Reaching Youth via Reproductive Health Courses and Youth-Friendly Pharmacy Services

Healthy Women in Georgia (HWG) Program



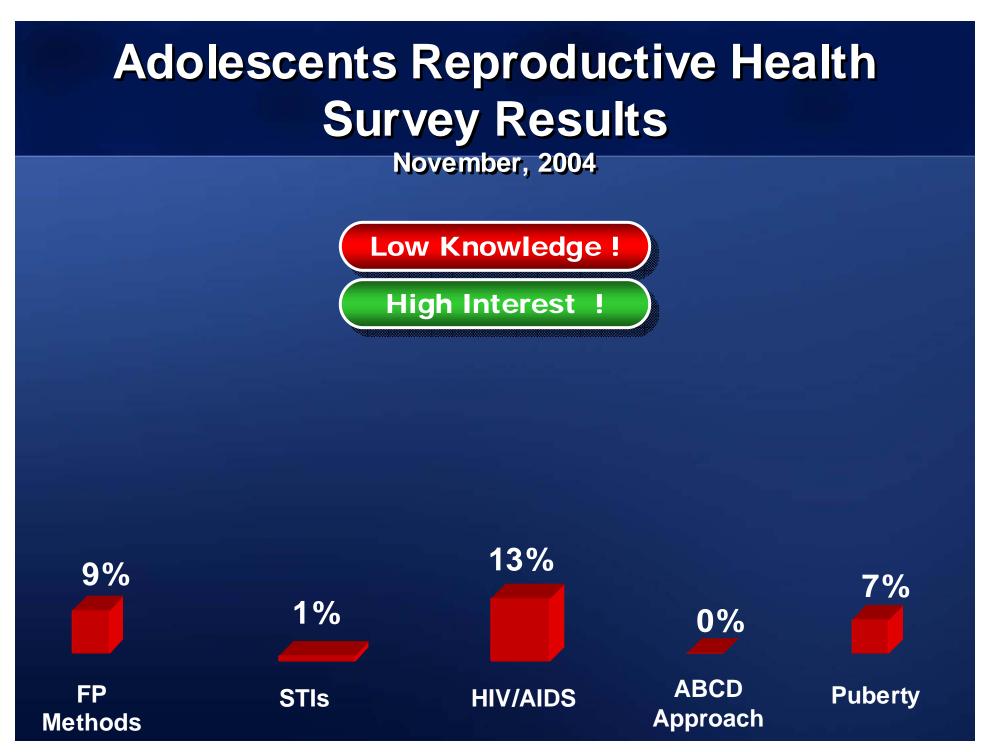


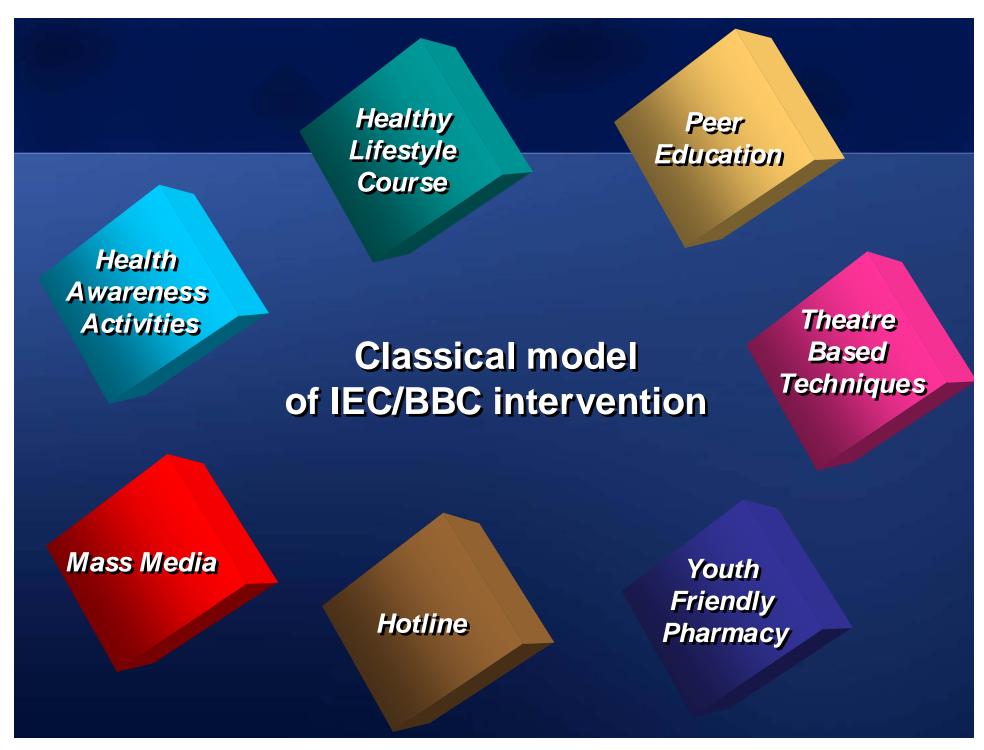




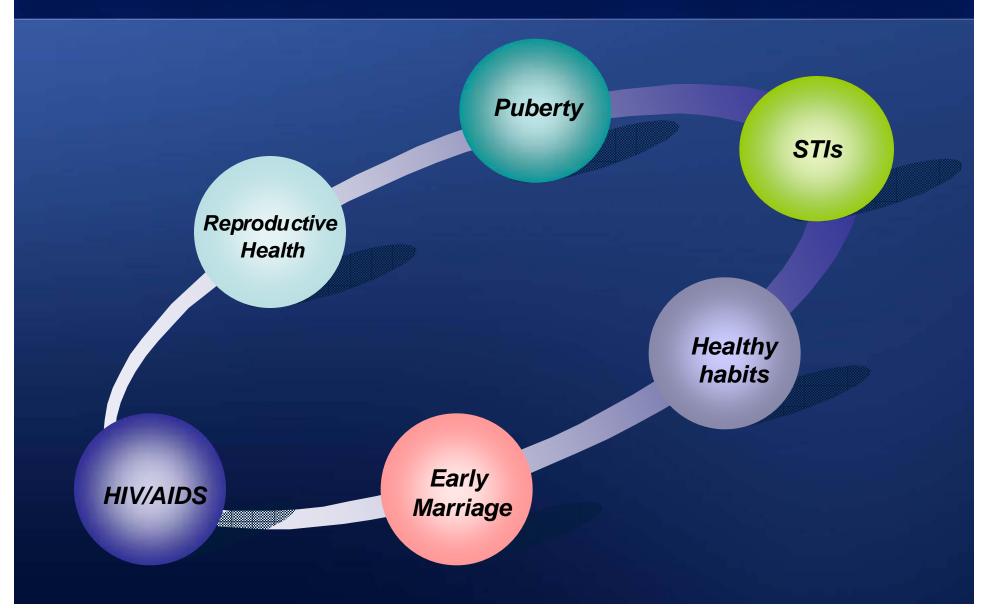
Youth Reproductive Health Barriers in Georgia

- □ Lack of Reproductive Health information
- □ Religious and cultural barriers
- □ Lack of knowledge of RH issues
- □ Low access to RH services
- □ Lack of Youth -Friendly Services





Topics for Healthy Lifestyle Course



Peer Education

- ☐ Peers are traditional providers of information to their peers
- ☐ Peer education program provides strong benefits to peer educators themselves
- □ Peer education is economical



475 Trained Peer Educators

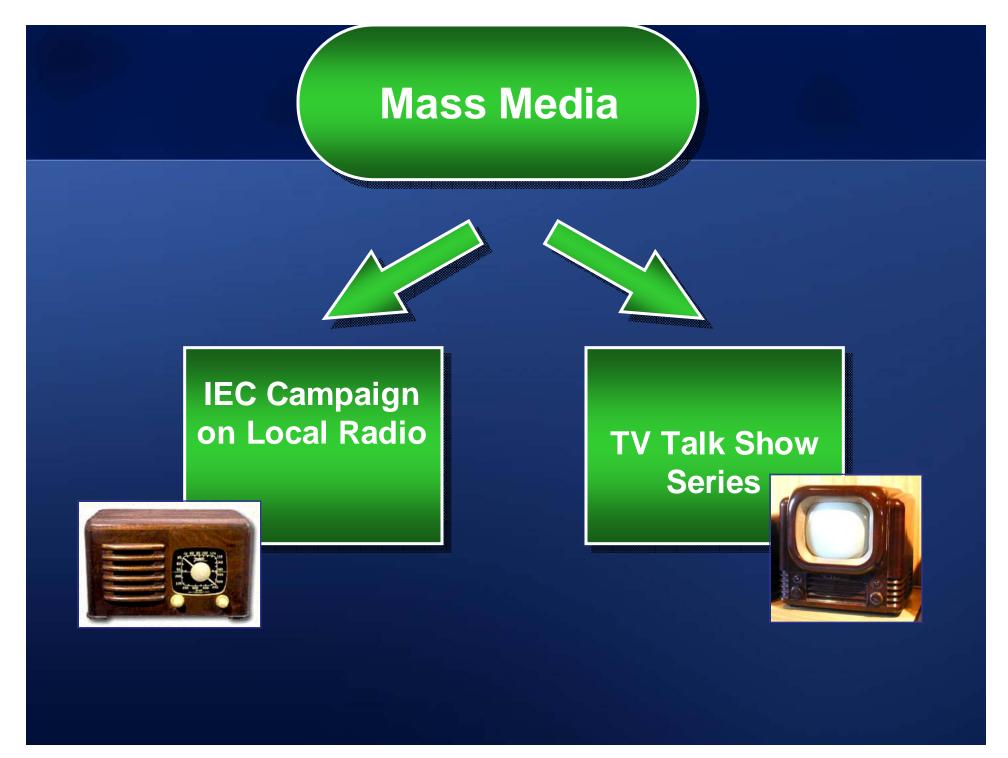
Use of Theatre-based Techniques

- □ Provide Information
- ☐ Create Motivation
- ☐ Build Skills
- ☐ Make a link to Resources



Hotline

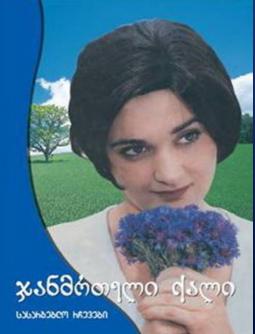


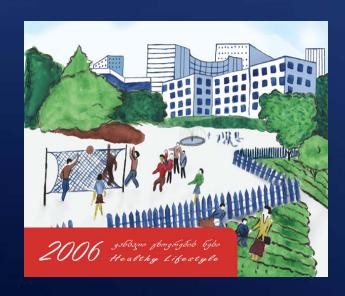














Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge

Health Awareness Activities

- **□** Sport competitions
- ☐ Art exhibitions
- ☐ Health quizzes
- □ Summer camps
- ☐ Health events dedicated to:
 - World Health Day
 - World AIDS Day
 - AIDS Memorial Day
 - Breast Health Awareness Walk

What are Youth –Friendly Pharmacies? ☐ Specially trained pharmacists ☐ Sensitive, welcoming, knowledgeable ☐ Meet the information and service needs of youth

Youth Friendly Pharmacy Service

- ☐ Develop skills of pharmacy personal to counsel youth
- ☐ Provide pharmacy staff with current technical information on EC, contraceptive methods, and STIs
- ☐ Sensitize pharmacy staff to the reproductive health needs of youth



HWG Youth Friendly Pharmacies

Youth Friendly Pharmacies



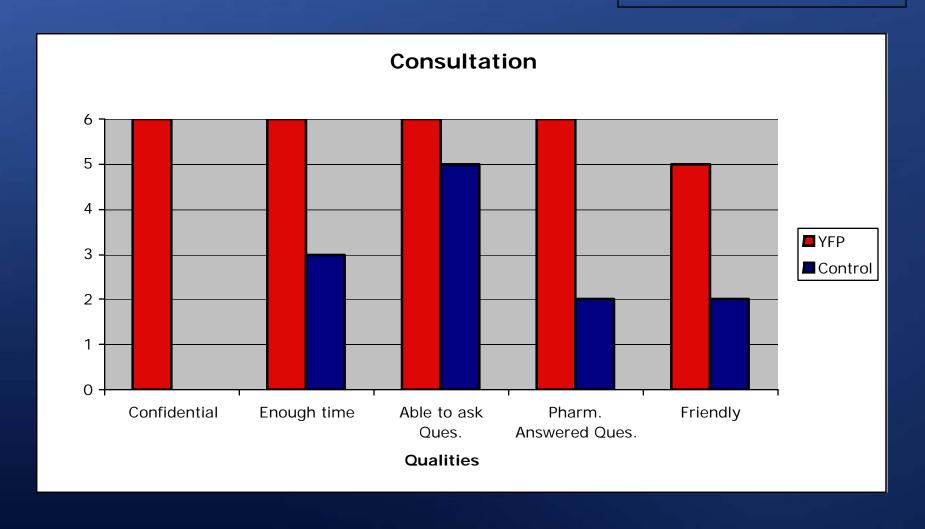
Pharmacies are your friend

- Pilot program- 15 pharmacies
- 72 pharmacists trained
- IEC materials in the YF Pharmacies available
- Advertisement of YFP by local TV and Radio

Mystery Shopper Results

On control pharmacy consultation:

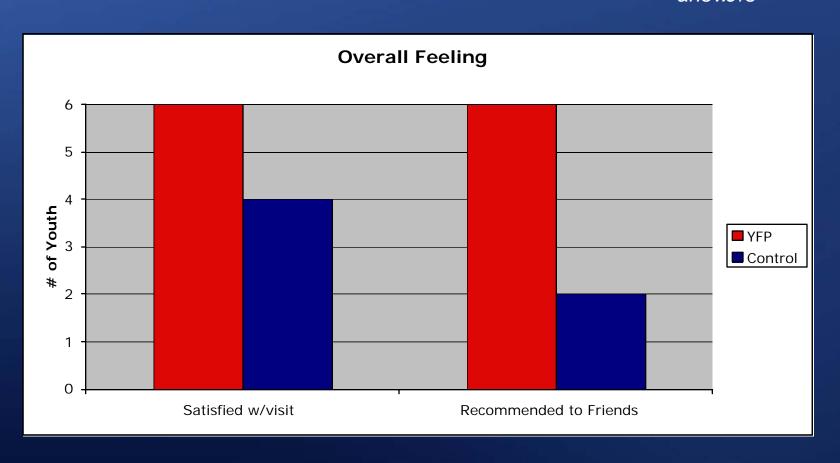
"Her only advice was to buy medicine"



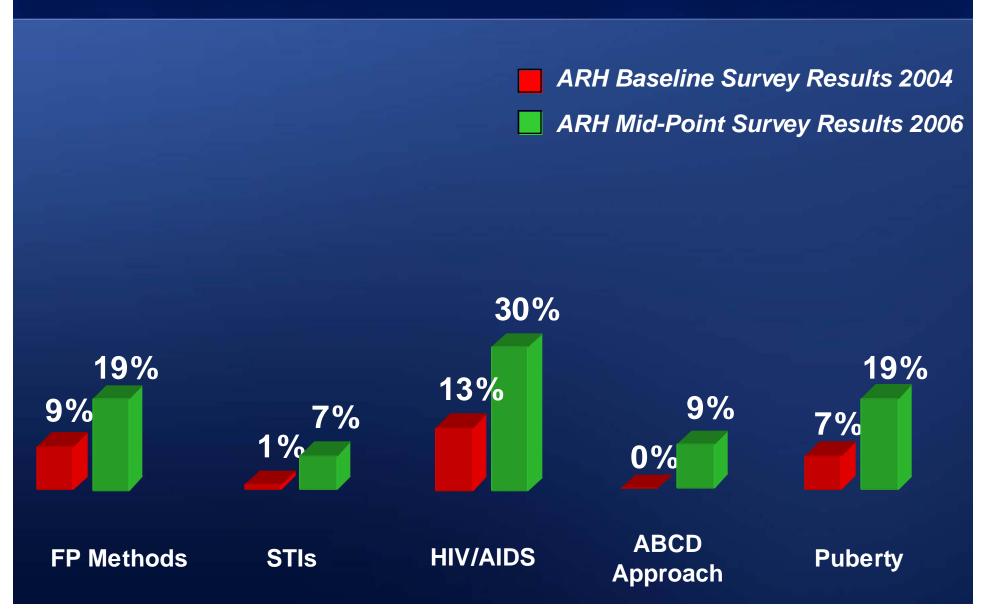
Mystery Shopper Results

On YFP:

"She did not know me, but had a friendly attitude and gave comprehensive answers"



What we achieved?



Secret of success

□ Collaboration with Resource Centers

☐ USAID Mission support

☐ Strong support of School authorities

☐ Interest by youth, parents, teachers

"I am very happy to share my new knowledge with my peers" (Peer Educator)

"It would be good if the program was expanded, and if more youth could be involved" (Peer Educator)

"We would be serving our children well to equip them with the

"The welcome was really friendly, with smiling faces." (Boy,15)

information they need to be healthy" (Teacher)

beginning" (Girl,16)

Pharmacist greeted me and smiled, so I felt comfortable from the very



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge



Copyright 2007, Nana Kvirtia, nana@jsi.ge

