

## **SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 78**

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### **EVALUATION ASSISTANCE FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT**

The Alameda County Department of Health was a recipient of one of California's Community Challenge Grants. These grants supported local programs designed to reduce pregnancies among teenagers and include a local evaluation of each program. The Alameda program, Project H.O.P.E., was a multi-component intervention that 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.

Sociometrics was contracted by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to provide assistance with the local evaluation in a two-phase process. The first phase involved the design of an evaluation that would be consistent with the above evaluation goals while staying within the financial, staffing, and other resource constraints. The second phase was be the actual execution of the evaluation. The evaluation was a cooperative effort, with some tasks carried out by Sociometrics and others by members of the Project H.O.P.E. collaborative.

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