

**Program: TEEN OUTREACH**

**Population Served:**

Size: In 1995 – 1996 year, offered at 45 schools in 13 states

Age: Grades 9 – 12

Other Characteristics: Students were roughly 20% Caucasian, 66% African American, and 10% Hispanic

**Program Components:**

<u>Component</u>	<u>Provided by</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Description</u>
Volunteering	Students	At least 20 hours	Working in hospitals, tutoring
Classroom discussions about social issues and service	School	At least once a week for a year	
Class activities promoting program goals	School		
Training in coping skills			
Tutoring			
Techniques for shifting peer group norms			

**Program Objectives/Goals:**

To prevent teen pregnancy and academic failure. In addition, the program was designed to empower students, as they would be “help givers” rather than “help receivers.”

**Study:**

**Allen, J., Philliber, S., Herrling, S., & Kuperminc, G. (1997). Preventing teen pregnancy and academic failure: Experimental evaluation of a developmentally-based approach. *Child Development, 68, 729-742.***

**Study Objectives and Measurements:**

Objective:

To address concerns generated from earlier studies evaluating the effectiveness of Teen Outreach by improving upon their design. To examine the effectiveness of the program.

Measurement instrument:

Self-report questionnaires asking questions about behavior problems, including school failure, suspensions, and pregnancy.

**Evaluation:**

Type: Experimental (participant and control groups selected at random before program began) Teen Outreach condition; control condition; randomized pre-test)

Statistical techniques: Logistic regressions. Significance level used < .05.

Population evaluated: 695 students in grades 9 – 12 from schools nationwide

**Impacts:**

Significant decreases were found on measures of school failure, school suspension, and teen pregnancy among participants, compared to the control group.

**Other Information:**

Authors estimated the cost of the program for a class of 18 – 25 students for a full academic year to be between \$500 – 700 per student.