marketable job skills and work experience. The school is the largest provider of services to teen mothers in Denver, serving over 200 teen mothers in the 2008/2009 school year.

In addition to the school, Parent Pathways' Qualistar-rated Early Learning Center provides licensed, on-site early childhood education for the babies of the school's teen moms, acting as a "parenting laboratory" where professionals interact with students and their babies to teach young moms to promote their children's health and development.

The Young Fathers Program provides a comprehensive array of services to prepare young fathers for the responsibilities and joys of fatherhood. The program helps young fathers learn how to become nurturing parents, establish paternity, complete their education, acquire marketable job skills, obtain employment and become positive, contributing members of their communities and families.

### **About Parent Pathways**

Parent Pathways is a Denver-based nonprofit that empowers teen families to be productive members of the community. Using a holistic and proven approach, Parent Pathways offers a spectrum of wraparound services for the entire teen family, including education, career guidance and parenting training for pregnant and parenting teen mothers at the Florence Crittenton School; early childhood education for their babies and toddlers at the Qualistar-rated Early Learning Center; and counseling, education and parenting support for teen fathers through the Young Fathers Program. Learn more at [www.parentpathways.org](http://www.parentpathways.org).

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