

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 83

EVALUATION ASSISTANCE FOR YMCA OF THE EAST BAY'S FUTURE CHOICE PROGRAM

YMCA of the East Bay was a recipient of a California Community Challenge Grant for the implementation and evaluation of teen pregnancy prevention program. The grant required that the program be evaluated locally and also participate in a state wide evaluation. YMCA designed an intervention, the Future Choice Program, to work with pre-sexually active and sexually active adolescents to build their self-esteem, increase their knowledge and use of health services, and enhance their academic performance and future goals. The goal of the program was to reduce teen and unwed pregnancies and fatherlessness among program participants in Oakland and other East Bay communities. YMCA contracted Sociometrics to provide assistance with both the local and state evaluation. Sociometrics' tasks included: (1) develop a program model and evaluation design; (2) provide implementation assistance for the state-required evaluation, including addition of variables to an existing survey, troubleshooting during the course of data collection, and identification of existing data sources that could be used to obtain additional outcome measures; (3) provide ongoing technical support throughout the duration of the contract, by means of site visits, collaborative meetings, and assistance with quarterly and annual reports to the State; and (4) prepare a 15-20 page report summarizing the findings from the evaluation study.

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