Safer Sex Intervention (SSI)

Potential Adaptations

This document includes examples of adaptations that have been previously implemented by OAH grantees. Grantees should keep in mind that all potential adaptations should be discussed with their project officer, and may need OAH approval. Potential adaptations involving medical information will require a medical accuracy review and need to be approved by OAH.

Adaptation Kits (from ETR) for individuals/organizations implementing Safer Sex Intervention.

Program Content

- **Activities that are directly related to the program’s content**
  - **Anatomy/STD information**
    - Include information about other STDs.
  - **Cultural relevance**
    - Add a Spanish voice over for “Private Lives” video.*
    - Translate SSI’s Wheel of Change.*
  - **Language**
    - Add “pregnancy” to each stage of Safer Sex Intervention’s Wheel of Change.
    - Update the “Use It” handout to make it more visually engaging and culturally relevant for participants by updating slang terms for condoms.
  - **Technology**
    - Conduct SSI’s booster sessions over video conferencing and telephone.
  - **Opportunities for skill-building**
    - End the pros and cons discussion about condoms with the “pros.”

Program Delivery

- **Materials**
  - Omit showing Segment 1 of SSI’s “Private Lives” video. Omitting this segment of the video will allow for more one-on-one discussion with the client.*
- **Population**
  - Expand the criteria for eligible participants to include females who are sexually active and/or seeking contraceptives.

- **Minor adaptations** are those that do not significantly affect the core components.
- **Major adaptations** are those that significantly change the core components. Major adaptations can compromise fidelity and may reduce the impact of the program on intended outcomes.

*Indicates a major adaptation