

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 41

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARCHIVE OF TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS PHASE I

This Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I project tested the feasibility of establishing an archive of the most promising teen pregnancy prevention programs that have been developed to date. Each program package would include everything needed to replicate the promising program (e.g., textbook, workbook, video, etc.) plus an accompanying evaluation packet—with instructions, instruments, and scoring instructions—for assessing the effectiveness of the program. Effectiveness would be defined as demonstrated salutary impact on fertility-related behavior (i.e., postponement of sexual intercourse; decrease in frequency of sexual intercourse; increase in consistent contraceptive use among the sexually active; prevention of pregnancy and parenthood). For programs aimed at children 15 or younger, the demonstrated salutary impact on values and attitudes (perception that the above behaviors are worthwhile and of value) would be accepted as preliminary evidence of effectiveness. The Phase I project:

- (1) identified model programs and evaluations;
- (2) investigated the feasibility of obtaining developers' permission to obtain, process, and market their programs and evaluations; and
- (3) using one program as a prototype, investigated the feasibility of enhancing both program and evaluation materials to the point of public usability and commercial viability.

Phase II was subsequently secured (see Project No. 51, see also Project No. 105).

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