

A WORD FROM THE EXPERTS

It's Your Game

Interviews with Developers of Evidence-Based Programs for Teen Pregnancy Prevention



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Game...Keep it Real

Program goals :

- Healthy decision making
- Healthy relationships
- Abstinence from sexual behavior
- Risk reduction

Target population:

- Urban middle school youth, ages 12- 14 years

Key components:

- 7th and 8th grade curricula
- 12 lessons each grade level
- Classroom and computer lessons

Delivery methods:

- Classroom activities (role plays, discussions)
- Journaling
- Individualized computer lessons

■ Study #1

- ✓ Population: Urban school district, predominantly African-American and Hispanic
- ✓ Findings: Delayed any type of sex (combined measure of oral, vaginal, and anal sex); reduced frequency of sex



■ Study #2

- ✓ Population: Urban school district, predominantly African-American and Hispanic
- ✓ Findings: Delayed any type of sex (combined measure of oral, vaginal, and anal sex); reduced frequency of sex, reduced unprotected sex without a condom

Target population

- Evaluated populations
 - Urban middle school youth in the 7th grade, primarily Hispanic and African-American youth
- Target populations
 - Urban middle school youth in 7th and 8th grade, ages 12-14 years

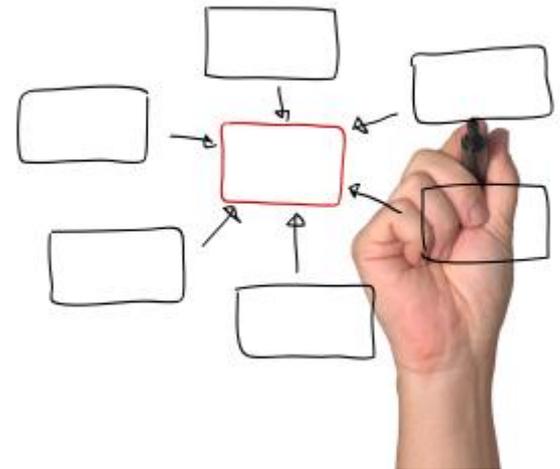


- Evaluated settings
 - Middle schools
- Other settings
 - After-school programs
 - Health clinics
 - Community-based organizations



■ Potential adaptations

- Lessons can be delivered to any schedule that works best for the school setting/setting within a 4-month time period.
- Name and pictures can be changed to be more reflective of the target population.
- For sites unable to meet the required implementation format for the computer component:
 - Teachers/facilitators must assign the computer lessons as homework and then administer the associated lesson quiz (*this is a yellow light adaptation and should only be used as a last resort*)



Note: TPP grantees must obtain prior approval from OAH for any adaptations.

- Staffing considerations
 - IYG training required
 - Teaching experience
 - Comfortable discussing sexual health
- Training considerations
 - Required training conducted by certified UT Health training staff
 - Training of Trainers (TOT) available
 - Contact developers for cost information



- Common challenges
 - Maintaining support for program
 - Teachers completing training
 - Logistics of implementation planning (large class size, mixed grade levels within classes)
- Strategies for success
 - Presentations to key stakeholders
 - Incentives and resources for teacher training
 - Begin planning early for implementation logistics



- Recent or planned curriculum revisions
 - The Reel World serial in the computer lessons was re-filmed to enhance the quality of the videos (now in HD) and update the look and content of the stories. (September 2014)

- **HHS Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review**
 - <http://tppevidencereview.aspe.hhs.gov/>
- **Link to implementation report**
 - <http://tppevidencereview.aspe.hhs.gov/document.aspx?rid=3&sid=86&mid=1>
- **Link to developer's website**
 - <http://www.itsyourgame.org>

Thank you!

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