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WHAT IS TOP™?

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At a crucial time in youth development where the brain is rapidly developing noncognitive skills, the curriculum-guided discussions and activities support brain maturity as youth are engaged in thinking about their ideas, decisions, goals and behaviors.

The supports and opportunities provided through TOP™ clubs is significant. The development of supportive relationships with adult facilitators is a crucial part of the model, as are relationships with other peers in the program. Youth examine and practice decision-making skills and have opportunities for meaningful involvement through the planning and execution of community service activities.

TOP™ IS FLEXIBLE.

TOP can be used in various settings serving ages from preteens to early adulthood:

- After School
- In School (broadly aligns with many states' educational standards)
- Community-based organizations

Communities that deliver TOP™ can tailor the program to meet local needs and concerns. While the curriculum is rich in experiential exercises that enhance student knowledge and skill development, the sequence of those lessons may be varied to meet the students and the group where they are. This allows skilled facilitators to gauge the groups' interests and needs and apply a lesson that is perceived as relevant and timely to the students.

TOP™ CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

TOP™ curriculum addresses multiple important teen topics and includes four years of non duplicated and age-appropriate materials:

- Relationships
- Values
- Communication and Assertiveness
- Influence
- Goal-Setting
- Decision-Making
- Adolescent Development & Sexual Health
- Community Service

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TOP™ IS EFFECTIVE.

Research suggests that a competence-enhancing program such as TOP™ that is targeted at broad populations of young people may have its greatest effectiveness with those young people who are at greatest risk. The program was also found to be more effective for members of racial/ethnic minority groups, who are at greater risk for academic difficulty*.

TOP™ provides adolescents with opportunities to establish their autonomy and competence in a context that also allows them to remain engaged and receive encouragement from their schools and communities. Just as additional food provides the greatest gains in growth to children who are below their normal growth trajectory due to malnutrition, TOP™ provides the greatest gains toward a normal developmental trajectory for youth who were initially the farthest off from this trajectory.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) named Wyman's Teen Outreach Program™ a Tier 1 Program based on rigorous evaluation conducted by an independent reviewer, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.

HHS has listed TOP™ as one of 28 pre-approved, fundable programs that reduce teenage pregnancy, behavioral risks underlying teenage pregnancy or other associated risk factors.

In the FY '10 Federal Budget, Congress has allocated $75 million in funding for replication these Tier 1 Programs.

DELIVERY

Planned Parenthood as a member of the Northwest Coalition for Adolescent Health is a nationally recognized agency that has:

- A strong history of collaboration with school districts, state agencies, community organizations and public health agencies
- Over 30 years experience delivering high quality, medically accurate, sexual health education
- Professionally trained facilitators skilled at delivering culturally relevant, youth centered programs.

BEST PRACTICE LISTS

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- OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention): Model Programs Guide (MPG)
- The Rand Corporation's Promising Practices Network – "Programs that Work"
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THERE IS A NEED.

Beyond formal schooling, young people need constructive opportunities for growth and development in structured, well-supervised settings. Such environments allow youth to hone both general life competencies and employment skills. According to Karen Pitman of Forum for Youth Investment and Ready by 21, "problem free is not fully prepared" and "fully prepared does not mean fully engaged."

Simply targeting issues like teen violence, school failure or teen pregnancy is not enough. Research is clear, developing and engaging youth by building up noncognitive skills (life skills) in addition to academic abilities can help young people to become assets in the making. As new medical research is showing, brain development during adolescence is extremely sensitive. Developing competencies in communication, social skills, decision-making and other noncognitive abilities is critical to help teens to thrive as future adults.

Wyman's Teen Outreach Program™ is a rigorously tested approach that equips teens with the tools they need to succeed by building the positive skills and competencies needed to ensure an upward trajectory in life.

THE NEED IS GREAT. **Wyman's Teen Outreach Program™ has been proven by rigorous research to help.**

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EVIDENCE-BASED

TOP has demonstrated the following results*:

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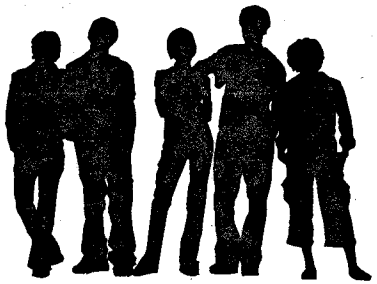

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