

Adolescent Sexual Responsibility Collaboration Process



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Community Resource Guide

Adolescent Sexual Responsibility

Date of Release: December 8, 2010

Responses Must be Submitted by: December 30, 2010

Project Overview: The Adolescent Sexual Responsibility committee is currently seeking proposals from community organizations that provide reproductive health services, sexuality education, and safe places and referrals for young people, including GLBTQ young people to access reproductive health services and information. Accepted proposals will be compiled into a community resource guide to be distributed to MNPS guidance counselors, after school programs, young-people serving organizations that provide safe places for young people, faith-based centers, etc. The purpose of the community resource guide is to raise awareness of community resources for young people regarding their reproductive health for which anyone including parents, guidance counselors, after school program providers, businesses, school clubs, etc can refer young people to appropriate resources.

Services Request:

The committee has identified the need for the following services:

Young people need access to no-cost, convenient and confidential reproductive health services.

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Overview of Alignment Nashville

The purpose of Alignment Nashville (AN) is to align the community's resources in support of public education. Our goal is to improve the achievement of all school children through a citywide partnership initiative that will provide important and needed services to the schools. Your expertise and programs are critical to the success of Alignment Nashville. We hope that you will join us in this effort.

Benefits to Participating Organizations

Participation in this pilot provides your organization with the following benefits:

- Improvements in outcomes for all Nashville children, particularly those who need additional support to realize their potential.
- Opportunities to contribute in areas in which you have specific skills and capacities.
- Opportunities for collaboration and for building individual agency capacity.
- Data and measurable results to support outcome reporting to funding agencies.
- The opportunity to be a partner with a city-wide initiative to redesign, elevate, and increase the effectiveness of the delivery of services to Nashville's school children.
- The ability to work directly with Metro schools, and to establish a strong relationship with key administrators and teachers.
- The opportunity to receive matching funds through grant requests by AN to foundations and other sources of support. Your organization's contribution of resources to the work of AN will enhance your potential to be a recipient of related funding.

Invitation to Participate Process

This committee has developed a pilot project to align the resources of community organizations – non-profits, government agencies, colleges and universities, businesses, faith-based organizations, and others – in support of a common goal. The Invitation to Participate (ITP) process provides these community organizations with an opportunity to propose ways that they can align their existing resources for increased impact on student outcomes. The committee will review proposals based on organizational capacity and expertise, willingness to collaborate, and likelihood of success.



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Introduction: Adolescence is a precious time for self exploration and the development of ideals, individualism and independence. Young adults, ages 13 -17, need access to resources and support to develop healthy relationship skills to ensure their physical, social and emotional well being. In Nashville:

- Issue - Sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates (Chlamydia, Gonorrhea) are highest among 15 - 19 year old females & overall 10 fold higher than STI rates among 30 - 49 year olds.
- Issue - Teens who engage in irresponsible sexual behavior may cope with more social/emotional stress that impacts their academic achievement
- Opportunity - Family Life and Sexuality Education is available for 7th and 8th middle school classes, high school Lifetime Wellness courses, and in the community.

Nashville has numerous community resources to support healthy young adults yet few teachers, students and parents are aware of such support systems and how to gain access to them. **This committee helps to support youth (and their parents) to make healthy and responsible decisions.**



Committee Members:

D'Yuanna Allen, Chair, Metro Public Health Department
Linda Depriest, Co-Chair, Metro Nashville Public Schools
Joan Clayton-Davis, Community volunteer
Misty Ellis, Nashville Cares
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Lillian Maddox-Whitehead, Metro Public Health Department
Kayce Matthews, Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee
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Goal Selected

Facilitate ease of youth access to reproductive health services

Strategy Selected

Increase awareness of reproductive health community-based resources

Tactic Designed by Committee

Reproductive health community-based resources resource guide

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Project Explanation

General Description: Tennessee young adults, ages 13 -17, have the legal right to access confidential reproductive health services including pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted infection testing, HIV testing, contraception, and reproductive life planning and health counseling with a licensed provider. Many youth may not access services for several real and/or perceived barriers: unaware of service availability; inability to pay; lack of trust for providers maintaining confidentiality; and lack of caring adults to making appropriate referrals and follow up for care, among many other barriers to care. Nashville has a wealth of resources to offer youth and their families - the challenge is linking those resources to youth and families who need them the most. All youth need resource linkages when it comes to developing sexual responsibility.

The community wide resource guide will help provide resource linkages for youth and their families, especially for adults who work with youth outside of school to help make referrals and follow up to care.

Target Population: All young adults, ages 13 - 17 who are the customers of providers who offer services, education and safe places for middle school and high school aged youth and young adults.

Needed Information from Community Service Providers:

- Reproductive health services for youth, including clinic hours, eligibility criteria, fees for service (especially if you offer “teen only” clinics and or extended hours)
- Reproductive health education for youth, including curriculum used, sessions offered, etc
- Parent support education on healthy youth development
- Safe places for youth where an adult staff member is comfortable helping link youth to needed reproductive health services
- Reproductive health education/training for community members, organizations, youth groups

Expected Dates of Implementation:

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| • December 30, 2010 | Submission deadline |
| • January 13, 2011 | Notification of acceptance |
| • End of February 2011 | Resource guide printed |
| • End of February 2011 | Resource guide distribution in community |

Expected Outcomes: The immediate expected outcomes include an increased awareness among youth, parents, and community about how and where to access reproductive health services; an increased comfort among youth-serving organizations to link youth to needed services and education; and increased comfort among youth to access services when needed.

Longitudinal outcomes include youth accessing services with greater ease and frequency as needed and more adults and families linking youth to needed services.

Assessment Strategies: Several assessment strategies will be used including:

- Annual resource guide usage assessment conducted by Alignment Nashville

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- Regional Parent University parent training sessions on resource guide usage and review
- Tracking referrals for care in participating agencies (those responding and included in ITP approval process)
- Peer Navigators annual focus group assessment of youth access to services

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Submission Directions

Organizations who submit a proposal in response to this ITP must agree to the following statements of intent and conditions:

- This will be a collaborative effort. To achieve the goals of AN, organizations will need to work together to provide services.
- While there are currently no financial resources to support the effort in the short-term, AN intends to seek significant resources to support successful models for collaboration and delivery.
- Your organization may need to redirect resources, personnel and otherwise, to participate in this project.
- Alignment Nashville has a small staff and is also supported by leadership from Metro Schools. These resources will be used where feasible to support your efforts.
- When delivering services in the schools, your organization must comply with MNPS policies.
- Your organization agrees to report resources contributed to committee work quarterly, using AN forms and processes.
- Your organization will be asked to provide process and output information (i.e., services actually provided, number of students served, student demographics, sites, etc.) on an annual basis.

If you agree to the above statements of intent and conditions, we invite you to **submit a proposal by December 30, 2010** on the Alignment Nashville website by clicking this link: <http://alignmentnashville.org/showForm.php?formID=31>.

Please be prepared to provide the following information:

- Organization name:
 - Contact name:
 - Mailing address:
 - City:
 - State:
 - Zip:
 - Email:
 - Phone:
- Mission of your organization:

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- Does your organization provide reproductive health services for youth? If so, please describe including clinic locations, hours, eligibility criteria, fees for service (especially if you offer “teen only” clinics and/or extended hours)
- Does your organization offer reproductive health education for youth? Please include information on curriculum used, sessions offered, etc. ?
- Does your organization offer parent support education on healthy youth development? Please describe.
- Does your organization offer safe place for youth where an adult staff member is comfortable helping link youth to needed reproductive health services?
- How does your organization plan to collaborate to deliver services:
- How will you document the services/outcomes provided?
- Additional information:

**Please note: once you begin responding to our form, you will not be able to save your changes. We suggest drafting your response in a separate document and submitting the completed form at one time.*

**If you have questions regarding the Resource Guide or the ITP process,
please contact:**

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Please note that all organizations working in MNPS schools must register with Alignment Nashville [Click here to register](#)