Narrowing Your Topic

Start by writing your broad topic in the top box. Then follow the directions in the subsequent boxes. For help, refer to the examples along the left.

**Example Topic:** teen pregnancy

Now list 3 different groups who may be affected by this issue.

- teen mothers
- teen fathers
- educators

Pick one of the above groups and list three ways that this group is affected.

- Teen fathers may lack parenting skills. Are there training programs for these men? Are they successful?
- Teen fathers will incur legal and financial obligations.
- In order to fulfill obligations, father may postpone or cancel education.

Choose one of the three topics from the boxes above and write it as a statement:

**Example:** Teen fathers have a need for training in parental skills. Training programs may improve the quality of the relationship between father and child.

**Your topic:**