

**HIV/AIDS PREVENTION & INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR FEMALE YOUTH AT RISK FOR
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
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In this Office on Women's Health, Office of Public Health and Sciences, Young Women's Health Project, BAI proposes a quality program design for the prevention of violence and substance abuse for young Latinas who are at-risk for delinquency and high-risk behavior, including unprotected sexual activity. BAI's will coordinate and work with three partner community based organizations: Orange County Bar Foundation (OCBF), San Fernando Valley Partnership (SFVP), and Sunrise Community Counseling Center (SCCC) to articulate program goals and implementation strategies. During the planning phase, BAI will establish an Advisory Group to oversee the curriculum, program materials, and staff training manuals. BAI will supervise all program activities including recruiting the participants. At-risk Latina youth who exhibit behavioral problems such as truancy, substance abuse, and/or incidents of violence will be recruited from local schools by various sources: school counselors, teachers, and principals. An intensive 10-week program will be offered that addressed risk factors across 5 domains: Individual, Family, Community, School, and Peer factors. Program activities surround life skills, mentoring, and health education on HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, and substance abuse. Youth participants will have opportunities to engage in leadership and recreational activities designed to build their confidence and self-esteem. The program demonstrates BAI's culturally sensitive approach to program design and program development competencies.