



Application for Training/Technical Assistance Partnership
Deadline for Submission: Friday, January 25, 2008

Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention, and Parenting (MOAPPP) is seeking three to five youth-serving agencies to participate in a three-year training and technical assistance (TA) partnership. During this period, MOAPPP will provide support for partner agencies to prevent teen pregnancy through the Teen Outreach Program (TOP).

Using a new tool called Getting to Outcomes recently developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MOAPPP will help the selected sites:

- Conduct a community needs assessment
- Create goals and objectives to steer program implementation
- Receive TOP curriculum training
- Develop an evaluation plan and surveys
- Assist in program start-up
- Create a strategy for program sustainability

A limited amount of funding will be available to each selected agency to support training and TA activities; however, selected agencies are expected to commit the funds to be trained in the TOP curriculum.

Why the Teen Outreach Program (TOP)?

TOP is a service-learning program that combines voluntary community services with structured time for preparation and reflection before, during, and after service. Service learning programs present strong evidence of reducing teen pregnancy rates while young people are enrolled in the programs. Investment in service-learning programs with a youth development focus may bring other social benefits for participants beyond the benefit of reducing teen pregnancy rates.

Since service-learning is the primary focus of TOP, the curriculum does not explicitly focus on the risk behaviors it aims to prevent. Rather, the TOP program seeks to help young people develop a positive self-image, learn valuable life skills and establish future goals. TOP has also been shown to demonstrate:

- ✓ 60% lower rate of high school drop-out;
- ✓ 33% lower rate of pregnancy;
- ✓ 14% reduction in school suspension; and
- ✓ 11% lower rate of course failure.

How much does TOP cost?

TOP takes space, materials and personnel, which require consistent and predictable financial support. The good news is that TOP is a relatively inexpensive program. TOP sponsors generally spend approximately \$100-\$600 per participant per year. Around the country, creative TOP sponsors have found many ways to fund the program and have generated community support in the form of cash, in-kind and donated resources.

MOAPPP will offer selected sites a range of training and TA opportunities. Specifically, MOAPPP will help organizations:

- Identify current research and data on teen pregnancy, teen births, HIV and STDs
- Develop and/or implement community or organizational needs assessments
- Identify needs and resources in the community to address teen pregnancy, HIV and STD prevention
- Create a logic model to outline the specific health goals, sexual risk-taking behaviors, and risk and protective factors that the TOP program will address
- Assess how the TOP program will best fit within your organization or program setting
- Plan the implementation of the TOP curriculum
- Develop appropriate evaluation plans and tools for process and outcome evaluation of the selected program
- Implement and analyze the evaluation plan and tools
- Identify potential funding and develop a plan for sustainability of the program

As a partner in this project, MOAPPP will also provide the following to its selected agencies:

- Travel and lodging (if needed) to attend TOP training
- At least two opportunities for agency staff to receive technical assistance and/or training from national consultants and experts
- Monthly technical assistance calls/visits
- Access to academic and research articles on adolescent reproductive and sexual health
- Partial scholarships for registration fees and travel for two representatives from each agency to attend relevant professional development opportunities, trainings and events sponsored or promoted by MOAPPP
- Networking opportunities with other professionals and organizations throughout the state, especially agencies implementing TOP

Agencies interested in being considered for this opportunity should complete the following application and return it as an e-mail attachment, fax or hard copy by mail no later than **Friday, January 25, 2008** to:

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Please keep your responses to no more than five pages total.

If your agency has been selected as a finalist, MOAPPP will meet with your agency to further discuss project expectations and to answer any questions. MOAPPP will notify the selected agencies no later than February 15, 2008. Staff from the partner agency will be expected to complete a needs and capacity assessment survey by the end of March for MOAPPP's project evaluation.

Selection Criteria

Each proposal will be evaluated based on the applicant's organizational commitment to address teen pregnancy using science-based approaches, strong leadership capacity and readiness to implement a work plan, ability and willingness to implement a program with fidelity or make appropriate adaptations, staff capacity to successfully implement the program and necessary funding to sustain the program.

Special consideration will be given to organizations that will implement TOP with:

- ✓ Youth of color
- ✓ Youth in foster care
- ✓ Youth in the juvenile justice system
- ✓ Youth in rural communities
- ✓ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) youth

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Name of Primary Contact:
Title:
Agency:
Mailing Address:
Street
City
Zip code
Phone:
E-mail:

Type of organization:

- Health care facility
- Community-based organization
- Faith-based organization
- School or school district
- Other: (Please describe)

Organization Mission Statement and Background:

1. Does your agency work with middle and/or high school aged youth?
<i>If Yes:</i> a. How many youth are served each year by your program? b. What ages are the youth your program serves? c. Please describe the youth you serve.
<i>If No:</i> Is your agency planning to work with youth in the coming year? If so, in what way?

2. Is your agency currently working in the area of teen pregnancy prevention (TPP), HIV/STI prevention and/or general adolescent sexual health?
<i>If Yes:</i> a. How long has your agency worked in these areas? b. Please describe the programs, activities, or services that your agency delivers to youth regarding these areas.
<i>If No:</i> How would you describe your agency's capacity and level of readiness to work on teen pregnancy prevention in the coming year?

3. Please describe the need for teen pregnancy/HIV/STI prevention and/or adolescent sexual health services and programs in your community.

4. Please answer the following questions about your agency:

- a. Who will be the staff member working directly with MOAPPP on this project?
- b. How will you secure support from your board and/or senior management staff to serve as a TOP site for this project for the next three years?
- c. Does your agency have existing partnerships with schools or community groups that would be important to this project? If so, which groups?

5. Please provide information on the following:

- a. A description of the population to be served by TOP
- b. The setting in which TOP will be implemented
- c. Sources of financial support for implementation of TOP
- d. Any partner organization(s) that will work with you on this project

6. Why should your agency be chosen for this training and technical assistance partnership?