

Grant Title: Partners in Prevention Evaluation

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Funder: The Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy via a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention entitled “Increasing the Capacity in Teen Pregnancy Prevention through State and Local Coalitions.”

Timeframe: July 7 2003-Sept 15th 2005

In Sept. of 2002, the Massachusetts Alliance on Teen Pregnancy (the Alliance) received a grant from the CDC to build capacity through the application of science-based principles to prevent teen pregnancy and promote adolescent reproductive health, including abstinence, and the prevention of STDs and HIV.

As a statewide agency, the Alliance was well positioned to work with community coalitions funded by the State Department of Public Health Teen Challenge Fund and assist them in adopting evidence based practices in teen pregnancy prevention.

Due to major shifts in state budgets, the Teen Challenge Fund lost substantial funding in FY04 and the grant strategies previously developed had to be changed. The Alliance has contracted with the Institute for Community Health to assist with planning new strategies, development of a logic model, and implementation of an evaluation for the project over the next two years.

The purpose of the project is to strengthen the ability of state and city teen pregnancy prevention coalitions to select, implement, and evaluate science-based principles and programs that meet local needs. Performance measures include evidence of targeted technical assistance in science-based teen pregnancy prevention provided to coalition members and evidence of dissemination of information on science-based practices.

PIP will increase the number of Massachusetts youth reached with science-based pregnancy prevention strategies by working with the Berkshire Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and the Franklin County Coalition and by working with State DPH Challenge fund grant recipients.

ICH as the research partner will perform the following functions:

- Logic Model Development
- Evaluation Plan Development
- Instrument Development
- Data Collection
- Analysis
- Reporting