Evolution of Data Management: Ohio Youth Suicide Assessment Program

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Program Status Prior to GLS Grant

• 39 sites
• Reporting to Columbia University Teenscreen & ODMH on number of screenings and outcomes
Paper & Pencil Forms

• Benefits
  – Simple to use, basic technology
  – Relatively simple training needed by sites

• Drawbacks
  – Data entry on program coordinators end
  – Time consuming
  – Keeping track of all forms
2006 Grant Award: Program Expansion

- Increased information demands
- Evaluation
  - Complex: 100 sites; 100 variables; thousands of kids
  - Data collection: fidelity, timeliness
  - Feedback: reporting capability; helping to make meaning of data for constituents
  - Reporting to ODMH, Teenscreen, OSU, ORC Macro
Standardized EXCEL Spreadsheet System

• Benefits
  – Uniform Data Entry By Sites
  – Quality/Complex Reporting
  – Data Analysis

• Drawbacks
  – Site Training On Use Required
  – Time Consuming
    • Hours To Aggregate Spreadsheets
    • Hours To Develop Reports
WEB Based Data Collection

• Benefits
  – Data Input By Sites
  – Improved Data: Accuracy & Aggregation
  – “Real Time” Data
  – Reports Upon Request For Sites
  – Facilitated Upload to ORC Macro

• Drawbacks
  – Development Costs
  – Development Time
  – Advanced Training For Sites