

Who Is OAPP?

- OAPP is the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs
- We administer the Adolescent Family Life (AFL) Program
- Title XX of the Public Service Act, 1981 a.k.a. Adolescent Family Life Act (AFL)
- Provides funding for Care Demonstration, **Prevention Demonstration**, and Research Projects.
- Is unique!

What is an AFL Prevention Demonstration Grant?

- Evaluation-intensive (20-25% funds)
 - Strengthening AFL's long-standing commitment to evaluation
- Five year grant cycle
- Theory based approach
- Innovative abstinence education activities and services targeting youth 9-18 and their parents
- Promotes Abstinence Until Marriage
 - Section 510 (b)(2) (A-H) definition
 - Defines educational and supportive activities

The Goals of OAPP are ...

- To demonstrate effective means to promote premarital abstinence from sexual activity by:
 - Increasing parental involvement in the lives of their children.
 - Increasing adolescents' understanding of the positive health and emotional benefits of abstaining from premarital sexual activity.
- Improve the quality of independent evaluations by:
 - Increasing \$ for demonstration project evaluations
 - Required Core Data Instrument
 - Evaluation Technical Assistance and Tracking

Unique Features of AFL Prevention Demonstration Project Evaluations

- **Demonstration**, not service
- Independent Evaluator
 - University-Based
 - In Grantee's State
- Core data instrument required
 - Active Parental Consent
- Individual Technical Assistance and Tracking
 - End of the Year Reports

AFL CROSS-SITE EVALUATION

- Projects funded FY 2004 forward required to use core data instruments
 - Core instruments will be used in cross-site evaluation
- Contract with RTI International
 - Will design the cross-site
 - Project is in stages
 - Completed Activities
 - Current Activities
 - Future Activities

Completed Cross-Site Activities

- Capacity assessment of projects that will participate in the cross-site evaluation
- Three meetings with the expert workgroup convened for the project
- Reconfiguring the core instruments and converting them to scannable format

Current Cross-Site Activities

- Develop and pilot a Spanish translation of the core instruments
- Develop a data base structure for the core instruments
- Training and technical assistance on use of the core instruments and standardized data collection procedures

Future Cross-Site Activities

- Additional meetings of the expert workgroup
- Develop and pilot a behavior module for the prevention core instrument
- Prepare an OMB clearance package for the behavior module and collection of individual level data
- Final design for the cross-site evaluation
- **CONDUCT THE CROSS-SITE EVALUATION!!**

Upcoming Request For Application

- Approximately \$8 Million is available for an estimated 20-25 new Prevention Demonstration Grants
- Request for Applications (RFA) will be published in the Federal Register soon.
- 4 In-person Technical assistance workshops on the application process across the U.S. 2 Net-Conferences
- Join our mailing list at <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov/>

Evaluation Plan: Overview

- Substantial part of review criteria
- Should be evaluation-intensive demonstration project as depicted by 20-25% of funding
- Tracking for 2 years and viable comparison strategy, ideally random assignment
- Quantitative AND qualitative methods
- Sufficient sampling size
- Use of core data instrument and participation in cross-site evaluation
- Dissemination expected after 5 year grant

Evaluation Plan

Core Data Instruments Can Be Found At:

[http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov/titlexx/
coreinstruments/](http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov/titlexx/coreinstruments/)

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