

# **CORE TEEN CLINIC COMPONENTS**

## **Community Collaboration**

Programs establish strong community linkages with schools, social and health service organizations, including community mental health centers, domestic violence agencies, and primary care agencies. Teen clinic staff continue to address relationships with community agencies.

## **Peer Education & Teen Involvement**

Teens serve a pivotal role in the delivery of teen clinic services. The role of teens as peer educators is paramount to the success of the program. Teens are hired to work in the clinic as peer educators and outreach workers. They develop marketing materials, assist with client intake, provide community reproductive health education, participate on advisory committees, and develop and conduct client satisfaction surveys.

## **Education**

Education is offered routinely either one-on-one or in group sessions at the clinic. Education programs focus on teen pregnancy prevention, contraception, abstinence, HIV and STI prevention, parent/teen communication, and decision-making skills.

## **Marketing and Outreach**

Teen clinics use marketing strategies to meet teens' needs in their respective communities. Examples of marketing and outreach activities include: teen developed radio advertisements; teen peer educators and clinic staff participating on radio talk shows; information at shopping mall kiosks; health fairs; street outreach; posters with pull off cards containing service information; wallet-sized promotional cards; t-shirts with clinic or reproductive health information; novelty items such as frisbees, cup holders and key chains; promotional tours of the agency for local school health classes; and developing a promotional video for teens which reviews a typical teen clinic visit.

## **Reproductive Health Services**

Comprehensive reproductive health care is provided confidentially and includes, but is not limited to: STD screening and treatment; HIV testing, education, and counseling; review of birth control methods; cancer screening tests; general health counseling and education related to reproductive issues and sexuality; and family/parent involvement in reproductive health decisions.

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