

MN ENABL Spring Regional Meetings 2005
March 23, South; April 5, North; April 8, Metro

GRANTEE SHOW AND TELL AND SHARING SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS

Kanabec County

- They received \$12,000 from their local Family Service Collaborative for MN ENABL Youth Activities. This keeps going their success in planning activities that are alternatives to risky behavior.
- Examples of activities include scrap-booking, embroidery as well as trips that are planned - going to Twins and to Camp Snoopy
- Used Peer Teachers teaching PSI for the first time in Mora – always done by teacher in the past
- Book town event continues to be successful in conjunction with SADD
- Big in Ogilvie is Ice Fishing Day for Dads and Kids

Parenting Resource Center - Austin

- Shared many interesting promotional items –all produced locally. The most unique and popular with other grantees when Gary shared it, is a CD cleaner
- Played for the group a newly done PSA for their local TV station. They used the “Talk Straight to Me” script but had it filmed using local people, known in town, such as teachers, youth ministers. Because of the local people, the station is playing it at prime times (has been on at least twice during Oprah!)
- Shared several of their display games, which have been used to engage passers-by during the Mower County Fair. Last year, 3,000 stopped to play the “It takes Money Baby” game

St. James

- Kerri Barkley left because her husband was transferred and Peg Kern began right before the Southern Regional meeting
- All 3 schools in Watonwan County began using *Making a Difference* this year replacing PSI. Teens were trained in September 2004 by Geri Graham of MDE
- Plans are underway for a “You Go Girls” event during early May

Cottonwood Jackson

- Upcoming for Teen Pregnancy Month will be Poster Contest done by teens. Top 2 are featured on Highway Billboards in the County.
- Dads and sons Golf outing planned for late April at Mountain Lake course with Marius Massey being speaker
- Linda reports she is adapting *Making a Difference* for parents.

Project Sight

- For Teen Pregnancy Month, they are putting a teen night with a teen band and singers and dancing. They will provide dinner, prizes and the teens will help organize the event
- Elementary school students in after school program made Prom Cards for High School kids. These are given out at Hair salons, tux places, tanning sites. These have a message of having a safe and healthy prom

Itasca County

- Facts about Teen Pregnancy are read daily over the intercom at school during the first week of May

- Did worksite activity for department of health building with Teen Pregnancy facts, copied Katie Couric's video which was available for checkout and used accompanying survey
- Uses "Facts" at monthly Northland Recovery Center classes and when invited to talk to nursing assistant classes

Koochiching County

- For incentives: pencils that turn color; orange capped bic pens with purple ink both that have MN ENABL logo and www.saynotyet.com
- School in International Falls is working on Bullying issue so they were able to tie in Teen Pregnancy to Bullying – date rape, low self esteem.
- PSI continues to be successful. They have found the best time to train teen teachers is during Christmas break
- Had successful Girls Night Out for Moms and daughters – did scrapbooking, which was a hit, beading and facials.
- Planning Father/Son event in May – booths with GPS, a Golf Pro, Cooking Wild Game, Fishing Lures and bait, firearm safety etc.
- Hosted successful Koochiching County Kids conference. Improv troupe performed and hosted breakout session. Improv teens have new T-shirt with MN ENABL logo

Cass County

- At Pine River Family Fun Day 17-20 Peer Educators helped run the Duck Pond
- Hosted Middle school dance
- "Be a smartie" Valentine Day messages
- Facts class held in November and scheduled in April

Freshwater Ed District

- Amy shared water bottles, note pads and pencils
- MN ENABL bookmarks were created for the Library
- They have a MN ENABL page in the Community Education catalog in 5 communities twice a year
- 5th Quarter after sports events have been successful hosted by local churches
- MN ENABL peer educators active in parades all summer
- Using a digital camera, pictures were taken of Peer Educators in their activities and hung around school on posters

PSI continues in 6 districts, training for teens held in November and December

Mid-State Health

- Held successful Father/Son retreat, held at a Wildlife Preserve, 54 attended. Activities included Pet training, archery, fly fishing
- Youth Health Day held for 8th graders from 9 school districts in March with a keynote – Craig Hillier- and breakout sessions. Their MN ENABL Improv troupe led 2 a breakout session
- For Valentine's Day, handed out candy with phrase "Don't be a Nerd" and then the "saynotyet to sex sticker
- Used "Don't take the Bait, Wait" gummie worms during fishing season

Crookston schools

- Used "Keep It Zipped" Logo during 7th-8th grade dance
- Had successful Girl Power event for 6th to 8th graders with Peer Educators helping. Beads, baking, open gym and other games

- “I love you” large wooden message board was constructed for youth to write their own graffiti messages – e.g., I love you, this is why I’ll wait, etc. Challenges: heavy and hard to move from place to place, requires constant supervision. (AAHWM)

Crow Wing County

- Cheryl shared evaluation forms they use for Parent Newsletter, Peer teacher training, PSI in classroom and a general Teen teacher survey
- Cheryl shared latest copy of their Newsletter which highlighted the 30% decline in teen pregnancy in Crow Wing County since 1992 when their programming started
- Cheryl displayed a small display board on MN ENABL that will be rotated around different places of work during May
- 15th year anniversary of their Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition

Wadena County

- Jill wanted to shore a new movie ad they developed – a motion ad – she brought it on a external storage device, but no computer was present. The ad uses kids from school
- Jill shared bookmarks with pictures given to libraries
- Modeled after Crow Wing County, a Wadena County Teen Pregnancy Report Card was produced with local and national stats.
- They have produced newspaper ads and a newsletter in one community that goes out in a paper that is free.

Minneapolis Urban League

- Jerry Hooten Program Manager introduced Arrivia Black who works with peer leaders from their Hip Hop program. She will be working with MN ENABL
- They provide packets for students on first day of curriculum with folders for promo items
They produced poetry and spoken word using HIV-STI information

Lao Family

- Will have family picnic in May with MN ENABL materials
- Had MN ENABL booth at House of God Youth Benefit Concert

Catholic Charities

- Pamela produced a “Peer Editions” newsletter highlighting events of their Peer Educators for Parents and school people
- Theme for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, 2005 will be “Yes you May”

American Indian Family Center

- *Making a Difference* curriculum has been delivered in 8 schools for 8-week sessions. They have seen increase in attendance and improvement in pre/post test evaluation
- Pat shared a “medicine pouch” that teens make which shows the holistic approach to relationships and responsibility to self
- At a Pow Wow, peer educators passed out MN ENABL stickers and flyers. One peer educator covered entire body with stickers and handed out info.

Youth Values for Life

- They gave out Tip cards to Parents at Halloween who came with their kids
- Junita shared that they always get positive feedback from delivering *Making a Difference* in schools and schools always want them to come back
- They have sent packets with information to school nurses
- They also have had etiquette seminar and offered materials to kids on preparing for college

Lutheran Social Services

- At one school, they discovered that the *Making a Difference* curriculum was too much for 6th grade. Peer educators figured that out and customized their lessons and tried a different approach
- Chicka Merino, Peer Education Coordinator at LSS, reported that her peer educators like teaching Making a Difference because it portrays sex as more than just body parts – sex is goal-setting and communication

Association for Advancement of Hmong Women in Minnesota

- Their teen leaders are producing a video on Pressure to have sex and healthy decisions. Peers wrote the script and are being helped in production by Asian Media Access. Hope to be able to show it at Summer Community Organizing training
- During Teen Pregnancy month, have ribbons to pass out at school that say “If you love me, Wait.”
- On May 14th, planning to have a event in Minneapolis releasing balloons to celebrate TPPM. The balloons will carry an abstinence message
- Plan to hold MN ENABL beauty pageant

St. Paul Urban League

- Peer leaders have been teaching PSI curriculum in Harding, Franklin, and Higher Ground Academy
- Peer leaders use lots of Improv when teaching their classes. They have been working with Dennis Presley of “Inner City Players”. Jason reports that Improv seems to get a lot of conversation started.
- Peer Educators appeared on Teen show called “Ask the Question.”

Agape Home for Mothers

- At 2 group homes, teen Moms go out to schools to talk with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders