

Office Of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs
Adolescent Family Life (AFL) Care Grantee Annual Conference
Optimizing Your Program: Thriving in Challenging Times
Hotel Palomar/Waterview Conference Center, Arlington, Virginia
December 5 - 7, 2011

	DATE	DATE	DATE
TIME	Monday December 5, 2011 <i>Pre-Conference Activities</i>	Tuesday December 6, 2011 <i>AFL Care Grantee Annual Conference</i>	Wednesday December 7, 2011 <i>AFL Care Grantee Annual Conference</i>
7:45 AM - 8:30 AM		Registration Continental Breakfast	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM		Opening Remarks <i>Welcome</i>	Welcome and Announcements
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM			
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM		Leadership and Strategic Planning	AFL Cross-Site Evaluation: Maximizing the Results
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM			
10:00 AM-10:15 AM			
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM			
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM		Break	Peer Poster Presentations
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM		Teen Pregnancy and Repeat Pregnancy: Data on Key Determinants	
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM			
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM		Lunch - On Your Own Grantee, RTI, and Project Officer Meetings (Pre-Registration Required) Individual Grants Management Meetings	Lunch - On Your Own
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM			
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM			
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM		Concurrent Program Management and Evaluation Sessions:	Findings from the Field: Presentations on program findings from current AFL grantees
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Management: <i>Engaging Your Community - A Toolkit for Partnership, Collaboration and Action</i> • Evaluation: <i>Sharing Information and Forming Collaborations Among AFL Evaluators</i> 	
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM		Break	Beyond Service Delivery: Creating Compelling Experiences
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM			
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM			
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM		Concurrent Educational Sessions:	Celebration of Accomplishments and Closing Remarks
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation Track: <i>Mediation 101: Mediation Analysis: What Works in Interventions and What Does Not</i> • Maternal and Child Health Track: <i>The Power of Positive Parenting</i> • Program Management Track: <i>There's got to be a better way to do this! Integrating mental health services into the primary care medical home.</i> • Research Track: <i>In what ways do adolescent fathers affect their children?</i> 	
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Conference Registration and Poster Exhibit Set-up	Panel Presentation: Program Sustainability: Positioning Your Organization for Stability	
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Grantee, RTI, and Project Officer Meetings (Pre-Registration Required)		
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM		Break/Reception	
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM			
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM			
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM		City at Peace DC Performance	
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM			

Topic and Session Descriptions:	
Tuesday, December 6, 2011 - Day One	
Session Topic:	Session Description:
Leadership and Strategic Planning	In this session participants will explore the leadership skills necessary to manage downsizing of an organization and its programs. Attendees will conduct an initial sustainability assessment of their program's internal and external resources and brainstorm strategies to help them maintain their programs with less resources. Attendees will walk away with a draft action plan.
Teen Pregnancy and Repeat Pregnancy: Data on Key Determinants	Trends in teen sexual and reproductive behavior and the circumstances of adolescent lives provide a critical context for building intervention efforts to prevent teen pregnancy and repeat teen pregnancy. This session will provide an overview of the trends in teen births and repeat teen births in the U.S., as well as data on multiple domains of teens' lives that may influence their risk of early and repeat pregnancy. The session will present data and trends in sexual activity, contraceptive use and sex education, as well as family, educational and program influences.
Engaging Your Community - A Toolkit for Partnership, Collaboration, and Action	In this session participants will explore how to develop strategic partnerships, use collaboration strategies, and discover how to engage their community. Each of these aspects is vital to organizations who want to build support and capacity within their local community for pregnant and parenting adolescents.
Sharing Information and Forming Collaborations Among AFL Evaluators	AFL demonstration programs have many commonalities. Sharing information and exploring possible partnership opportunities across grantees can facilitate dissemination opportunities. This session is designed to explore ways for evaluators to partner and share information with one another for dissemination purposes. We will identify commonalities between programs and will share a tool that includes references that can be used as background material. The session is designed to be interactive and will include both large and small group formats. Evaluators will be asked to brainstorm about possible collaborations to maximize dissemination of research findings across programs.
Mediation 101: Mediation Analysis: What Works in Interventions and What Does Not	Intervention programs typically have curricula or elements that target specific constructs theorized to be related to behavior change. Constructs such as these are mediators, or intervening variables, because they are believed to transmit the impact of the program to the ultimate outcome of interest. Mediation analysis reveals not only if a program was effective, but how it was effective by testing specific pathways from program receipt through one or more mediators to the outcome. These models can also suggest why programs were not effective as they can indicate failure at the program action level. This presentation will discuss the conceptual framework of mediation analysis and its uses as well as various methods to evaluate mediated effects. Specific recommendations for small sample sizes and multiple mediator/multiple outcome models will be discussed as well.
The Power of Positive Parenting	This session will focus on effective parenting skills using a strength-based approach to help parenting adolescents. Building upon the strengths that parents already have, this interactive time will offer tools towards developing stronger, more positive parenting that helps children succeed.
There's got to be a better way to do this! Integrating mental health services into the primary care medical home.	This session will describe an innovative and effective model for providing mental health services. Participants will learn how this model can improve outcomes for adolescent parents and their children and how this model of care can increase sustainability of their program.
In what ways do adolescent fathers affect their children?	Recent national data sets have enabled researchers to gain a better understanding of the ways in which adolescent fathers are involved with their children over time and the benefits to children when the young fathers stay involved. Findings from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing data and the Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey will be presented to address topics such as adolescent fathers' risk, co-parenting support, social support, mothers' satisfaction with adolescent father involvement, and child outcomes.
Program Sustainability Panel Discussion: Positioning Your Organization for Stability	Chances are your organization has faced its share of struggles and will encounter additional challenges in the future. This panel discussion will focus on external organizational challenges. The panel will discuss steps you can take to strengthen and stabilize your organization.
City at Peace DC Performance	City at Peace DC is a youth development organization that uses the performing arts to develop the skills, talents, and confidence of young people to promote cross-cultural understanding and non-violent conflict resolution. The cast of young people have built a unique and original performance to specifically address the issues of pregnant and parenting teens.
Wednesday, December 7, 2011 - Day Two	
AFL Cross-Site Evaluation: Maximizing the Results	Grantees will be informed of the National Cross-Site Evaluation. Specifically findings about the AFL program will be presented. Process evaluation results will be discussed.
Findings from the Field: Presentations on program findings from current AFL grantees	This session will highlight findings from current AFL grantees on their Care projects.
Beyond Service Delivery: Creating Compelling Experiences	This presentation will encourage grantees to think beyond the mechanics of their craft. Successful non-social services brands will be reviewed and deconstructed to find out what makes them work so well. Then, the lessons will be translated in a way adolescent pregnancy program providers can understand and apply in their own work, raising effectiveness and efficacy levels.