Delivering Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for Men: Challenges, Responses, & Lessons Learned

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Young Men's Health Initiative

Young Men's Clinic

> Work in schools

Community outreach

- Outposting in streets, CBOs
- SRH education in CBOs
- Capacity building of CBO staff

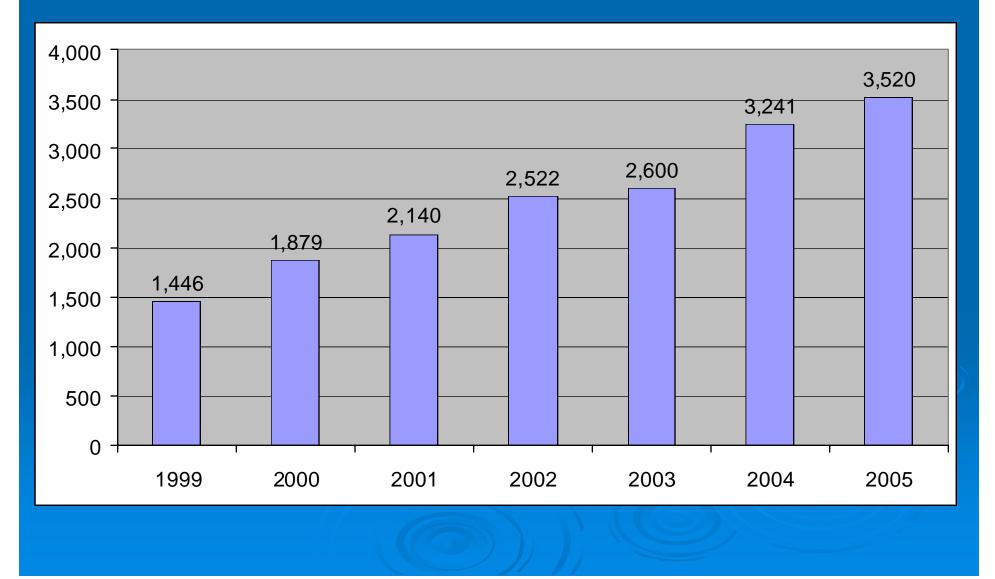
The Young Men's Clinic

Established 1987

- Funding: Office of Family Planning, Ford Foundation, NYS DOH, Medicaid, selfpay
- Only SRH clinic for men in the NY metro area
- Provides primary care
- > 3 sessions per week
- 12-35 years old
- > 85% 20 years old+



Annual Visits to YMC



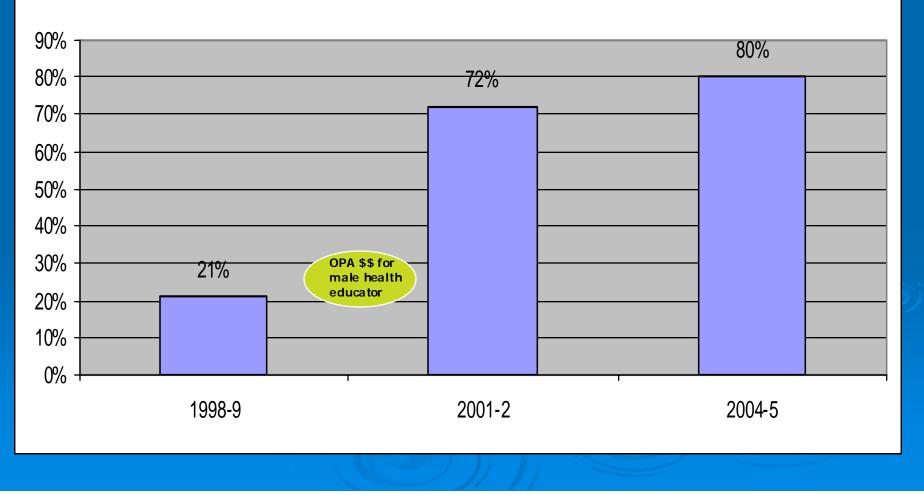
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Work in Schools



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Proportion of male students receiving health education assessments in SBHC



Community Work



Evaluation of Community-Based & Clinic-Based Health Education

Challenges & Lessons Learned

How does a health clinic develop & sustain community partnerships?

Know agency/school history & structure

Be useful "on their terms"

Building relationships & trust takes time

Build on community & agency assets

Sustain relationships over time

How do we adapt to the lack of malefriendly health education materials?

> Develop our own

Formative research to develop materials

> Positive messaging

How do we strategically market our services?

We have a quality clinic, but our marketing resources are limited

How can we reach our target audience with messages that work?

Mapping community assets

> Positive Messaging

Service-based research is central

Formative & evaluation

Establishing goals & objectives

Research questions formed in the field

Compromise between methodological rigor & practical realities

Translation to better practice is key

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