

Joven Noble con Palabra:
Supporting the integration of Male Involvement Services for adolescent males to help prevent teen pregnancy.



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Male Involvement Programs

- ❖ Initiated by California's Office of Family Planning in 1996 ended in 2009
- ❖ Mobilized adolescent and young adult males in the prevention of teenage pregnancy.
- ❖ Programs reached beyond the confines of traditional sex education.
- ❖ Provided a variety of educational and awareness services to enable males to navigate a healthy passage into adulthood.



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Male Involvement Addresses

- ❖ Social norms among adolescent males
- ❖ Openly addresses values & attitudes
- ❖ Clinical services within the community
- ❖ Focused attention to personal responsibility



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Why Focus on Young Men?

- ✦ Human reproduction involves a male and female.
- ✦ Promoting the sexual and reproductive health of all youth is keystone to enhancing their health overall and reduces some of the major health risks.
- ✦ Establishes healthy decision making that impacts a person's life.



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Why Focus on Young Men?

- ✦ Leads to new inroads in promoting healthier lifestyles.
- ✦ Is a part of comprehensive STI-HIV prevention.
- ✦ Reduces unplanned pregnancies and births.
- ✦ Males have sex earlier, more frequently, and with more partners of comparable ages.



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MIP's Message

- ❖ Strength-based.
- ❖ Culturally-rooted & relevant.
- ❖ Building upon a sense of respect and responsibility for self, others, and the community
- ❖ Comprehensive approaches in working with young men to prevent teenage pregnancy.



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A Young Man's Reality

- ❖ Violence at home and the street
- ❖ Teen pregnancy
- ❖ Drug and alcohol abuse
- ❖ Single parent families
- ❖ Gangs
- ❖ Foster care placements
- ❖ No Positive adult role models
- ❖ Lack of personal connection
- ❖ Dysfunctional homes and Institutions



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Joven Noble con Palabra throughout California

Locations:

- ❖ Mainstream and Community Middle and High Schools
- ❖ Community Centers
- ❖ Juvenile Correction Facilities
- ❖ Group Homes
- ❖ Street Outreach



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Services:

- ❖ Informative Presentations
- ❖ Talking Circles
- ❖ Rites of Passage
- ❖ Leadership Development
- ❖ Fatherhood Involvement
- ❖ Clinical Linkage

Targeted Population:

- ❖ Adolescent Males 11 to 19
- ❖ Adult Men 20 +
- ❖ Cross Cultural with an emphasis on Latino Males

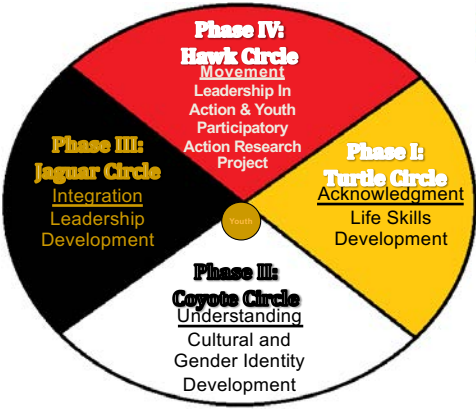




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El Joven Noble Rites of Passage

The program incorporates a four-phase Rites of Passage process whereby each participant is guided progressively through each phase, providing additional teachings with more responsibility. The four phase process includes:





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A Cultural Context of Male Involvement Services

- ❖ You are **SACRED, WANTED (welcomed), and a Blessing (DIGNITY)**
- ❖ You have a **SACRED PURPOSE (RESPECT)**
- ❖ You have culturally based **TEACHINGS/VALUES,** family, and community **TEACHERS (Rites of Passage)** to guide you (LOVE)
- ❖ You have **SAFE, COMPASSIONATE** people and **SECURE** places to **GROW, LEARN, & HEAL.** (TRUST).





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Activities that Honor Dignity, Respect, Love, and Trust

- ❖ Talking Circles (Circulos)
- ❖ Community Leaderships Projects
- ❖ Expression through Art and Culture
- ❖ Cultural Rites of Passage
- ❖ One on One Mentoring
- ❖ Employment Training
- ❖ Promote Higher Education
- ❖ Sports Tournaments
- ❖ Clinic Trips and Tours

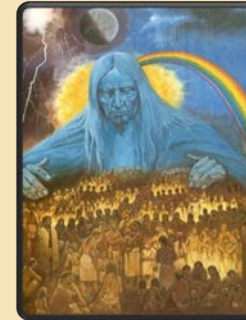



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How can Community support Male Involvement Services

- ✦ Consciously Acknowledge personal strengths and baggage
- ✦ Be Honest
- ✦ Don't take anything personally
- ✦ Do not make assumptions
- ✦ Look for local community mentors
- ✦ Encourage older participant to take peer leader roles



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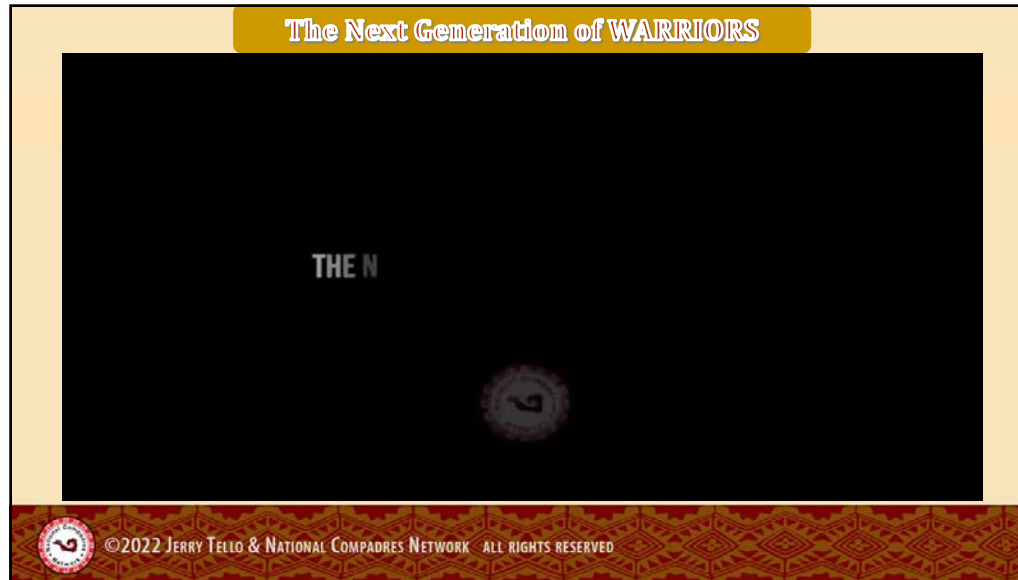
Clinical Provider Recommendations

- ✦ Bi-lingual and Bi-Cultural Staff
- ✦ Scheduled clinic days for young men
- ✦ Allocate more time for first time patients
- ✦ Set up a follow up appointment within a week for first time patients
- ✦ Collaborate with local Youth Service providers



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