

VOICES/VOCES New Videos Net Meeting (June 2, 2009)
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

General Question about the Videos & Other Materials

1. Will the slide show be available after the meeting?

Yes. The PowerPoint is posted along with this document and the recorded meeting.

<http://www.effectiveinterventions.org/go/interventions/voices-/-voces>

2. Will the VOICES/VOCES kits continue to include the original videos?

The kits will continue to include *Porque Sí*. However, *Love Exchange* will not be provided in future kits.

3. Are the transcripts of the new videos available?

No. However, the synopses of the videos are available in the *New Video Guide* CD-ROM that is included in the package with the new videos on DVD.

4. Has the PowerPoint [used in the Training of Facilitators] been updated to reflect the new videos?

The PowerPoint presentation for trainers is in the process of being updated, along with the Training of Facilitators training curriculum.

5. How do you turn off the closed captioning?

The Safe in the City DVD has closed captioning built in for individuals to read along while they are viewing the video in a clinic waiting room. If your TV and/or DVD player has closed captioning enabled as well, the text will appear twice and may interfere with the picture viewing area.

You can turn the closed caption off on your TV and/or DVD player by using the closed captioning button on your TV/DVD player's remote control or by your TV/DVD player's menu options screen.

6. Will the discussion questions presented during the net meeting be available online?

The discussion questions presented in the PowerPoint are available on the *New Video Guide* CD-ROM which is included in the video mailer.

7. Will there be any revisions of the questionnaires that go along with the VOICES/VOCES Implementation Manual to reflect the new videos?

The current *Client Satisfaction Surveys* included in the Implementation Manual do not reference specific videos and can be used with the new videos. The Activity Sheets for each of the new videos are included in the New Video Guide (CD-ROM) which is included in the video mailer.

Requesting the Videos & VOICES Training Information

8. How do we request the new videos?

Only agencies that have participated in a CDC-sponsored VOICES/VOCES training and are currently implementing the VOICES/VOCES intervention are eligible to receive this mailer. Due to limited supply, we need to limit the number of mailers shipped to each agency.

If you are currently implementing the intervention and your agency did not receive a mailer, please send an email to kwunder@aed.org. Please place "Request for V/V Videos" in the subject line and, in the email, and please indicate the following:

Name of Individual Trained
Date & Location of Training Attended
Organization Name

Due to anticipated heavy volume of emails, please allow 5 days to receive a response.

9. How soon can we expect the videos once it has been requested?

At this time, requests are being fulfilled within 2-3 weeks.

10. Can organizations make duplicates of the new video?

Yes, organizations are free to reproduce the videos as needed for their agencies. *Safe in the City* is also available for download at http://www.safeinthecity.org/about/get_video.php.

11. How can individuals register for a VOICES/VOCES training?

To apply for a training, go to www.effectiveinterventions.org and select the 'Apply for Training' tab. Select 'VOICES Training Schedule' or 'VOICES Spanish Training Schedule'. Choose the location and date that works for you and select 'Click to Apply'. Follow the instructions to submit an online application.

If you don't see a training date that works for you, please follow the instructions to receive alerts with new training dates as they are added to the online training application system.

Safe in the City

12. With *Safe in the City*, are all the vignettes shown at one time? Or can a facilitator pick and choose which vignettes are shown?

The storylines are interspersed so it is difficult to show one complete story at one time. If you have time and are able to stop and start the video, you could potentially do this but the video is not setup for this.

13. What are the numbers for *Safe in the City* in terms of effectiveness?

The intervention was demonstrated to be effective with a nearly 10% overall reduction in new STI. Please visit the *Safe in the City* website for more detailed research and evaluation data: <http://www.safeinthecity.org/research/>

14. How do we get access to the Condom Man poster?

The *Safe in the City* posters are available for download on the DEBI website at <http://www.effectiveinterventions.org/go/interventions/safe-in-the-city/safe-in-the-city-resources-and-tools/safe-in-the-city-resources-and-tools>

15. Are the *Safe in the City* posters available in Spanish?

No, the *Safe in the City* video and associated materials are not translated into Spanish.

Questions about Specific Populations

16. What age group are all the videos for? Our STD clinic serves ages 13 and up. What are your thoughts about that?

It is recommended that agencies show the videos to their community advisory board to determine appropriateness. Agencies need to look at the relationships to determine if they are appropriate and meaningful to younger audiences. Effectiveness of the intervention has not been evaluated with individuals under 18.

If the videos are determined to be inappropriate for younger populations by the agency, videos that have been adapted from VOICES for teen audiences could be substituted.

17. Which videos apply to the MSM population? Specifically African-Americans?

Safe in the City can be used for MSM populations. There is not a video specifically for African-American MSM.

18. Can these videos be used for Caucasian clients as well?

The videos were shown to be effective among African American and Latino heterosexual adult populations. However, the intervention could be adapted for Caucasian audiences, but agencies would need to determine if the videos would be appropriate with this population.

19. Is it appropriate to increase the time to include testing at the end of the sessions if requested?

It is not a core element but it is welcome if you are able to provide testing services in a time-efficient manner.

20. Will there be a video made for same sex couples?

At this point in time, no additional funds have been allocated for making other videos for this intervention.

21. Can VOICES/VOCES be used with mixed gender groups?

Experience in research and community agencies has shown that similar benefits are gained when running a mixed-gender group. An exception to this is having a couple as part of the group, particularly if they have not worked out their personal issues related to safe sex.

22. Is the intervention adhering to the core elements if agencies are unable to distribute condoms, particularly in jail settings?

The intervention was piloted in one jail setting and proved to be effective. In order to comply with the core elements, a system must be setup for individuals to obtain condoms outside of the prison (vouchers, referrals, etc.). This intervention is also known to be used in prison release programs.

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