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***MALE INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS***  
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For the past 3 years, the Office of Population Affairs/Office of Family Planning (OPA/OFP) has funded programs that address family planning and reproductive health information and services for males. While research shows that young men recognize unintended pregnancy, STDs, and HIV/AIDS as serious problems, and acknowledge that prevention is a joint responsibility, experience has shown that drawing them into family planning/reproductive health information and service programs requires approaches that focus on their needs. The OPA/OFP projects are intended to integrate family planning service and education into programs where young males are already receiving other health, education, and social services. Several steps have been taken and are planned to more fully involve males with reproductive health:

- ' In 1997, the OPA/OFP began an initiative to involve community-based health and social service organizations in developing, implementing and testing approaches for delivering family planning/reproductive health education and services to men. In FY 1999, a total of \$4.7 million was awarded to 24 community-based organization for these projects.
- ' Through HHH regional offices, approximately (30) small grants were awarded to Title X family planning clinics for employing male high school students as interns. This program is designed to provide participants with information about allied health professions and job-skill training, as well as education about family planning, reproductive health, and responsible sexual behavior.
- ' In FY 2000, OPA/OFP established the Title X Training Center for Male Reproductive Health at Morehouse Research Institute (part of Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA). This Training Center provides science-based information and training to Title X projects that provide family planning/reproductive health information and services to males.
- ' By FY 2002, all Title X service grantees will be required to have at least one project that provides family planning/reproductive health services to males. Guidance for these services is currently in development.

**Male Involvement Projects**  
**Region I - Boston, MA (New England)**

***Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), Boston, MA \*\****

***The Men's Preventive Health Counseling Program (MPHCP)*** targets adult males ages 19 years and older living in the greater Boston area. MPHCP focuses on minority males, males in substance abuse treatment and recovery programs, males in pre-release programs and male partners of female clients at ABCD's Title X-funded Family Planning clinics. Its goal is to deliver reproductive health education and counseling at four existing male-focused primary care programs and at various community sites. The clinic-based component provides clients with a comprehensive reproductive, sexual, and social health assessment, with targeted counseling and referrals to other services. ABCD trains male health counselors and provides them with continuing professional support and development opportunities. MPHCP has developed a "Men's Health Counseling Guide" and a "Men's Reproductive Health Assessment Tool" for use in clinical settings. Community intervention takes several forms: (1) eight-week RH/sexual health workshops tailored to the needs of specific clients at sites such as pre-release programs, drug recovery programs, and court-mandated programs; (2) an annual Men's Health Conference which networks and educates social service providers working with males; and (3) health fairs and other outdoor venues where condoms are distributed and health referrals are given. ABCD's main goal is to develop a replicable model for delivering clinic-based reproductive health care to urban, minority males. (Contact: *Irvienne Goldson; Phone: 617-357-6000 ext. 263; Fax: 617-357-6810; E-Mail: goldson@Bostonabcd.org*)

**Male Involvement Projects (Two Projects overseen by the Vermont Health Department)**

**Addison County Parent Child Center (PCC)** \* PCC engages in a number of intensive activities with young parents. The activities include home visits to the male parents, weekly support group meetings for the males, and male prevention group organization in local high schools. The program, which has a strong research and demonstration aspect, is following about 25 fathers between the ages of 15 and 25 in the home visitation program, an additional 10 young men in the counseling groups, and 25 high school boys in the prevention program. (Contact: *Ellen Thompson, VT Dept. of Health; Phone: 802-863-7606; Fax: 802-651-1634; E-mail: ethomps@vdh.state.vt.us*)

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- \* Up to \$100,000
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- \*\*\* Above \$200,000

**Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE)** \* This project, which began its first year of operation this January, has instituted a social marketing program to increase the involvement of men ages 18-24 in reproductive health care. The project targets four of the poorest counties in the state. Social marketing in this project is defined as the use of traditional marketing techniques to encourage voluntary behavior changes to benefit the individual or society as a whole. To date, an extensive literature search has been conducted, focus groups and surveys have been completed, and media approaches are being tested. (Contact: Ellen Thompson, Vermont Department of Health; Phone: 802-863-7606; Fax: 802-651-1634; E-mail: ethomps@vdh.state.vt.us)

### **Adolescent Male Employment Projects**

**New Hampshire Health Department** \* Project funds are used to recruit and train male teen peer educators who deliver community- and clinic-based education programming focused on abstinence, pregnancy prevention, contraceptive options, and sexually transmitted disease prevention, etc. The project also engages in activities including tailored messages and educational materials aimed at male youth, and researching and distributing information on websites for teen male reproductive health care and/or community resources. The program has expanded from one pilot site to four ongoing locations and is expected to be used by all 10 delegate agencies by the end of this calendar year. (Contact: Marsha Scott, Health Promotion Advisor, Phone: 603-271-4527; Fax: 603-271-3827; E-mail: mscott@dhhs.state.nh.us)

**HealthQuarters (Northeast Massachusetts)** \* HealthQuarters' "Adolescent Male Employment Project" funds provide male-only education sessions, train male peer leaders and design/distribute male-specific education/information on STD, HIV, and condom use materials. The project also conducts an 8-week sexuality education program for young men at the agency's Malden site. From this initiative, the need to focus on correct and consistent condom use has been identified. To address this, HealthQuarters has designed a multi pronged, comprehensive condom program which includes: educational sessions to teach condom "skills," correct/consistent use and negotiation/communication techniques; a promotional campaign to improve condom image; expanded access to free condoms; peer leadership sessions; and individual counseling during medical clinic visits. Project activities are concentrated in Haverhill, Lynn, and Malden, where condom education/distribution sessions take place in health gyms, video stores, hair salons, schools, bars, and grocery stores. A key project goal is to conduct process and outcome evaluation to measure participants' knowledge, attitudes and behavior changes regarding condom use and resultant teen pregnancy and STD/HIV rates. (Contact: Renee Laforce, Associate Director; Phone: 978-927-9824, ext. 24; Fax: 978-922-5904; E-mail: reneel@healthq.org)

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**Tapestry Health Services (Western Massachusetts)** \* Tapestry's "Teen Male Outreach Project" provides services to high-risk, difficult-to-reach youth in disadvantaged urban communities in Springfield. Based within the agency's SAFE Youth Program facility, the project employs and trains two teen male team members to provide male-focused pregnancy-prevention outreach. Working through selected Community Centers and Youth Development Programs, the team members conduct street outreach, health fairs, and workshop sessions to address the issues of violence prevention, sexuality, STD/ HIV/AIDS, contraception, safe sex, and "healthy choices." Appropriate, nonprescription contraceptive methods are also distributed free of charge. (Contact: Alison Jones; Phone: 413-586-2016, ext. 106; Fax 413-586-0212; E-mail: [ajones@family.hampshire.edu](mailto:ajones@family.hampshire.edu))

**Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD -Boston Area)** \* ABCD/Boston Family Planning has participated in the "Adolescent Male Employment Project" initiative from its inception. The project has supported two "Young Men's Health Educators" for up to 10 hours a week to conduct outreach/educational activities targeting adolescent males. The two health educators facilitate workshops for young boys living in public housing developments and participating in community youth programs. Workshop content includes information on sexual development, HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention, and involvement/access to family planning/reproductive health services. The educators also participate in youth conferences and health fairs where they distribute specific topic-related pamphlets and provide referrals to the program. Due to time conflicts with school activities and the need of some young men to be employed for more than 10-hours, a major challenge has been retaining the two male educators. To remedy this, ABCD is proposing to create one 20-hour position to encourage longer-term involvement in the project. (Contact: Irviene Goldson; Phone: 617-357-6000, ext.263; Fax:617-357-6810; E-Mail: [goldson@Bostonabcd.org](mailto:goldson@Bostonabcd.org))

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**Male Involvement Projects  
Region II - New York, NY**

**Ambulatory Care Network Corporation,  
Columbia University, New York, NY \*\***

**The Young Men's Clinic (YMC)** is a component of the family planning program at New York Presbyterian Hospital in the Washington Heights section of New York City. It has provided services to young males since 1987. The Clinic is operated by Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. It provides reproductive and primary health care at almost 2,000 visits annually to a population of mostly Hispanic (85%) and African -American (15%) males between the ages of 14 and 28. Staff include a physician (50% funded by OFP), one resident physician at each clinic session, a master -level social worker (100% funded by the New York Community Trust), part-time support staff (e.g., a medical assistant who does lab follow-ups), in-kind Columbia University faculty, and approximately 50 volunteer medical and public health students. Services include physicals for sports, work, and school; STD screening and treatment; HIV counseling and testing; individual and group health education; provision of condoms; short-term social work/mental health counseling; and referrals. During the past year, the YMC received OFP funding to expand its scope of services by hiring a master-level bilingual male social worker to pilot male involvement activities at a Columbia University-operated school-based clinic in Harlem. This program provides clinical services to males, including education, counseling, and clinical services. In addition, a male social worker provides education and outreach in schools in the service area. (*Contact: Bruce Armstrong, Ph.D.; Phone: 212-304-5247; Fax: 212-304-5209; E-mail: ba5@columbia.edu*)

**Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Inc. (BPN), Brooklyn, NY \*\*\***

**The Male Awareness Project (MAP)** provides education, advocacy, crisis intervention, and access to health and social services for males, ages 13-24, who live in North-central Brooklyn. Program goals are to increase family planning knowledge, increase awareness of STD prevention and treatment options, and to enhance sexual and community responsibility. Participants receive reproductive health education through 10 curriculum-based workshops. They also receive referrals to community-based health care and other social services. The educational workshops are offered at three high schools (for 13-20 year-olds) and at two homeless shelters (for men ages 17-24). Incentives for participation in the workshops include training in webpage design; access to internships, college, and GED preparation; parenting classes; and job training. Literacy and criminal justice issues consistently challenge the delivery of workshops at the homeless shelters.

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Specific MAP goals are (1) to provide 500 males with RH education (400 in schools, 100 in community); (2) to provide participating males with referrals to health care and other services; and (3) to host annual Mother's and Father's Day Celebrations in close collaboration with other local providers. (Contact: Ngozi Moses, Executive Director; Phone: 718-643-8258, ext. 25; Fax: 718-797-1254; E-mail: [nmoses@worldnet.att.net](mailto:nmoses@worldnet.att.net))

### **Adolescent Male Employment Projects**

**Delay Program - FAMCARE, Bridgeton, NJ** \* This program has five enrollees in the Male Involvement Initiative Program supported by OPA: 1) Antonio Moreno, a student at Bridgeton High School. Since his enrollment, he has worked at the FamCare Clinics and in the South Jersey Health System until Mid-January. Needing more time for his education, he requested fewer hours in the clinic. During 1999, he participated in two health fairs in the community. He also graduated from high school in June 1999. He is now working full time and attending community college as a full-time student. Michael Rosado was enrolled in the program last year. He also graduated high school in June 1999. He worked in the clinics during the summer. He is presently at Elizabeth College in Pennsylvania studying to be a minister.

Jose Roca enrolled in the program during the second quarter of 1999. He attends Vineland High School. In 1999, he worked in FamCare Clinics for 530 hours, where he assisted with clinical duties and participated in family planning education. In addition, he assisted with community outreach (Latino Festival) and participated in drug-free promotional activities. Two students from Glassboro High School were enrolled in March 1999. They both have received training in family planning and reproductive health care. They both have been responsible for clerical duties, clinical assistance, and family planning education. In addition to the duties in the clinics, they have presented workshops to teens and community members. FamCare is pleased with the accomplishments of the **DELAY Program** enrollees. They continue to look for new recruits who will benefit from the opportunities this program offers. (Contact: John Lloyd; Phone: 856-451-3339; Fax: 856-453-0056)

**The Door Adolescent Health Center , New York City, NY** \* The Male Involvement program is comprised of an interdisciplinary team working to support young men in their development as individuals. It has four staff members: a male involvement counselor, a male involvement intern, a physician (who is also a mentor), and a medical assistant. The Door has one male involvement intern supported by OPA, and he serves as a peer ombudsman and role model to clients. Last year, 482 male clients were seen in 1,138 family planning encounters. (Contact: Shelley Wilson, Phone: 212-941-9090, ext. 3209; Fax: 212-941-0714; E-mail: [wilson@door.org](mailto:wilson@door.org))

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**University of Puerto Rico (UPR) - Ponce, Puerto Rico** \* This project was pioneered by the Ponce Coordinator, Norma Aquila. It has been so successful that it was expanded to include a peer education component for freshman at the UPR Ponce's Campus. The two previous interns supported by OPA who graduated from high school were recruited as Health Promoters last year. Two more high school students were chosen to continue working at the high school level as interns. All interns receive an initial training in human anatomy and physiology, sexual and reproductive health, and contraception. The interns assist the program social worker with home visits to follow up on missed appointments and abnormal lab results; they also offer peer education in area schools. The Male Involvement Initiative program served as a model for the Youth Summit celebrated in the San Juan metropolitan area last year. The two interns working as promoters, formerly employees of the now -closed family planning clinic, have moved into the UPR Campus' newly opened clinic. Based on their observations of the ignorance of older adolescent on such issues as sexuality, pregnancy prevention, contraception, condom use, and sexually transmitted infections, they were invited to participate in the "Quality of Life Week" offered through all of the UPR island-wide campuses and to participate on a panel in sexually transmitted infections prevention.

The four members of the initiative continue to bring their message to the community and to other youth-centered organizations through street fairs, and formal and informal meetings. They are now actively planning their second South Youth Summit. (Contact: Ramon Sanchez, M.D.; Phone: 787-758-2525, ext. 1432; Fax: 787-754-3117; E-mail: [r\\_sanchez@UPR1.UPR.CLU.edu](mailto:r_sanchez@UPR1.UPR.CLU.edu))

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**Male Involvement Projects  
Region III - Philadelphia, PA**

***The National Organization of Concerned Black Men, Inc., Washington, DC\*\*\****

The National Organization of Concerned Black Men (CBM) is located in Washington, DC, and administers *the Family Planning Male Involvement Research Project*. The Project's activity is the *Peer Education and Reproductive Counseling for Young Men Project (PERCY)*.

PERCY targets young males in the third to twelfth grades living in the District of Columbia, Alexandria and Richmond, VA, Baltimore, MD, and Willingboro, NJ. The participants are primarily black. PERCY focuses on: (1) increasing young males' knowledge of human anatomy, human sexuality, risks of early sexual involvement and adolescent parenthood; (2) increasing appreciation of self and fostering hope for the future; and (3) skill-building with respect to decision making, effective communication, and responsible behavior. In addition, the project has a parental component. The project operates in schools and community centers. The areas of instruction are covered in educational sessions for the young males, their parents, as well as the adult volunteers and older adolescents who, in turn, provide mentoring and peer counseling to program participants. The project also offers outside enrichment activities such as visits to local museums and college basketball games. In addition, CBM now has three delegate agencies, consisting of a juvenile detention facility and two youth clubs. (Contact: Esther Kaggwa; Phone: 202-783-2488; Fax: 202-783-2480; E-mail: ekaggwa@cbmnational.org)

***Concerned Black Men of Philadelphia (CBM Philadelphia) \*\****

***Health Initiatives for Males (Project HIM)*** targets 11-13 year-olds (sixth and seventh graders) attending four middle schools in northwest Philadelphia. The project promotes abstinence and responsible decision making through interactive, curriculum-based workshops on male health/reproductive health. Two hundred students receive 15 weekly classes on male reproductive health as part of their school curriculum. Participant incentives include instruction in video production and web page design. Project HIM is popular with students and with the Philadelphia school system. The school system's demand for this program exceeds what CBM can provide. Project HIM's community outreach is also popular. CBM is well known for its puppet shows with a youth development focus and clear male health/reproductive health messages. These shows are often requested by school assemblies, church programs, community centers and health fairs. Project HIM's mentoring component reaches young males who do not attend the 4 targeted middle schools. These youth are mentored twice monthly through well-established programs such as "Hands-On Science," tennis lessons, chess programs, and crewing. Male health and reproductive health workshops are prerequisites for participation in the mentoring programs. CBM Philadelphia

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has successfully integrated its male health program into the Philadelphia school system. A major remaining challenge is increasing parent participation in the program. (*Contact: Lou Harris; Phone: 215-276-2806; Fax: 215-276-2510; E-mail: lou@projecthim.org*)

### **Family Health Council - Pittsburgh, PA**

**The Man-to-Man Initiative** is a demonstration project funded since 1997, with funds earmarked specifically for males by OPA. The grantee is the Family Health Council in Pittsburgh, which administers Title X funds in 26 counties of Western Pennsylvania. The program's aim is to reduce teen pregnancy by improving the use of family planning services by teen males in three Pittsburgh clinics: East Liberty, Magee-Women's Hospital Adolescent Clinic, and The Alma Illery Medical Center. The goals of the Man-to-Man project include:

1. Educating young males about reproductive health and responsibility;
2. Training "student interns" in clinic-support responsibilities and peer education;
3. Assisting "student interns" in identifying career paths;
4. Increasing service utilization of teen males in a family planning environment.

Three male high school seniors from three area schools, Duquesne, Taylor Allderdice, and Brasher High School have been selected as Man-to-Man interns. After an extensive orientation in reproductive health and hours of closely-supervised hands-on work experience, they are dividing their time among the various clinics, giving presentations with the Council's Peer Educator, and conducting outreach activities. So far, over 7,500 male adolescents have been introduced to the Man-to-Man project in the Pittsburgh area. (*Contact: Pam Kania; Phone: 412-288-2130; Fax: 412-288-9036; E-mail: pkfhc@aol.com*)

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**Male Involvement Projects  
Region IV - Atlanta, GA**

**Morehouse Research Institute (MRI), Atlanta GA \*\*\***

In order to support the efforts of Title X grantees who provide family planning/reproductive health information and services to males, OPA/OFP established the **Title X Training Center for Male Reproductive Health at Morehouse Research Institute** (part of Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA). Morehouse College has a long history of research, higher education, and leadership. The Title X Training Center at MRI has four collaborating formal partners: Morehouse School of Medicine, Clark Atlanta University, Emory University, and Georgia State University. Services provided include establishment of a website and electronic communications system for the grantees and the public on male reproductive health; training in reproductive health (male and female); education on Title X organizational behavior and management and other topics as identified; assessment of project activities; and data resource on male reproductive health. Science-based information and approaches are used in all training center activities. (Contact: Obie Clayton, Ph.D.; Phone: 404-522-2657; Fax: 404-522-9346; E-mail: oclayton@morehouse.edu)

**The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC \*\***

**The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC**, administers the project entitled **Wise Guys: Peer Education and Reproductive Counseling for Young Men**. The Wise Guys project operates in Greensboro. The operation is a collaboration between the University, the Family Life Council of Greater Greensboro, and the Guilford County Health Department. The Project targets adolescent Black, white, Hispanic, and oriental males aged 10-14 years. Wise Guys operates in public and private schools, the YMCA, boys and girls clubs, and in the county youth correction center. The project is focused on promoting responsible behavior by increasing communication concerning sexual matters between adolescent males, their partners, parents, and peers; instilling healthy attitudes about sexuality and sexual responsibility; delaying the initiation of sexual intercourse; and increasing the use of contraceptives among those who are sexually active. The Wise Guys curriculum is delivered by health educators, in both school and community settings, to middle school adolescent boys. High school and college-aged young men are recruited and trained to serve as peer educators for the curriculum. A family planning clinic linkage with the County Health Department has also been developed to implement the Reproductive Health Counseling for Young Men curriculum and to increase the use of family planning and reproductive health services. Recently, a Spanish version of the curriculum was developed. A version of the program for high school-aged males is being developed. (Contact: William Gruchow, Ph.D.; Phone: 336-334-4777; Fax: 336-334-4794; E-mail: gruchow@uncg.edu)

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***100 Black Men Of America (100 BMOA), Atlanta, GA\*\*\****

***The Young Men Behaving Responsibly (YMBR)*** project targets young men 16-18 years old and their communities in three cities: Atlanta, GA, Lubbock, TX, and Milwaukee, WI. The project's goal is to provide 30 high school juniors and seniors with health education and business training and to improve their communities' access to health information. The program is implemented out of the national (Atlanta) office, but local participating chapters train and mentor the young men. Each participating chapter identified 10 high school youth and helped each youth identify 10 local businesses willing to serve as outlets for health information. Targeted businesses include barber/beauty shops, cleaners, banks, nail shops, senior centers, etc. In each, public health literature is prominently displayed and customers are encouraged to read pamphlets or take them home. Health topics and health literature change monthly. The young men service participating businesses by keeping them supplied with literature. They serve the community by noting which kinds of pamphlets are well received and most helpful to people, and by providing this feedback to the program. They also help plan, implement, and lead three community health forums hosted by the YMBR program annually. The young men, called Junior Health Educators, receive monthly health information workshops and 20 hours of business-readiness training during the school year. They earn a stipend as well as the opportunity to work with a major national organization, and they earn opportunities to travel and participate in the national conferences of 100 BMOA. (*Contact: Christian Thrasher; Phone: 404-688-5100, ext. 34; Fax: 404-688-1024; E-mail: chris.thrasher@100bmoa.org*)

***Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., Boyz-to-Men Mentoring Responsibility Project,***

***Marks, MS*** \*\*\*The Boyz-to-Men Mentoring Responsibility Project was designed as a research project to test certain strategies and their effects on reducing the high rates of teen pregnancies and STDs in Quitman, Tallahatchie and Panola Counties, Mississippi. The research design targets young males in the 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades and uses reproductive health training and education to increase their knowledge and change inappropriate behavior patterns regarding sexuality, family planning, responsible fatherhood, and goal setting. The Mentoring Relationship is used as a means of reinforcing information learned in training and class sessions and to provide nurturing and guidance as young adolescents consider their reproductive health and lifestyle choices. Finally, community awareness and educational activities are provided to ensure that adult males are cognizant of the issues surrounding male reproductive health and lifestyle options. (*Contact: Evelyn Jossell; Phone: 662-326-4614; Fax: 662-326-6633; E-mail: you@gmi.net*)

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**Southside Community Health Center, Male Involvement Program, Atlanta, GA\***

The main goal of the **Male Involvement Program** is to influence the attitudes of the adolescent male population in the 30315 zip code area regarding responsible sexual behavior and parenting, through the mentoring of adolescent males by responsible male physicians and allied health professionals in the field of community health. Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade male students spend at least 15 hours per week in a primary care setting during the academic year. The students also attend programs and activities designed to provide reproductive health education. Academic enrichment programs with a focus on strengthening the students' mathematics, science, and reading skills have helped the students reach their academic goals. Students attended two Friday afternoon lectures, the topic of which was "Abstinence - Our Best Choice," presented by four OB/GYN physicians. The result has been positive; there has not been any reported pregnancies by any of the 10 students in the Male Involvement Program. (Contact: B. Chika Kjoku, M.P.A., Project Director; Phone: 404-688-1350; Fax: 404-688-2962)

**Pike County Health Dept., Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, Pikesville, KY,\*\***

Although the primary objective is to provide young males with the information they need to be sexually responsible and prevent pregnancy, the major goal of the **Wise Male Teen Program** is to teach about life, personal growth, goals, and sexual responsibility. The program makes emphasis on education as first priority, developing skills necessary to formulate and achieve goals, improve decision making skills, self-control and self-confidence, peer pressure, sexuality, dating, relationships, love, consequences of sexual behavior, and STDs. Boys learn to succeed in school and develop sources of pride and accomplishment other than sexual conquest, and help adolescent males appreciate the implications of pregnancy for young women and for children. They learn how present behaviors can influence future goals and plans.

This is a school-based program for fifth to tenth-grades. The course is repeated each year to students until tenth grade. We cover 18 schools and approximately 850 males. This school-based program has worked for us in Pike County. It is divided into three mini courses. Fifth and sixth grades, seven and eighth grade, and ninth and tenth grades. The program gets more intense as students progress. The course is developed to have 10 sessions and each session is 50 minutes. (Contact: Rafael Rangel, M.D.; Phone: 606-437-5500 ext. 326; Fax: 606-433-9690; E-mail: [rrangel@se.tel.com](mailto:rrangel@se.tel.com))

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**Male Involvement Projects**  
**Region V - Chicago, IL**

**Adolescent Male Employment Projects**

**Wabash Valley Human Services - Terre Haute, IN** \* The Male Involvement Program targets 10-17-year-old-males in Vigo County. Potential participants go through a job application process, including an interview, to participate in the program. The program curriculum includes intensive training and education in reproductive health and job readiness skills. Participants work in family planning clinics and conduct peer education presentations in the community following completion of the curriculum. Male involvement participants demonstrate positive attitudes towards male involvement in reproductive health. Parental involvement is a major component of the program. (Contact: Bertha Proctor; Phone: 812-882-7927; Fax: 812-882-7982)

**Planned Parenthood of Minnesota/South Dakota - Brainerd, MI** \* The Wise Guyz education and mentoring program focuses on adolescent males 14-17 years of age. Phase one of the project uses a multidimensional approach to providing education through a 15- session curriculum covering such topics as human sexuality, HIV/AIDS, family planning, decision making, abstinence, careers, and diversity. The curriculum is delivered by physicians, nurses, and health educators. Phase 2 includes 4 hours of community volunteer work in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, or an arboretum. The program emphasizes developing favorable community attitudes toward adolescent males as well as fostering self- esteem for its participants. (Contact: Marty Bosch; Phone: 218-829-1469; Fax: 218-829-1460)

**Indiana Family Health Council, Marion County, IN** \* This project targets low income African-American and Hispanic/Latino young men between 15 and 19 years of age. Youth are recruited from partnering agencies to participate in education, counseling, and discussion related to reproductive health/family planning. (Contact: Gayla Winston, Phone: 317-247-9151; Phone: 317-247-9159; E-mail: IFHC@iquest.net)

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**Illinois Department Of Human Services - Chicago, IL (Two projects)**

**Project Brotherhood - A Black Men's Clinic/Woodlawn Health Center** \*\* Project Brotherhood is a multidimensional project targeting very high risk young men through linkages with Cook County Hospital Trauma Unit, Safer Foundation (a nonprofit program for ex-offenders), and Cook County Primary Care Internal Medicine residency training program. The project includes education, art therapy, street outreach, and condom distribution, as well as clinical reproductive health services and referral for primary care. (Contact: Eric E. Whitaker, M.D.; Phone: 773-747-7732; Fax: 773-955-4758; E-mail: movement@flash.net)

**Peer Advocacy for Health Program - Friend Family Health Center** \*\* This center provides a total of 6 months (twice a week after school) training in reproductive health and adolescent development, as well as job skills training to adolescent males in a clinic setting. This leads to certification as a "peer advocate" and employment at Friend Family Health Center. (Contact: Pat Mosena, Phone: 773-288-1688; Fax: 773-288-7682)

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**Male Involvement Projects**  
**Region VI - Dallas, TX**

***Fifth Ward Enrichment Program, Inc., Houston, TX \*\****

***The Fifth Ward Enrichment Program's Adolescent Life Project*** targets inner-city minority male youth, 9-19 years of age, attending 8 selected elementary, middle, or high schools in Houston, Texas. Most have experienced either academic or behavioral problems and are from single-parent households. Crime, drug abuse, truancy, academic failure, and unemployment present daily challenges for them. The Adolescent Life Project uses a comprehensive approach to provide reproductive health education and referral for services, including mentoring-providing a role model to help in decision making with respect to reproductive health issues; community service - an opportunity to incorporate principles of respect and sharing; cultural and recreational activities - providing positive alternative activities; and life skills instruction-information about health and reproductive issues. Over 200 young males participate in the program. (Contact: Ernest McMillan; Phone: 713-229-8353; Fax: 713-229-8311; E-mail: fwepinc@hern.org)

**Adolescent Male Involvement Program**

**Texas Health Department- Austin, TX \*\*** After contributing matching funds from the State, the Texas Department of Health targeted two large metropolitan areas, **Austin and Houston**, for male involvement demonstration projects. The **Houston** project is a collaborative initiative between Fifth Ward Enrichment and Baylor College of Medicine Teen Health Clinic. The project proposes to reach some 200 males ages 16-25 years who live in or near the Fifth Ward community with the AYoung Fathers/Fragile Families@ program. The program is associated with the statewide fatherhood initiative of the Hogg Foundation. Specific services include job opportunities, paternity establishment, and involvement with participants' children and other reproductive health education and sexual responsibility workshops. In **Austin**, a new coalition of male- serving organizations in the eastern section of the city formed to design and implement a project. The collaborative project, implemented through LifeWorks, Inc., includes a wide variety of services (including comprehensive health screening, reproductive health education, job readiness and mentoring) and partner-agencies for approximately 1,000 young males ages 13-17 years. Both projects include record-keeping for evaluations by outside consultants. (Contact: Norma Alvarez; Phone: 512-458-7444, ext. 2017; Fax: 512-458-7203; E-mail:norma.alvarez@tdh.state.tx.us)

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**New Mexico Department of Health - Santa Fe, NM\*\***

***The New Mexico project*** is a collaborative effort between the Department of Health Family Planning Program, the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition, Planned Parenthood of New Mexico, and the GRADS (Graduation, Reality, and Dual-Role Skills) Program. The program provides training and technical support for the staff of a network of community-based general education, job skills training, and health and sexuality education programs for young males through eight sites across the state. The curriculum addresses issues such as male sexual responsibility, contraception methods, developing healthy relationships, anger management and parenting skills and responsibilities. Case management provides intake/needs assessment and resource referral for meeting the needs of the project participants. The core group is made up of 120 young fathers (ages 15-25 years) who also deliver a sexuality education curriculum to some 700 middle school males in eight different locations across the state. (*Contact: Joahna Connolly, Phone: 505-476-8597; Fax: 505-476-8584*)

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**Male Involvement Projects**  
**Region VII- Kansas City, MO**

**Adolescent Male Involvement Programs**

**Family Planning Council of Iowa, Des Moines, IO** \* Education staff of various delegate agencies conduct numerous educational programs. One focusing upon adolescent males is "Guy Talk," which involves the males and their parents in discussing adolescent development and sexual concerns. Sites where the sessions take place are in the Marshalltown School District, Marshalltown YMCA, Iowa State University Extension, and the Community Health Advocacy Team. (Contact: Jodi Tomlonovic; Phone: 515-288-9028; Fax: 515-288-4048; E-mail: Tomlonovic@aol.com)

**Missouri Family Health Council, Inc., Jefferson City, MO** \* This program is designed for the "at-risk" male (poor academic and social skills, abuse, low family income, or juvenile delinquency). Programs are conducted in group homes, juvenile placement facilities and counseling service centers with the objective of informing young males of their need to be sexually responsible through discussions and by providing facts on human reproductive anatomy and physiology. Two teenage males are hired, trained, and work in partnership with education and clinic staff to provide education to male adolescent clients. (Contact: Susan Hilton; Phone: 573-636-4060; Fax: 573-636-2045; E-mail: Shilton@tranquility.net)

**Nebraska Department of Public Health Family Planning Program, Lincoln, NE**  
**Wise Guys Special Initiative** \* Four sites are currently conducting the Wise Guys Program for teenage males. The sites are Cedars Youth Services Boys Home, YMCA Survival Skills Program, the National Youth Sports Program held at the University of Nebraska, and Barr Middle School. The purpose of the Wise Guys Program is to prevent adolescent pregnancy by teaching young males self-responsibility. The curriculum focuses on self-esteem, family values, communication, sexuality, dating violence, abstinence and contraceptive use, sexually transmitted infections, goal setting, decision making and parenthood. (Contact: Adrian Meuse-Thomalla; Phone: 402-471-0159; Fax: 402-471-7049; E-mail: Adrian.Meuse@hhss.state.ne.us)

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**Male Involvement Projects  
Region VIII - Denver, CO**

**Adolescent Male Involvement Projects**

**Bridger Clinic Male Involvement Project, Bozeman, MT** \* The Bridger Clinic Male Involvement Project focuses on HIV prevention counseling and testing; STD education and contraceptive counseling targeting young men; community sexuality education; and peer education targeting young men. Currently, the clinic has 16 male and female peer educators. Each intern receives training in contraceptive counseling, STD and HIV prevention, abstinence, reproductive anatomy and physiology, sexual orientation communication and negotiation skills, relationship violence, and safer sex practices for providing peer education. The peer educators design on-going knowledge assessment and develop plans to reach peers through school presentations, drama programs, media, and personal interaction with others. (Contact: Cindy Ballew; Phone: 406-587-0681; Fax: 406-587-9011; E-mail: [bridgerclinic@montanadsl.net](mailto:bridgerclinic@montanadsl.net))

**Planned Parenthood Association of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT** \* The goal for the collaborative project with Centro de la Familia de Utah (CDLF) and Planned Parenthood Association of Utah (PPAU) is to further the family planning and sexuality education and services component targeting Hispanic/Latino teen fathers, ages 14-19. The project is addressing several areas including:

1. Increasing male involvement in the prevention of subsequent pregnancies;
2. Increasing understanding of reproductive anatomy and physiology; and
3. Increasing the understanding and sensitivity to the sexual decision making process of female partners.

PPAU extends educational and clinical services to the teen father's family and friends, extending the reach of the targeted population. (Contact: Clayton Vetter; Phone: 801-532-1586; Fax: 801-532-5748; E-mail: [clayton\\_vetter@ppfa.org](mailto:clayton_vetter@ppfa.org))

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**Boy's Health Program, Rapid City, SD \* South Dakota Department of Health)**

The Boy's Health Program is targeted to boys ages 8-16 and focuses on three primary activities ***Baby Think-it-Over, Wise Guys, and Health Care Advocacy***. These activities are designed to increase knowledge of human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity, to improve skills and knowledge for communications with trusted adults about sexual issues, to promote pregnancy prevention, and to provide clinical intervention and treatment services. (Contact: Beverly Duffel; Phone: 605-773-4535; Fax: 605-773-5509; E-mail: bev.duffel@state.sd.us)

***Wyoming Reproductive Health Council***

**YOUNG FATHERS, Wind River Indian Reservation** \* The Young Fathers initiative is designed to stabilize access to family planning and reproductive health care services to underserved women and men. The project's initial efforts on the Wind River Indian Reservation are now being expanded to include other rural, yet diverse, populations in four different areas of the state. Efforts to date have included conducting focus groups, developing a male-oriented training videotape entitled, "The Challenge" and the group anticipates conducting monthly young fathers groups in the state. (Contact: Julie Lehman, Phone: 307-742-7700; Fax: 307-742-4752; E-mail: wyrephc@aol.com)

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**Male Involvement Projects**  
**Region IX - San Francisco, CA**

***Bienvenidos Children's Center, Inc., Altadena, CA \*\*\****

The headquarters of Bienvenidos Children's Center, Inc., is located in Altadena, California. A component, Bienvenidos Family Services, in Los Angeles, administers the ***Family Planning Male Involvement Research Project*** entitled "*El Joven Noble*." The project targets underserved and high- risk Latino males aged 9-25 years living in east and southeast Los Angeles. The project's activities are fourfold: (1) the provision of pregnancy prevention services; (2) the provision of culturally appropriate family planning services; (3) the provision of STD prevention services; and (4) the provision of training for adult males as community educators and supporters. El Joven Noble uses the Hombres Jovenes con Palabra curriculum, which has been piloted and revised to meet the needs of the project's target population in preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, and in promoting male responsibility. The project makes extensive use of workshops. The project seeks effective ways to deliver the health care services. A core element of this project's philosophy is the importance of adult men as guides, teachers, and examples for younger men in their transition to adulthood. Accordingly, the El Joven Noble Youth Leader Development Program has been developed and implemented. Bienvenidos began the "Respetar y Leer" program to minimize domestic violence and to increase reading within the family unit. Bienvenidos is in the process of establishing an on site clinic for the provision of services. (*Contact: Barbara Kappos; Phone: 323-728-9577; Fax: 323-728-3483; E-mail: fs@bienvenidos.org*)

***Challengers Boys and Girls Club, Los Angeles, California \*\*\****

The Challengers Boys and Girls Club is located in south central Los Angeles, California, and administers the project entitled, ***Challengers' Male Initiative (CMI)***. CMI has divided participants into three age groups: 8 to 9, 10 to 13 and 14 to 17. The division was necessary to keep the older males involved. CMI has four programs: (1) Junior Men in Charge (MIC) for males 8 and 9; (2) Men in Charge for males 10 to 13; (3) Senior Men in Charge for males 14 to 17; and (4) Men in Charge Elite, a leadership training program for members who have participated and completed merit based requirements. The MIC program was developed to address issues around male responsibility and adolescent pregnancy. The program addresses reproductive health in a broad context (also incorporating personal hygiene and health care) builds leadership skills through specific leadership development programs,

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addresses academic achievement and school attendance by tracking participants and offering tutoring and homework sessions, and includes parent involvement activities. The Elite program requires attendance at sessions and assistance with new members of the program. The participants are primarily young Black males living in south central Los Angeles. There is a waiting list of applicants for the program. Parent assistance is required. CMI operates on site at the Challengers facility as well as in schools and community centers in the area. CMI has a close working relationship with the Los Angeles Unified School District. In addition, the Men in Charge-Elite program has kept participants involved and has trained participants for leadership. (*Contacts: Phillip Hammond/Sanita Blake; Phone: 323-971-6161; Fax: 323-971-2156; E-mail: sblake8510@aol.com*)

### **Adolescent Male Employment Projects**

#### **The Male Involvement Internship Program, Gilroy, CA \***

The goal of this project is to reduce unintended pregnancy by increasing the level of family planning education and sexual responsibility among adolescent Hispanic males. Through a partnership with the Mexican-American Community Services Agency, student interns are recruited and trained in employment skills, community outreach, and reproductive health education. The interns are hired as paid staff at Planned Parenthood MarMonte in Gilroy, California, for employment experience in medical front office management and community outreach. Beginning last year, a component was added to involve 15 mentors and high-risk male youth in an education/mentoring program. (*Contact: Ricardo Alvarado; Phone: 213-386-5614 ext 4565; Fax: 213-368-4410; E-mail: alvarador@cfhc.org*)

**The Promotores Program - San Diego & Imperial Counties, CA \*** The goal of this project is to reduce unintended pregnancy and STD/HIV transmission by increasing the level of education and involvement in reproductive health by male residents of migrant farm camps. Planned Parenthood of San Diego has developed a training curriculum and supporting materials for training male Promotores (peer educators/counselors) in sexuality education and reproductive health. Outreach, education, and referral services to the Latino migrant communities of San Diego and the Imperial Counties are provided through this program. (*Contact: Ricardo Alvarado; Phone: 213-386-5614 ext 4565; Fax: 213-368-4410; E-mail: alvarador@cfhc.org*)

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**Male Involvement Projects (Several Projects Overseen by the California Family Health Council)**

**The South Central Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Project - Los Angeles, CA** \* This program targets adolescents (approximately 25% of participants are male) in a low- income housing project, Avalon Gardens, in Los Angeles, and provides weekly educational training sessions in pregnancy and STD/HIV prevention, parenting, future planning, public speaking, and community involvement. There is ongoing collaboration with numerous community groups, churches, and schools and with the Drew Child Development Corporation: Supporting Options for Adolescent Responsibility (SOAR). (Contact: D'Ann Morris; Phone: 323-292-9319; Fax: 323-292-0659; E-mail: [morrisd@cfhc.org](mailto:morrisd@cfhc.org).)

**The Council** is also involved in a major initiative to increase reproductive health services to males throughout their system of 66 delegate agencies and 250 clinics. Clinicians have been trained on male examination, and there has been development and distribution of literature pertaining to male reproductive health services to promote these services. Outreach, education, and referral services to males are provided through numerous partnerships between delegate agencies and schools, employment-related organizations, juvenile detention facilities, recreation centers, and other community agencies. As an example, one of the delegates, Delta Health Care, conducts a Male Involvement Program (MIP) designed for young, at-risk males from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This five-session program focuses on the male role and responsibility in relationships, date rape, employability skills, planning for the future, and sexual health issues. MIP also provides sessions at two area middle schools and one elementary school. Delta Health Care conducts one-on-one street outreach to males. Two peer educators create flyers and condom packets to distribute to teen males. DHC offers exams and sexually transmitted infection screening (urine tests) to males under 35 years of age. (Contact: Robert Coppel; Phone: 213-386-5614 ext 4570; E-mail: [coopelr@cfhc.org](mailto:coopelr@cfhc.org))

**Men's Clinic (Las Vegas, Nevada)** \* A delegate agency of the **Clark County Health District**, the Economic Opportunity Board, has established a Men's Clinic to provide medical services, outreach, and education. This program includes presentations at numerous facilities, counseling, STD/HIV screening, and condom distribution. (Contact: Dr. Cheryl Sonnenberg; Phone: 702-647-2900; Fax: 702-647-7912; E-mail: [EOBHealth@aol.com](mailto:EOBHealth@aol.com))

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**BEAR Project (State of Nevada)** \* Targets rural adolescent boys through its BEAR Project (Boys Encouraging Adolescent Responsibility). The program provides education and counseling through a series of support group meetings focusing on self-esteem and leadership skills. There is a comprehensive curriculum, including sexuality, substance abuse, relationships, and goal-setting. (Contact: Sandra Hanneke; Phone: 775-687-6944; Fax: 775-687-7693; E-mail: [shanneke@govmail.state.nv.us](mailto:shanneke@govmail.state.nv.us))

**The Man Project (Honolulu, HI)** \* Operates the MAN Project (Male Achievement Network), which is a skill-based incentive program for homeless male youth, using an interactive group curriculum to increase knowledge about family planning and STDs (including HIV/AIDS), to increase communication skills, and to change behavior to include consistent condom use. (Contact: Karen Mak; Phone: 808-733-9030; Fax: 808-733-9032; E-mail: [kemak@fhds.health.state.hi.us](mailto:kemak@fhds.health.state.hi.us))

**The Gila River Indian Community's Family Planning Program\* (Sacaton, AZ)** This program recently completed the male responsibility program training, "Wise Guys," and is working with a committee of teachers, counselors, principals, and school nurses to modify the "Wise Guys" curriculum to make it more Native-specific. It is anticipated that this curriculum will be incorporated into the three schools B elementary, middle, and alternative. (Contact: Darlene Johnson Ron-Kawennano; Phone: 520-562-3321 ext. 1024; Fax: 520-562-3259; E-mail: [famplann@phnx.uswest.net](mailto:famplann@phnx.uswest.net))

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*Male Involvement Projects  
Region X - Seattle, WA*

**Male Involvement Program**

**International Community Health Services (ICHS), Seattle, WA** \*\* The ICHS Male Involvement project targets Asian/Pacific Island (API) boys and men ages 13-20 to assess their knowledge and attitudes about male reproductive health and to design appropriate interventions. Based on an initial community needs assessment, in depth interviews, and facilitated focus group discussions, project staff developed a general reproductive health manual targeting young API men and provided community presentations about reproductive health issues. In addition, after discovering a widespread lack of knowledge about condoms, the team developed a short pamphlet that discussed condoms and their use. Working with young men in high schools and universities has led to the development of a website designed to provide information about male reproductive health issues and to provide links to other community resources. This next year the team will invite selected API leaders to two weekend camps to discuss issues and to develop a support network for young API men in the community. *Contact: Donna Robinett; Phone: 206-461-3617 ext. 3004; Fax: 206-461-4857; E-mail: donnar@ichs.com)*

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