

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: The Personal Responsibility Project

1. Purpose: To provide an overview of the development, status, and future of the Personal Responsibility (unintended pregnancy/paternity prevention) project.
2. Background
 - a. In September 1999 the Commanding General, USACHPPM tasked the Directorate of Health Promotion and Wellness (DHPW) to develop an unintended pregnancy/paternity prevention (UPP) program.
 - b. Extensive research showed that none of the military services had a comprehensive UPP program and that effective civilian programs targeted teens. The limited research that has been done with soldiers indicates that the unintended pregnancy (UP) rate is approximately 50% of live births to active duty women. Furthermore, data indicated that 18-25 year old soldiers have most of the UPs.
 - c. The DHPW UPP project team selected the most frequently-replicated civilian teen curriculum and adapted the material for use with young soldiers. At the recommendation of the CG, USACHPPM, Fort Campbell was selected as the site for a curriculum evaluation.
 - 1). A group of 101st Airborne Division NCOs and MEDDAC Community Health staff was trained as instructors. They taught the curriculum to a total of 226 randomly selected 18-25 year old soldiers.
 - 2). Student and instructor evaluations showed that the subject matter was of great interest to young soldiers but that the curriculum was too immature for the target audience. Using the feedback received a group of the NCO instructors volunteered to rewrite the curriculum under the guidance of USACHPPM staff.
 - d. Fort Campbell is very supportive of conducting the effectiveness study of the new curriculum at there. A CDC grant has been awarded for this project. The study will begin in early FY03.

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