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PROYECTO PREVENCIÓN

**Project Prevention wins the 2007
Healthy Hero Award for
Prevention from the Patel
Foundation!**



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Project Prevention is a bilingual English-Spanish program targeting multicultural youth in Town N Country between the ages of 10 and 18. Project Prevention is funded by a four-year grant from the Centers for Substance Abuse Prevention/SAMHSA to reduce and prevent HIV/AIDS and substance abuse. It is a tested, science-based program.

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Project Prevention gets results! As of 8/08

- ✓ 678 graduates between the ages of 9 and 17
- ✓ 332 females (49%) and 346 males (51%)
- ✓ 73% are 12 years old or younger
- ✓ One teen pregnancy in 4 years (compared to 8/100), saving 39 teen pregnancies since 2004.
- ✓ One of four (25%) of the participants are multiracial
- ✓ Over half (72%) of the participants are Latino
- ✓ 678 youth videotaped public commitments to avoid alcohol, tobacco,

drugs, violence and early sexual behaviors

- ✓ At six months post-intervention, youth report statistical significance in feeling part of a positive group, avoiding drugs, alcohol and violence
- ✓ Parents report measurable improvement in their children's thought processes and behaviors after Project Prevention