SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT NO. 99

IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF A COUNTY-WIDE ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Santa Clara County Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Network (APPN), a public-private sector coalition, has made significant progress in developing a comprehensive prevention strategy through extensive collaborative participation among the array of its 80+ partners, which include Public Health Department units, community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations, schools, and other entities. These agencies are organized into county-wide and geographically-based work groups.

In 1999, Social Research Applications (SRA) received a grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to fund the implementation and evaluation of APPN efforts for four years. Social Research Applications disbursed a portion to the various work group member agencies for implementation of "best practice" interventions.

Sociometrics also received a portion of the Packard funding to work with APPN staff, work groups, and member agencies to evaluate the APPN effort. This evaluation included monitoring, process, and outcome evaluation of the individual Packard-funded interventions, a study of collaboration among APPN member agencies, and analysis of data from the County vital statistics, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and the California Health Kids Survey. Additionally, Sociometrics provided technical assistance to APPN on program modeling, best practices, process and outcome evaluation, and grant writing, and also oversaw the disbursement of Packard funds to support APPN interventions.

Sociometrics' evaluation and technical assistance efforts were complemented by a case study of APPN's founding, development during the Packard funding period, and prospects for sustainability. This case study was carried out in part by independent consultants and in part by Sociometrics staff.

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