

VOICES/VOCES New Videos Net Meeting (August 11, 2009)

It's About You

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

General Question about the Videos & Other Materials

1. Are we able to access the questions that prompt discussion?

The discussion questions presented in the PowerPoint are available on the *Guide to New Videos* CD-ROM which is included in the video mailer. The *Guide to New Videos* is also posted on the VOICES/VOCES homepage on www.effectiveinterventions.org.

2. How can I obtain 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.

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

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

4. How can we get today's presentation?

The PowerPoint slides and fully recorded net meeting presentation from today are posted on the DEBI website at <http://www.effectiveinterventions.org/index.cfm?objectid=7F0C7FFA-AE7A-D431-E836076375322133&flushcache=1&showdraft=1>

Additionally, the fully recorded net meeting presentations, PowerPoint slides, and Q&A documents from the June 2nd (*Do it Right and Safe in the City*) and August 12th (*Se Trata de Ti*) meetings are posted at the above link.

5. Are we to use this video [*It's About You*] in place of *Porque Si*?

Use of *It's About You* and *Porque Sí* is at the discretion of the implementing agency. *Porque Sí* may still be used and will continue to be provided in the VOICES kits, however; *Love Exchange* has now been replaced by *Do it Right* and will no longer be provided in the VOICES kits.

6. Will the condom board be updated as well?

The Condom Features Poster Board will not be updated at this time. Agencies are encouraged to tailor their Board to update information on condoms that are no longer available or are inaccessible. An example includes taping and/or gluing a wrapped condom over outdated items on the Board.

If agencies feel the Board should be updated, the Educational Development Center.

7. Most of the videos mention STDs more such as gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia. Will one be developed or has one been developed which relates more to HIV/AIDS?

While HIV/AIDS may not be directly mentioned in most of the videos, the trigger points in the videos (summarized in the activity sheets in the Implementation Manual) are relevant can be used for discussion about STDs and HIV/AIDS.

8. Is this program offered in Puerto Rico?

One of the study sites included Puerto Rico.

Questions about Specific Populations

9. What age is most appropriate for this intervention?

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.

10. Has the VOICES/VOCES intervention ever been used with parents and their children at the same time?

At this time, we are not aware of any agencies that have run groups with parents and children attending at the same time. During the original research phase, after participating in the intervention themselves, several parents asked if they could bring their child/other young family members in to view the videos, but the group was not conducted together.

11. 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. Agencies are encouraged to think-through how the group will be facilitated when couples are present and how potentially tense situations will be diffused, including the use of a skilled facilitator. A skilled facilitator should not only be trained but should be able to recognize and address verbal and non-verbal clues to effectively guide the discussion.

12. Has the intervention been packaged for use with adults only? If not, can it be used with groups who are less than 18 but older than 14 years of age with the consent of parents?

Please see response to Question 9.

13. Will the CDC develop a video specific to MSM, not one that only includes MSM like Safe in the City?

At this time, there is not a video for MSM-only populations. The Education Development Center is currently testing a video for Latino MSM (in English and Spanish).