

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 51

PROGRAM ARCHIVE ON SEXUALITY, HEALTH & ADOLESCENCE (PASHA) PHASE II

This Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II project established an archive of the most promising teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention programs that have been developed to date. Each program package includes everything needed to replicate the promising program (a complete set of program materials such as textbook, workbook, video, board game, etc.) plus an accompanying evaluation packet—with instructions, instruments, and scoring instructions—for assessing the effectiveness of the program. Effectiveness is defined as demonstrated salutary impact on fertility-related behavior (i.e., postponement of sexual intercourse; decrease in frequency of sexual intercourse; decrease in number of sexual partners; increase in condom/contraceptive use at first intercourse; increase in consistent condom/contraceptive use among the sexually active; prevention of pregnancy and parenthood) for at least one racial, gender, age (younger or older teen), sexual status (virgin or not) subgroup of interest. For programs aimed at children 15 or younger, demonstrated salutary impact on values and attitudes (perception that the above behaviors are worthwhile and of value) was accepted as preliminary evidence of effectiveness. A compendium describing each archived program package, evaluating the state of the field, and explaining how to select from the archive an appropriate program package for review, adaptation, and implementation was also developed.

During Phase I (see Project 41) we: (1) identified and—with guidance from a National Advisory Panel of experts—selected the first set of seven model programs and evaluations; (2) demonstrated the feasibility of obtaining developers' permission to obtain, process, and market their programs and evaluations; and (3) demonstrated, using one program as a prototype, the feasibility of enhancing both program and evaluation materials to the point of public usability and commercial viability. In Phase II we: (1) selected additional exemplary programs that were included in the archive; (2) enhanced the program and evaluation materials to the point of public usability; and (3) produced the compendium describing the program packages. As was the case during Phase I, program selection was done with guidance from a National Advisory Panel. Program material enhancement was done in collaboration with the original program developer. Significant input on the materials' usability was obtained from the Consortium of Program Developers (directors of programs included in the archive) and from implementation of included programs at an independent site (a site that did not participate in the program's original development or evaluation).

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