Project CHOICES

Supporting healthy choices around alcohol use, pregnancy and birth control

Why?

- Half of pregnancies are not planned
- 3 out of 4 Canadian women drink alcohol
- 1 out of 7 women in Manitoba drink alcohol when pregnant



Women and girls

Who participated?

- Average age: 20
- Average age of first drink: 13
- Almost half thought it was likely that they would become pregnant soon
- 9 out of 10 thought their drinking behaviour was problematic

4 brief counselling sessions

- 1 workbook
- 1 nurse

How?

Lots of talking, information and personalized feedback



Drink more than 2 drinks per day or 10 drinks per week

Sexually active with a male partner



What was the impact 3 months after finishing the program?

"I liked learning about birth control. It made me change my mind about taking it. Also it made me realize how much I was drinking."

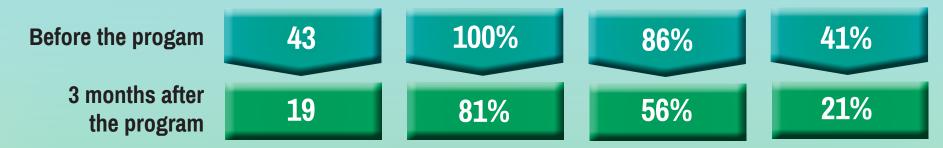
4 out of 5 participants said the program influenced them to drink less or completely stop drinking

"I liked how we could talk openly about everything"

Average Number of **Drinks Per Week**

Binge drinking (4 or more at one time) Weekly Drinking (9+ per week)

Ineffective use of birth control



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"... learning about drinking and pregnancy. What the differences were between a risky drinker compared to a low risk drinker."



