

The Title XX Adolescent Family Life Program



Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (OAPP) Prevention Demonstration Projects

Prevention demonstration projects serve youth between the ages of 9 and 19, focusing primarily on younger youth between the ages of 9 and 14. These projects provide **innovative and holistic abstinence education** as defined by the A-H criteria contained in Title V, Section 510(b)(2), as amended. Each Prevention grantee is expected to provide intensive and strengths-based programming that teaches abstinence until marriage in the context of meeting life goals and acquiring life skills, while incorporating **youth development** principles. Because of the demonstrative nature of the grant, projects are able to implement **exciting new program strategies** that stretch beyond classroom instruction. These new approaches are independently evaluated for five years.

Each Prevention project is **unique**. All grantees are required to adhere to Title XX legislation that stipulates certain guidelines for services as well as the Welfare Reform legislation (P.L. 104-193) that defines the parameters for abstinence education. Services can be implemented using varying models. Prevention services are offered through a wide range of organizations, from school districts to community-based organizations to universities to local clinics. Each grantee is encouraged to develop an **innovative approach** to providing abstinence education activities to their respective population.

The Title XX statute explicitly lists the services that may be provided by AFL prevention demonstration grantees (Section 2002). Among them are **traditional abstinence education** services covering self-discipline and responsibility with respect to sexuality, as well as the problems associated with premarital sexual relations. Services for the adolescent's family are extensively covered: **counseling; outreach services** to discourage adolescent sexual activity; and development of materials to **support the role of parents** as providers of sexuality education. **Involving parents** in the lives of their children is an important and consistent theme in the Title XX statute and has been a major focus for the AFL program in the administration of these demonstration grants.

Prevention demonstration projects also include **independent evaluations**. The evaluation component is designed to test the effectiveness of innovative projects. Each project works directly with an **independent evaluator** to design and implement an evaluation that will address issues relevant to the field of adolescent pregnancy. The evaluation is an integral part of the demonstration project.



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