Promoting Science-based Approaches to Preventing Teen Pregnancy, STDs and HIV

Policy, Partnerships, and Creativity

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Learning Objectives

- 1. Articulate systems-level approaches to teen pregnancy prevention
- 2. Understand how CDC's science-based approaches to teen pregnancy prevention framework can be applied at a local level
- 3. Identify reasons for selecting particular local partners
- 4. Recognize the importance roles flexibility and creativity play in carrying out a planned intervention

About MOAPPP

Minnesota non-profit, 16-year history Mission: to develop and strengthen policies and programs that promote adolescent sexual health, prevent adolescent pregnancy and support adolescent parents.

- Resources
- Training
- Public Policy
- Outreach
- Communications

Systems-Level Approaches

The Spectrum of Prevention

Influencing Policy & Legislation

Changing Organizational Practices

Fostering Coalitions & Networks

Educating Providers

Promoting Community Education

Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills

The Prevention Institute: http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tool_spectrum.html MOAPPP's Promoting Science-based Approaches to Teen Pregnancy Prevention (PSBA) Project

CDC's Framework:

Use a logic model to link risk and protective factors with program strategies and outcomes.

MOAPPP's Logic Model

Increase the knowledge, skills, commitment, confidence and application of SBA with:

Program ProvidersDecision MakersGeneral Public

MOAPPP's PSBA Project

CDC's Framework:

Use demographic, epidemiological and social science research to identify populations at risk of early pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted infections, and to identify the risk and protective factors for those populations.

Minnesota Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates

Hennepin County

- Most populous county in the state
- Greatest number of teen pregnancies in state
- Greatest number of births to teens in the state
- Consistently ranked as one of the top 10 MN counties for teen pregnancies and births to 15-17-year-olds

Hennepin County

- Establishing relationships
 Social and aciding apparture
- Seeing and seizing opportunities
- Offering MOAPPP's resources
- Gaining commitment

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CDC's Framework:

Use health behavior or health education theory to select risk and protective factors that will be addressed by the program, and guide the selection of intervention activities.

Theoretical Shorthand

- Knowledge and Skills to Prevent Pregnancy, HIV and STDs
 - Social Learning Theory
- Access to Family Planning Services
 - Health Belief Model
- Motivation to Prevent Pregnancy, HIV and STDs
 - Social Cognitive and Social Influences theories

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CDC's Framework:

Select, adapt if necessary, and implement sciencebased programs.

Knowledge and Skills

Proven sexuality education curricula in schools and community-based organizations

Access to Family Planning Services

School-based, community-based and private clinics

Motivation

Youth Development Programs

- Role of service learning
- The Teen Outreach Program
 - Coordinated nationally by Wyman
 - www.wymancenter.org/teenoutreach.htm

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CDC's Framework:

Conduct process and outcome evaluations of the implemented program, and modify approach based on results.

MOAPPP's Evaluation Measures

- Number and content of briefing papers created and disseminated to decision-makers
- Number and characteristics of briefing attendees
- Number of state and local decision-makers participating in training and TA activities

Other Measures Identified

Amount of new or redirected funding dedicated to SBP or SBA

Policy Impacts

Teen Pregnancy Prevention/Youth Development becomes a primary focus of new county department workplan

County department designates 1 FTE to focus area

Superintendents and Parks and Recreation Departments agree to be part of the project

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Vision

 We will dramatically reduce teen pregnancy in HC when all communities within the county provide a strong foundation for all youth that includes information, family planning services and hope for the future.

Strategy

 Pilot projects in two cities that are rigorously evaluated and ultimately replicated throughout the county.

Intent

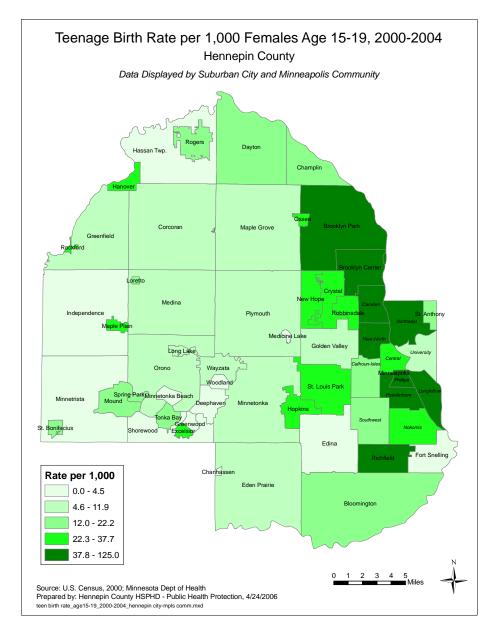
 Saturate the two cities with responsible sex education, family planning services and youth development programs.

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Hennepin County Teen Birth Rates



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Components

- Responsible sex education
- Family planning services
- Youth development programs

Mechanisms

- Competitive grants
- Training and technical assistance
- Evaluation

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Hennepin County Evaluation Measures

Funded Programs

Will be based on which programs get funded

Teen Outreach Program

- How does TOP impact students' behaviors compared with students who are not receiving TOP, including:
 - school failure
 - substance use
 - pregnancy
 - sexual behavior

Policy Impacts in Hennepin County

- County Board passed a resolution allocating two years of funding (\$400,000) for the teen pregnancy prevention initiative
- Two school districts are re-visiting their sex education curricula
- County Department issued a Request for Proposals to fund:
 - Responsible sex education
 - Clinic outreach
 - Youth development programs

Policy Impacts in Hennepin County

Implementation of the Teen Outreach Program in one school district

- A required class in the Alternative Learning Center
- An elective in the regular high school
- An after-school activity

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