

## **SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 27**

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### **IMPACT EVALUATION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' OPTIONS FOR PRE-TEENS (OPT) PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Options for Pre-Teens (OPT) was a multi-component, multi-site primary prevention experiment for at-risk 5th, 6th, and 7th grade boys and girls. Its purpose was to provide pre-adolescents with motivation and the skills to abstain from early sexual activity and other risky behaviors, and to be successful in school.

Specific goals, mapped to individual program components, for participating students were to:

- develop enhanced life-planning and decision-making skills;
- improve overall school performance and critical thinking capabilities;
- develop closer ties with their communities;
- feel that they belonged to their schools and that the adults in the schools cared about them;
- involve their parents in the school program and in the educational social development of the children; and,
- help the students and their families ameliorate the effects of poverty, including inadequate housing, unemployment, poor nutrition, and inadequate health care.

Social Research Applications was the evaluation subcontractor for AASA and was responsible for the evaluation design, instrument development, data analysis, and report writing aspects of the experiment. Sociometrics Corporation provided administrative support for the project. Subsequent direct funding to Sociometrics by AASA permitted additional evaluation follow-up (see Project No. 59).

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