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Senior Research Associate

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Brown University, Sociology/Demography, 1997

M.A. Delhi School of Economics, Sociology, 1988

B.A. Delhi University, Economics (Honors), 1986

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Substance Abuse, Prevention, Youth and Youth Development, Program Evaluation, Research Methods.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

Since 1997, when she joined Sociometrics, Dr. Raghupathy has worked to create practitioner-based tools and resources for transferring prevention research into practice. Her work includes development of science-based youth ATOD prevention program replication kits; multi-media courses on evaluation and implementation for lay practitioners; practitioner assistance on program replication and evaluation as well as external consultation on science-to-practice efforts by other organizations such as California Healthy Kids.

At Sociometrics, Dr. Raghupathy has worked on projects relating to substance abuse and other high-risk behaviors, program development and evaluation. Dr. Raghupathy is currently Principal Investigator on two NIDA-funded projects relating to substance abuse prevention and evaluation. In the first project, she is collaborating with Native American educators to develop and test a multi-media computer-based drug prevention intervention for Native American youth (www.hawksquared.com). In addition, she is PI on a project that will develop an online evaluation tool to help schools use web-based surveys for collecting and analyzing drug and violence prevention data. She is also project director on an SBIR Phase 2 project that is developing a library of online, multi-media educational resources that can be used to supplement and enhance skill-building activities in youth-based sexual risk reduction interventions.

Dr. Raghupathy serves as Sociometrics' Director of Practitioner Support and attends to practitioner queries from the field on the program implementation and evaluation of a variety of youth risk prevention programs disseminated by Sociometrics. She has provided program evaluation assistance for a number of prevention programs in the Hayward, Alameda and San Mateo school districts in Northern California. She has served as Research Advisor with the California Healthy Kids Resource Center (California Department of Education and California Department of Health Services) and with the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, and has served as a grants reviewer for the Center of Scientific Review, National Institutes for Health.

Prior to joining Sociometrics, Dr. Raghupathy worked at the World Bank (Washington, D.C.), UNICEF (New Delhi), and Development Alternatives (New Delhi).