

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 93

THE SOCIOMETRICS INSTITUTE FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION PHASE II

This Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II project, a follow-on to Project No. 75, established the Sociometrics Training Institute for Program Development and Evaluation (IPDE). The Institute links research and practice in the development, implementation, and evaluation of teen pregnancy prevention and teen STD/HIV/AIDS prevention programs. A professional skills certificate in Program Development and Evaluation is offered to individuals who complete the six-course curriculum and two certification exercises. Phase I developed the Institute's curriculum and prototype course materials with input from a Practitioner Advisory Panel consisting of 15 representatives of the target market: teachers, directors and staff members of community-based organizations, family planning/managed care clinic-based practitioners, and program evaluators. Phase I also demonstrated the feasibility of the Institute's granting participants continuing education unit (CEU) and other professional credits useful for job advancement. The Institute course material was developed and field tested in Phase II. Recognizing the diversity of individual learning styles and the varying time and funding available to the nation's teachers and practitioners, the IPDE is offered in several formats. These include annual in-person workshops held during the summer in the San Francisco Bay Area, annual meetings of relevant professional organizations (minimum enrollment = 20), on-line distance learning courses, and traditional correspondence courses.

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