

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 71

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GILA COALITION TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY

Gila County, Arizona, established a Community Coalition to address the county's teen pregnancy problem. The goals of the Coalition were to:

- Engage local communities in collaborative teen pregnancy prevention;
- Provide educational services to youth ages 9-19 regarding abstinence, self-esteem, assertiveness, and decision-making;
- Provide educational services to adults (parents, teachers, counselors, public) regarding parenting skills, relationships, and sexuality.

The long term goal of the Coalition was to increase community awareness and understanding of the sexuality and need for education in relationships, with the ultimate goal of reducing teen pregnancy.

The Gila Coalition contracted with Sociometrics to develop a model of the Coalition's activities, design an evaluation plan, and conduct a one day professional development workshop that addressed evaluation questions for community coalitions, the formulation of goals and objectives, and the measurement of coalition processes and activities.

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