

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 90

EVALUATION OF KAWEAH DELTA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT'S TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

The KDHCD was a recipient of a California Community Challenge Grant, which supported local programs designed to reduce teen pregnancy and included local and statewide evaluations. KDHCD designed an intervention to reduce high teen pregnancy rates in Tulare County that included providing teens with comprehensive health care at special clinics; providing them with preventive education at both the clinics and various community sites; developing a teen theatre project that promotes healthy decision-making; developing a teen monitoring/peer education project; working with teen parents' siblings to prevent pregnancy; conducting youth empowerment programs; and conducting parent education programs. KDHCD contacted Sociometrics to assist with both the local and the State evaluation.

Sociometrics' tasks included: 1) develop a program model and an evaluation design; 2) construct the necessary evaluation instruments, including process measures and an in-depth outcome instrument measuring attitudes and behaviors; 3) provide ongoing technical support for the implementation of evaluation tasks, including data collection and management, site visits, focus groups, and report preparation; and 4) prepare a 20-30 page final report summarizing the findings from the evaluation study.

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