

Key Findings of C-BAC Program through Wise Women Gathering Place

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Participant response to the program:

- Participants viewed the C-BAC program safe and non-judgmental.
- Participants viewed the C-BAC program as useful.
- Attitudes towards abstinence improved from pretest to posttest for each group of students.
- Attitudes toward abstinence improved over time on the pretest (indicating, we believe, an improved belief toward abstinence in the community).

Abstinence-related behavior:

The pregnancy rates in the two communities (in Oneida the pregnancy rate was verbally reported at approximately 70% at the time the C-BAC grant was written) were **significantly decreased**.

- In Menominee the clinic reported a **3.2%** pregnancy rate among C-BAC participants. (157 students aged 13 through 19 completed the C-BAC program during their 8th grade year and at the time this report was given, in May of 2007, 5 of those students were pregnant. 136 students, same age range and from the same community, but who did NOT participate in the C-BAC program 32 are pregnant!)
- In the Oneida community, the clinic reported a **19%** pregnancy rate among the girls who were C-BAC participants.

A comparison survey was done in the Menominee High School during the last 2 weeks of school, with the following results:

With regard to sexual abstinence:

- 39%** of the C-BAC students reported that they had never had sex
- 25%** of the Non C-BAC students report that they had never had sex

With regard to birth control:

Teens who reported having had sex were asked: The last time you had sex, did you use a condom?

- 72%** of the C-BAC students reported using a condom.
- 60%** of the Non C-BAC students reported using a condom.

With regard to the age of initiation of sexual activity:

- 52%** of C-BAC teens who were sexually active reported starting sex before age 15.
- 61%** of Non C-BAC teens who were sexually active reported starting sex before age 15.

With regard to refusal skills:

- 13% of C-BAC teens reported being talked into having sex
- 26% of Non C-BAC teens reported being talking into having sex

(Note: In national surveys of youth who are sexually active, many of the youth report wishing that they hadn't started having sex.)

In Menominee, of the youth who reported that they had started having sex:

- 30%** reported that they wished they had not started having sex.
- 40%** reported that in some ways they were glad they started and in other ways they wished they had waited

Note: These are preliminary findings and may vary slightly when assessments are complete. Final reports will be completed August 2007.