

## **SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 76**

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### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR EVALUATION OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT**

Contra Costa County was a recipient of one of California's Community Challenge Grants. These grants supported local programs designed to reduce pregnancies among teenagers. A component of the grants was that each program be evaluated. Each program would be evaluated locally and would be part of a state-wide evaluation of all programs being coordinated by Dr. Claire Brindis at the University of California San Francisco.

Contra Costa County designed a multi-component intervention. Components included education skills, resistance skill building, pre-employment skill building, career mentoring, legal issues, communication skills, and sexual responsibility. The evaluation component focused on both process and outcome measures. Outcomes of interest were pregnancies to unmarried teenagers, single-parent families created by such pregnancies, and community attitudes and norms.

Contra Costa County contracted with Sociometrics to provide assistance with evaluation. The evaluation was a two-phase process. The first phase was the development of a program model for each of the collaborative agencies involved in the teen pregnancy prevention program, and the design of an evaluation that would yielding the most beneficial results consistent with the above evaluation goal, while staying within the financial, staffing, and other resource constraints. The second phase was the implementation of the evaluation. The evaluation was a cooperative effort, with some tasks carried out by Sociometrics and others by staff at Contra Costa County and the staff of the collaborating agencies.

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