The Application of Parenting Interventions in PEPFAR DREAMS and Orphans & Vulnerable Children's Platforms

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Parenting Interventions in PEPFAR

Evidence-based parenting interventions feature throughout PEPFAR child & adolescent programming including:

- Orphans & Vulnerable Children
- DREAMS
- HIV & violence prevention for 10-14 year olds
- Pediatric HIV care & treatment
- PMTCT
PEPFAR Technical Guidance

• Annually, S/GAC publishes Country Operational Plan Guidance including technical considerations that guide regional and country based program decisions including references to parenting and evidence-based interventions.

• Periodically, S/GAC also publishes technical considerations related to specific programs – such as the DREAMS Implementation Guidance.
OVC programs focus on four key domains related to family strengthening and child resilience

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<td>• Age-appropriate treatment literacy, adherence counseling, disclosure support</td>
<td>• Create a safety plan</td>
<td>• Connect to cash transfers, social grants</td>
<td>• School fees, tuition, bursaries, fee exemption</td>
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<td>• Structured PLHIV support groups</td>
<td>• Legal assistance (attorney fees, transport, etc.) &amp; filing reports of suspected abuse</td>
<td>• Market-linked economic strengthening activities (savings groups, financial literacy, entrepreneurship training, etc.)</td>
<td>• School uniforms, books, materials</td>
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<td>• Completed health service referrals (HIV, SRH, emergency care, immunization, etc.)</td>
<td>• Emergency shelter or kinship care placement</td>
<td>• Short-term emergency cash support</td>
<td>• Support re-enrollment for students who dropped out</td>
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<td>• Identify malnutrition &amp; connect to food assistance</td>
<td>• Evidence-based parenting interventions</td>
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<td>• Household WASH counseling</td>
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<td>• Access health insurance/health access cards</td>
<td>• Post-violence trauma-informed counseling</td>
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Comprehensive strengths-based case management

Monitoring household graduation benchmark achievement

19 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES THROUGH AMERICAN GENEROSITY AND PARTNERSHIPS
DREAMS Core Package

Mobilize Communities for Change

- Community Mobilization & Norms Change
- School-Based HIV and Violence Prevention

Reduce Risk of Sex Partners

- VMMC (Other PEPFAR Programming)
- HTS & Tx for Men (Other PEPFAR Programming)

Empower Girls & Young Women and Reduce Risk

- Characterization of Male Partners to Target Highly Effective Interventions (ART, VMMC)
- Youth Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Care (Condoms, HTS, PrEP, Voluntary Family Planning, Post Violence Care)

Strengthen Families

- Parenting/Caregiver Programs
- Education Subsidies

Economic Strengthening

Social Asset Building (e.g., Mentoring and HIV and Violence Prevention)

Determined  Resilient  Empowered  AIDS-Free  Mentored  Safe
Evidence-Based Parenting Interventions

Parenting for Lifelong Health

• Worked with developers to include HIV specific content
• Participated in hybrid adaptation (virtual & in person) pilot in South Africa (2021-2022)

Families Matter! Program

• Worked with developers to add module on child sexual abuse
• Informed creation of “Faith Matters!” focused on faith leaders and child sexual abuse
Thank You!