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### DISCLAIMER



Family Watch upholds and promotes the fundamental human rights of all persons, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and we oppose harassment and violence against LGBT persons.



### **Planned Parenthood Series**

Part I: IPPF's global abortion and child sexualization agenda

Part II: How IPPF has infiltrated the United Nations

**Part III**: IPPF's abortion and harmful sexuality education in Africa



### **Planned Parenthood Series Part IV**

- 1. PPFA's structure, racist origins, taxpayer funding, finances and lucrative services
- 1. PPFA's radical American agendas (abortion, sexuality education, transgender)

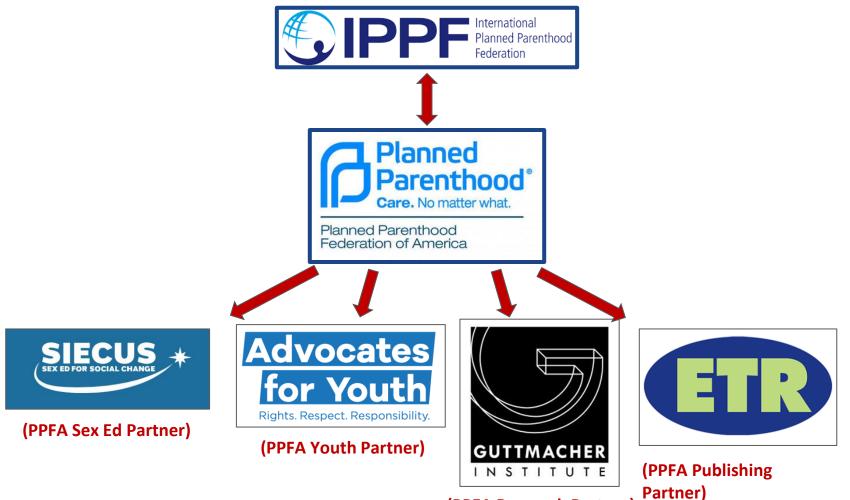


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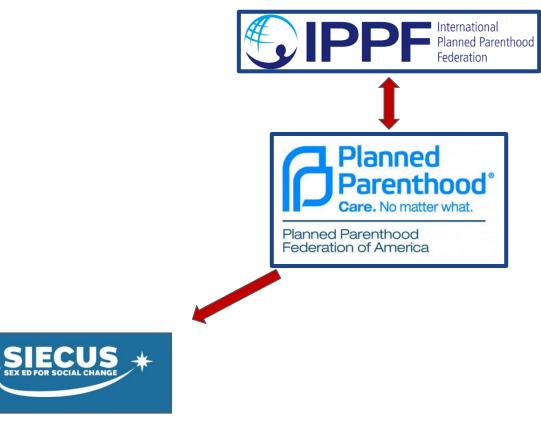
### **Planned Parenthood Series Part V**

How PPFA advances abortion and radical sex ed thru their partners inlcuding:

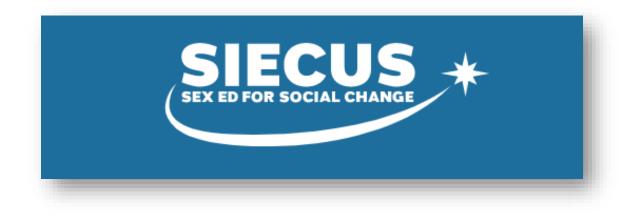
- The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)
- Advocates for Youth
- The Guttmacher Institute
- ETR and Associates



(PPFA Research Partner)



(PPFA Sex Ed Partner)







"SIECUS was <u>founded in 1964 by Dr. Mary S. Calderone, a</u> <u>Medical Director at Planned Parenthood</u> Federation of America"



### **NEWS & UPDATES**

### SIECUS Stands with Planned Parenthood

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### If you care about abortion rights...



Then you should care about **SEX EDUCATION**.



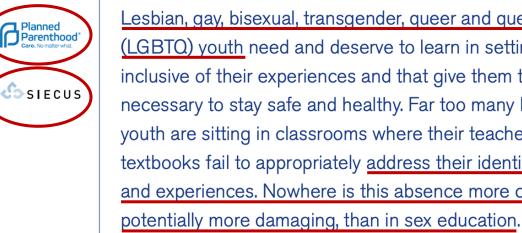
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HUMAN RIGHTS



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** 



Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) youth need and deserve to learn in settings that are inclusive of their experiences and that give them the education necessary to stay safe and healthy. Far too many LGBTQ youth are sitting in classrooms where their teachers and textbooks fail to appropriately address their identities, behaviors and experiences. Nowhere is this absence more clear, and



# Sex ed is a vehicle for social change. Full stop. SIECUS Sex ed for social change.



SIECUS Sex ed for social change.

- Reproductive justice
  LGBTQ equality
  Sexual violence prevention
- Gender equity
- Dismantling white supremacy

## **Guidelines** for Comprehensive Sexuality Education

**3RD EDITION** 

Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

NATIONAL GUIDELINES TASK FORCE



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#### NATIONAL GUIDELINES TASK FORCE

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**3RD EDITION** 

"<u>All people, regardless of</u> biological sex, gender, <u>age</u>, ability, and culture, <u>are sexual beings</u>." (Ages 12-15, p. 51)







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"Orgasm is an intense pleasurable release of sexual feelings or tension experienced at the peak of sexual arousal." (Ages 12-15, p. 55)

"Most women need some <u>clitoral stimulation to reach orgasm</u>." (Ages 15-18, p. 55)







**3RD EDITION** 

"<u>Masturbation, either alone or with a partner</u>, is one way people can enjoy and express their sexuality without risking pregnancy or an STD/HIV." (Ages 12-15, p. 52)





### Guidelines for Comprehensive

3RI

"A legal abortion is very safe." (Ages 9-12, p. 62)

"Some religions support the right to an abortion while others oppose abortion." (Ages 12-15, p. 62)

"<u>Some people continue to respect their religion's teaching</u> and traditions but believe that some specific views are not personally relevant." (Ages 15-18, p. 74)

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"Transgender is also used as a general term to describe many different identities that exist <u>such as 'transsexual,' 'drag king,'</u> <u>'drag queen,' 'crossdresser,' 'genderqueer,' 'shapeshifter,'</u> <u>'bigendered,' and 'androgyne</u>.'" (Ages 12-15, p. 31)

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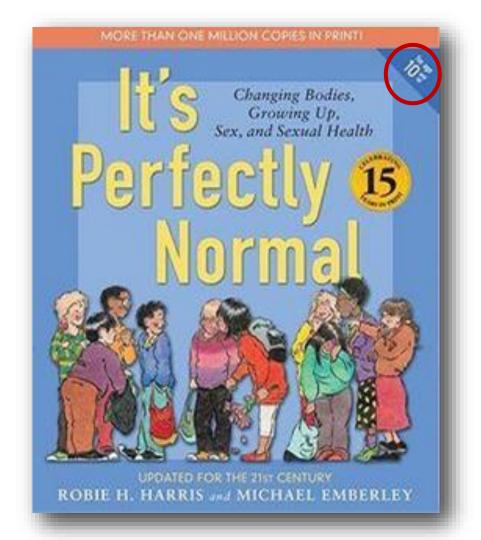


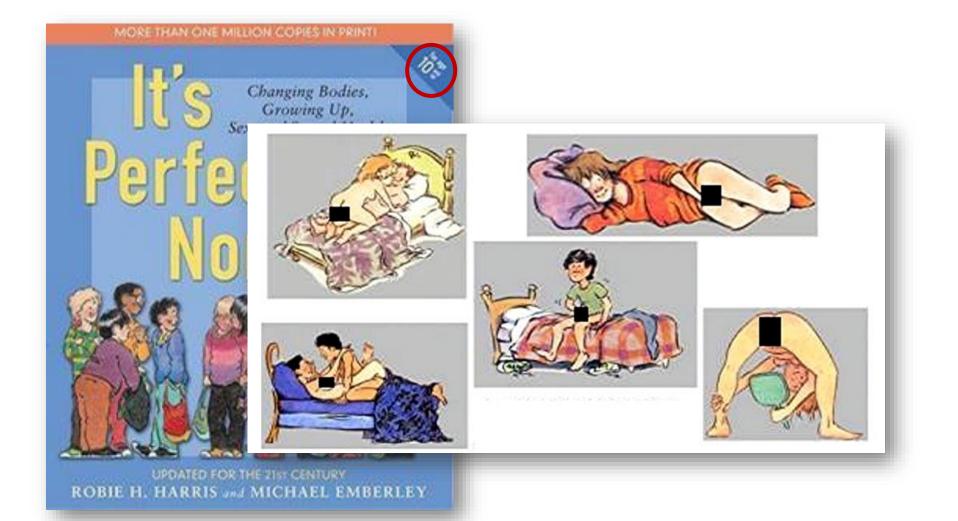
**3RD EDITION** 

The SIECUS Guidelines on page 84 recommend "It's Perfectly Normal" for children.









#### **Books for Children**

There are books written about sexuality for children of different ages. Reading books about sexuality with your children is a great way for you to break the ice and start an ongoing discussion. And <u>children will</u> <u>benefit from having books like these in your home to look at when they</u> <u>have questions about sexuality</u>.

It's Not the Stork!: A Book About Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families and Friends 껍

by Robie Harris (for ages 4 and up)

<u>It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing up, Sex, and Sexual</u> <u>Health</u> by Robie Harris (for ages 10 and up)

It's So Amazing!: A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Families

by Robie Harris (for ages 7 and up)

# 2021 Sex Education Legislative Look Ahead

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Slide from SIECUS webinar, 2021



### Overview

- COVID-19 and Sex Education
- Legislative Landscape
  - Proactive trends
  - Regressive trends
- State Partners
  - Virginia: Pablo Moulden & Graham Weinschenk of the Virginia Coalition for Sex Ed Reform
  - Illinois: Chelsea Diaz of ACLU Illinois
  - New Jersey: Elizabeth Coulter of **Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey**
- Sex Education Policy Action Council (SEPAC) Reintroduction
- Q&A

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### Legislative Landscape: Proactive Trends

- Comprehensive sex education mandates
  - **9 bills:** AZ HB 2251, IA SF 381, IL HB 1736; HB 3071; SB 266, IN HB 1366, MN HF 358/SF 632, NY S 2584
- Evidence based, medically accurate, age appropriate requirements
  - 12 bills: AZ HB 385/SB 196; HB 2647/SB 1340, FL HB 519/SB 1094, GA HB 195, IL HB 219, MD HD 1711/SD 975, MS HB 805, TN SB 646
- Inclusive of LGBTQ identities
  - **8 bills:** IA HF 376; SF 381 RI HB 5604, HI HB 11, JF S 3206, NY A 817/S 1729, TN HB 800
  - Removal of anti-LGBTQ language: 7 bills, AL HB 385/SB 196 AZ SB 1317, TX HB 1038; HB 1037/SB 261; SB 129
- Healthy relationships, abuse prevention, consent education
  - 15 bills: AZ HB 2710, HI HB 1306, IA HF 424; HF 1975; SF 58, KY H 462, MS HB 805, NY A 1209/S 757, OH HB 105, SC H 3890; H 3424, TN SB 646, NM HB 142, UT HB 177
- Minors to consent to reproductive health care
  - 7 bills with broad implication: TX HB 296/SB 536, ND SB 2265, NY A 822/S 937, SD HB 1220, IL HB 1797
  - 5 bills concerning HIV or HPV: DC B 24-0029, HI HB 478; SB 25, NJ A 5144/S 398

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### Legislative Landscape: Proactive Trends

#### • Conversion Therapy Bans

- 20 bills: AZ HB 2487/SB 1426, FL HB 301/SB 690, ID H 52, IN HB 1213/SB 32, KS HB 2207, KY HB 19/SB 30, MN SF 360, MO SB 207, NB LB 231, ND HB 1476, OH SB 50, PA SB 26, TX HB 407/SB 97; HB 560, WI SB 31
- Additional Legislation
  - Instruction on mental health: 3 bills, AZ HB 2656, SC H 3467; H 3330
  - **Requiring health education: 3 bills, OK** SB 89, **TN** SB 125; SB 1360
  - Instruction on digital safety: 2 bills, IL HB 24, NJ A 5124
  - LGBTQ history instruction: 4 bills, AZ SB 1706, MD HB 2089/SD 1396, NY S 1929



### Legislative Landscape: <u>Regressive</u> Trends

#### • Anti-Transgender Medical Care Bans

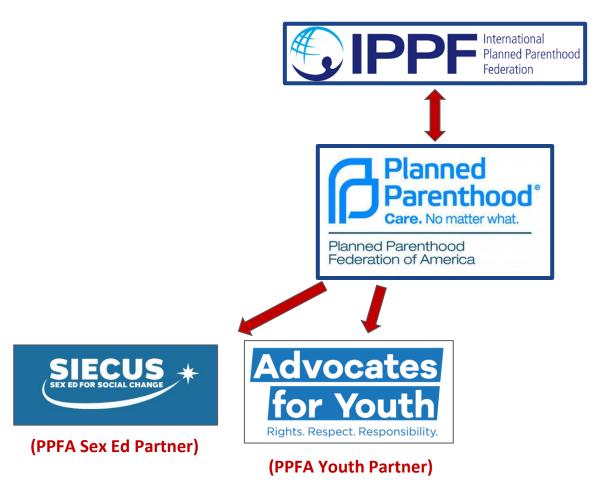
- 20 bills: AL HB 1/SB 10, AZ SB 1511, IN HB 1505/SB 224, IA HF 193, KS HB 2210/SB 214, MO HB 33/SB 442, MS SB 2171, MT HB 113; HB 427, NH HB 68, ND HB 1476, OK HB 1004; SB 583, TX HB 68; HB 92, HB 1399
- Parental Consent Requirements ("Opt-In")
  - **7 bills:** AZ HB 2184/SB 1456; HB 2710, FL HB 545/SB 410, MN HF 345, MT SB 99
- Parental Consent or Notification of LGBTQ Instruction
  - **5 bills**: AZ SB 1456, IA SF 167, MO HB 786, TN HB 529/SB 1229
- Anti-LGBTQ Instruction & Prohibiting SOGI Instruction
  - **5 bills:** TN HB 577/SB 1392; SB 1216, ND HB 1476, AZ HB 2710

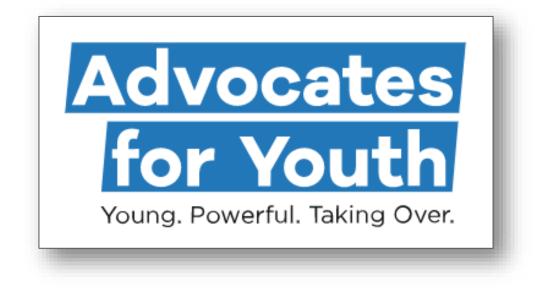


### Legislative Landscape: <u>Regressive</u> Trends

#### • Limiting Access to Reproductive Health Care:

- **63 bills** introduced nationwide to limit access to abortion care. Includes **33 bills** in which all or most abortions would be prohibited, in addition to time sensitive bans.
- **11 bills** banning abortion for a specific reason, including race, sex, or presence of Downs syndrome or genetic abnormality
- Parental consent mandates to care: **5 bills**, **TX** HB 835, **MT** LC 2459, **KY** HB 96; HB 460, **MS** HB 1089
- Additional Legislation
  - **AOUM emphasis: 3 bills,** FL HB 519/SB 1094, MS HB 736







Advocates for Youth President Debra Hauser



"I stand with Planned Parenthood, and I ask you to do so as well."



ABOUT ISSUES RESOURCES & TOOLS MEDIA SHOP

Press Releases

## **Press Release:**

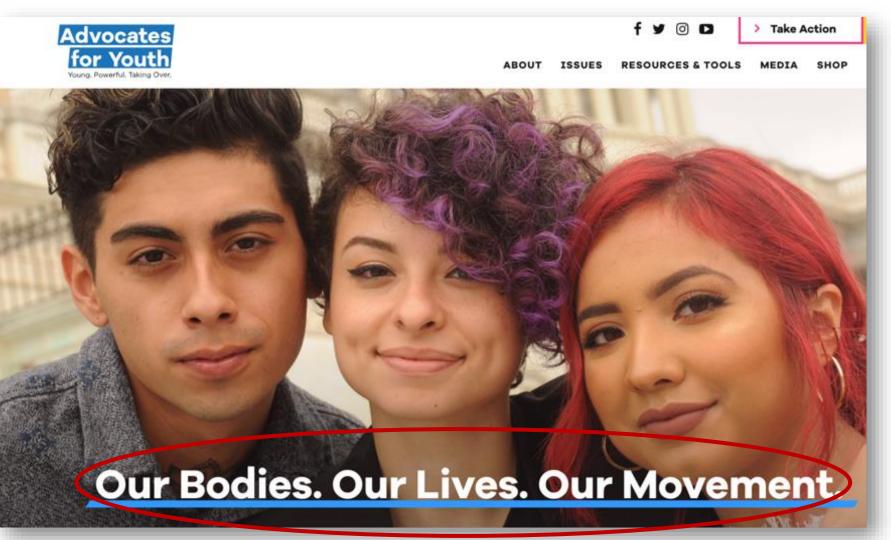
# Statement on Misleading Video of Planned Parenthood Provider



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Statement

# Statement on Latest Trump Attack on Planned Parenthood



#### IPPF.org



## 1998 IPPF Youth Manifesto

OUR BODIES, OUR LIVES, OUR RIGHTS

YOUTH MANIFES

#### VISION

As young people, we demand a world where we are empowered to lead a happy, inclusive and healthy life, free from any form of discrimination and violence; where our rights, our choices and our bodies are respected and where we can realise our full potential to transform our communities and create sustainable change.

#### BACKGROUND

In 1998, IPPF published its Youth Manifesto. Twenty one years later, a group of young leaders from all six IPPF regions came together to rewrite the Manifesto, ensuring it would reflect the wants and needs of today's young people. This Manifesto has been written with contributions from over 16,000 young people around the world from various backgrounds who

participated in an open online consultation process.





### **"ABORTION STORIES"** MARKETING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

**Connie:** "...I have always been grateful that there was a Planned Parenthood in Madison that provided abortions."

**Jenn:** " ... I drove to a Planned Parenthood ... and it was the most amazing experience. I'm not kidding."

**Beth:** "...The attacks against Planned Parenthood & then the relentless attacks against women who have had an abortion."

**Emily:** "...When looking at abortion providers I knew that I could go to Planned Parenthood. That day I went in, they were all so supportive, kind and understanding."

Jill: "...Planned Parenthood was there for me."

**Anonymous:** "...This is why we need to stand up for planned parenthood. This is why we need to stand up to President Trump."



If you are under 18 and need an abortion, and your state law says you have to involve your parents but you don't want to, there are steps you can take.

If you want to consult about using the judicial bypass option to get an abortion without parental permission, call or text the Jane's Due Process hotline,







## #FreeThePill - Help Bring Birth Control Over The Counter



#### Abortion and Parental Involvement Laws

A Threat to Young People's Health and Safety

OLICY BRIEF

receive abortion care. Most young people faced with an unintended pregnancy choose to involve their parents 3 But for those who can't, those who do not have access to their parents, those afraid to anger or disappoint, or who face the threat of violence in their homes-it is best for them to seek the advice of a trained medical professional than to face the situation alone and afraid. Young people are the experts of their own lives and are most equipped to decide whom they involve in their care. Research has shown that these laws, which disproportionately impact young women of color and immigrant youth, often delay or prevent young people's access, endangering their health and safety? A majority of Americans support young people's self-autonomy and right to make decisions about their sexual and reproductive health without their parent's involvement\*

The majority of states - thirty-six as of June

2018 - currently enforce laws that require a

young person to notify or obtain consent from one or both parents before they can

#### MOST STATES REQUIRE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN MINORS' ABORTIONS

Parental involvement laws fall into two categories: those that require parental notification and those that require parental consent before a young person seeks abortion services. Parental notification laws require written notification to parents, typically 24 to 40 hours prior, by a medical provider, before a young person can receive abortion services. Parental consent laws require that a young person obtain consent by one or both parents before an abortion can be performed. The Supreme Court has ruled that states may not give parents absolute veto over their child's decision to have an abortion. Most state parental involvement requirements include a judicial bypass procedure that requires a minor to receive court approval for an abortion without their parents' knowledge or consent.

· Twenty-one states require parental

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consent for a minor's abortion. Three of these (Kansas, Mississippi, and North Dakota) require both parents to consent. Eight states require that the consent document be notarized \*

- Eleven states require parental notification only. Five states require both consent and notification.<sup>3</sup>
- Twenty-one states require parental involvement even if the minor is a victim of incest.<sup>4</sup>
- Theonlywayforminorstoaccessabortion without involving their parents in <sup>36</sup> states is via judicial bypass, where they must petition the courts for permission. (Alaska's parental involvement law has been put on hold by the courts.)<sup>7</sup>

#### JUDICIAL BYPASS: AN UNREASONABLE ALTERNATIVE

While judicial bypass is technically available in states which mandate parental involvement, there are powerful obstacles to young people attaining it. Many minors do not know judicial bypass is available or do not know how to get it; do not have access to transportation to travel to the necessary courts; or simply are denied bypass by resistant or biased judges.\* For instance, in 2013, the Nebraska Supreme Court denied an abortion to a 15-year-old young woman, ruling that she was not "mature" enough to have an abortion. The young woman had already had to navigate the court system, retain an attorney, and face delay while the courts decided her fate - and she still was told she must go through with the pregnancy\*

#### REQUIRING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT LEAVES MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ALONE AND AT RISK

 Most minors do consult their parents before seeking abortion care.<sup>30</sup> Nonetheless, many teens live in dysfunctional family environments, and parental involvement laws cannot transform these families into stable



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## Rights, Respect, Responsibility

A K-12 SEXUALITY EDUCATION CURRICULUM

**Teacher's Guide** 

Elizabeth Schroeder, EdD, MSW | Eva Goldfarb, PhD | Nora Gelperin, MEd



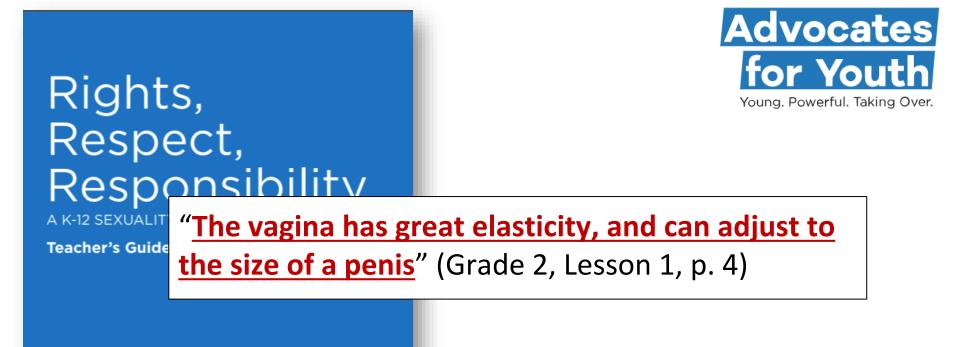
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Advocates for Youth

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A K-12 SEXUALIT Teacher's Guide "So a person with a vulva has three holes between their legs and a very sensitive little area at the top called the clitoris." (Grade K, Lesson 2, p. 2)	

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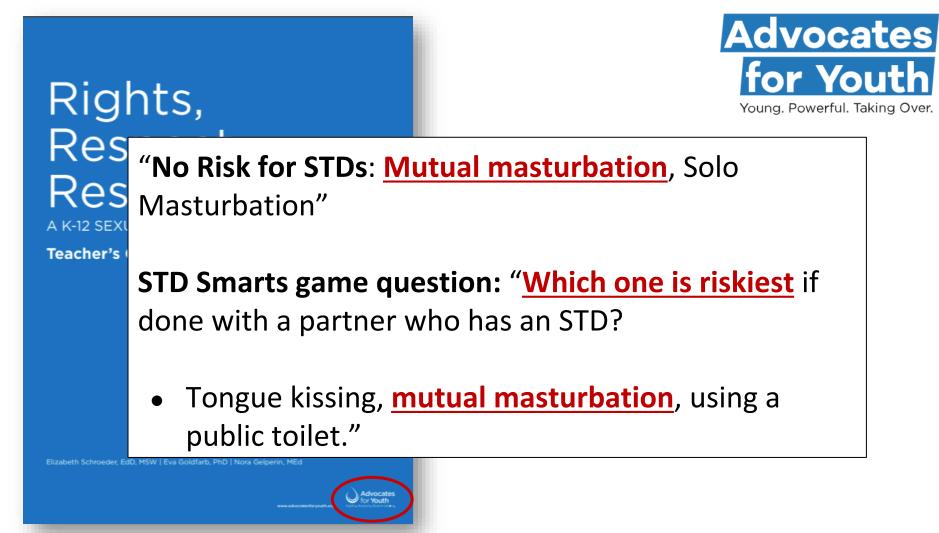


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## Rights, Respect **Role Play Scenario C:** Re A K-12 SE **Teacher's** "You think you know what person 2 wants - So you're going to let them know that tonight is the night you're going to have sex together for the first time." (Grade 10, Lesson 1, p.5)

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### for Youth Rights, Young, Powerful, Taking Over, Respect, Responsibility (Note to the Teacher: Be sure to clarify that A K-12 SEXUALIT **Teacher's Guide** 'mutual masturbation' refers to two people touching each other's genitals).

Advocates

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## **ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH**

In 2020, Advocates for Youth:

Helped Sex Educators Go Virtual During COVID-19

"Adapted 32 lesson plans from the comprehensive, <u>3Rs sex education</u> <u>curriculum to the digital platform, Google Classroom</u>."

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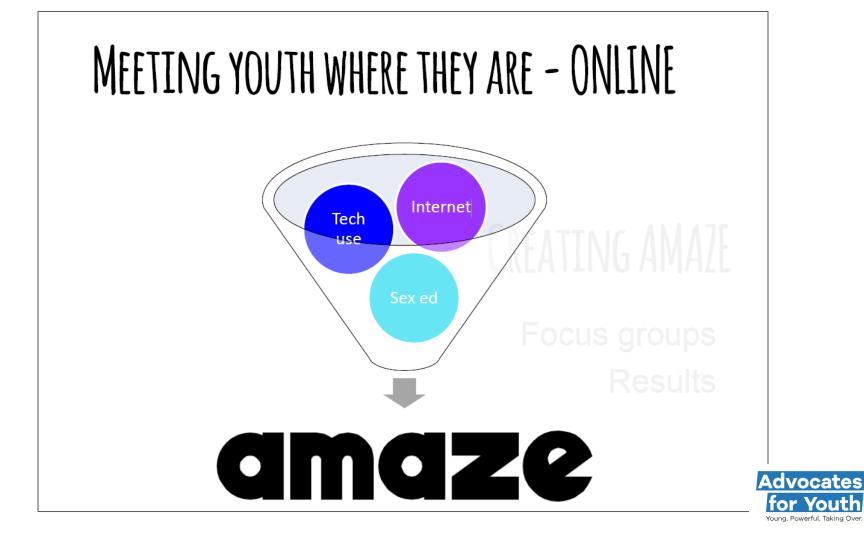
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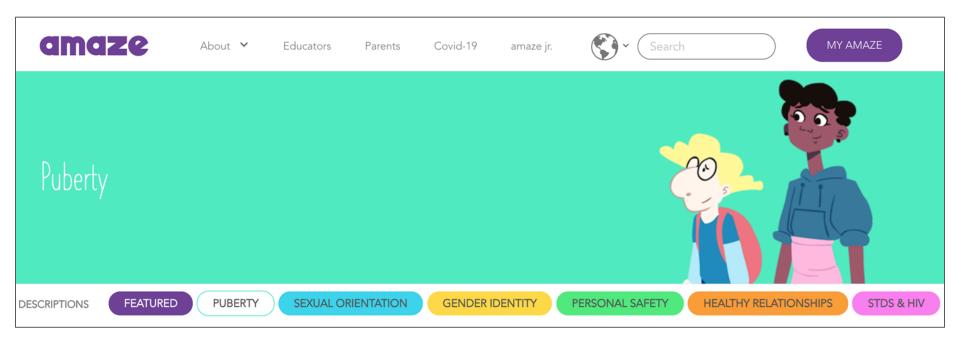
Created three grade bands for <u>elementary, middle, and high</u> <u>school students and linked AMAZE videos</u> to the lesson plans.

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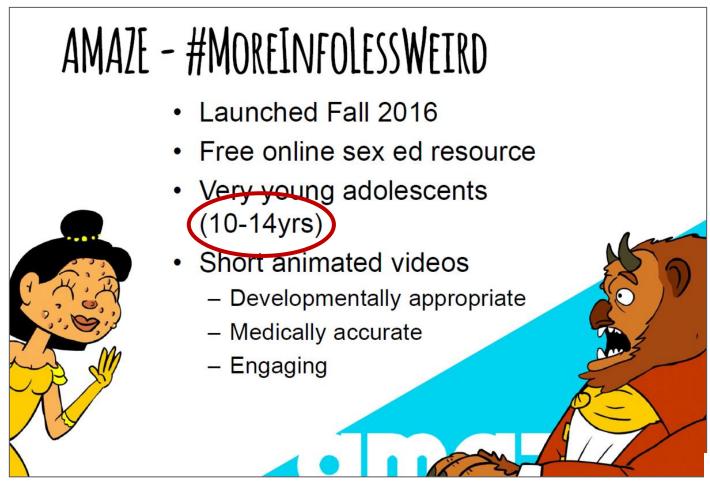




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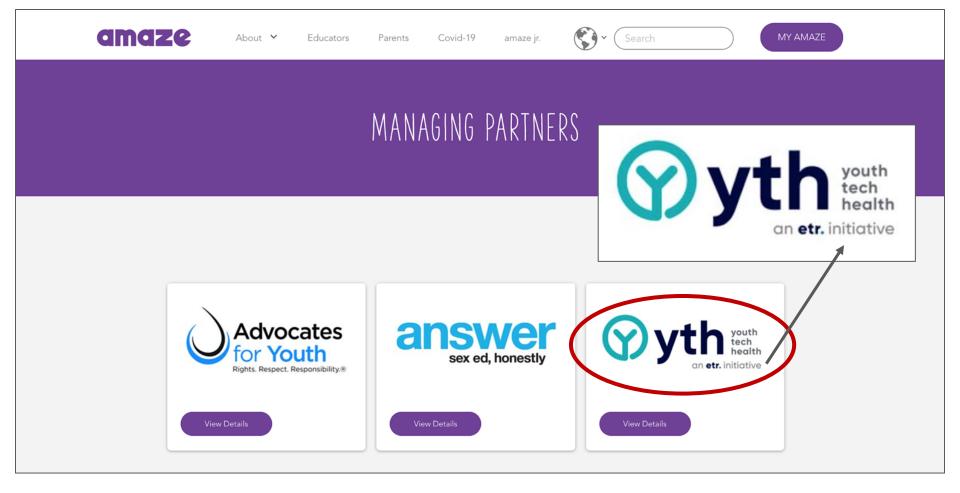


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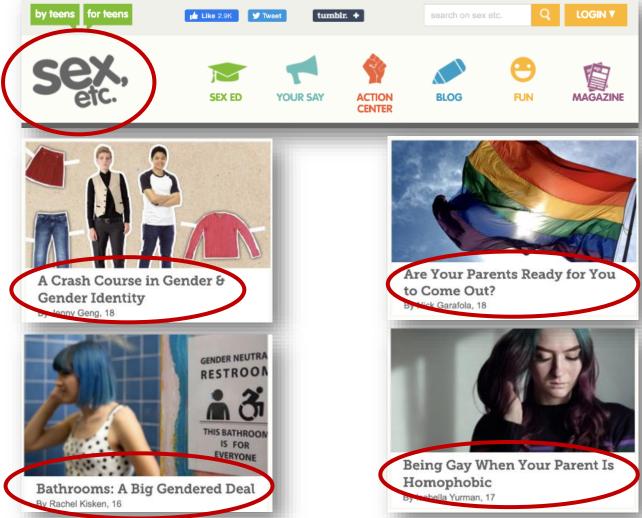
- Videos released: 28
- Video Views: Over 1 Million
- Subscribers: 9K
- Top 3 Videos:
  - Top Signs Boys are in Puberty
  - Masturbation: Totally Normal
  - Top Signs Girls are in Puberty

"Sexual topics are covered in an informative way, without sensationalizing content." -Common Sense Media







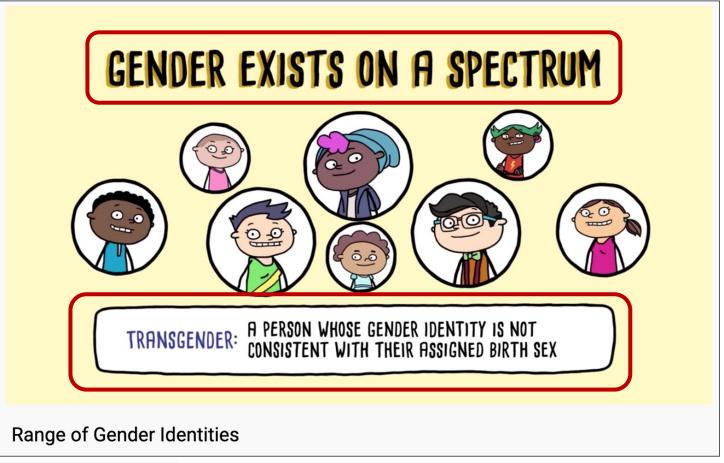




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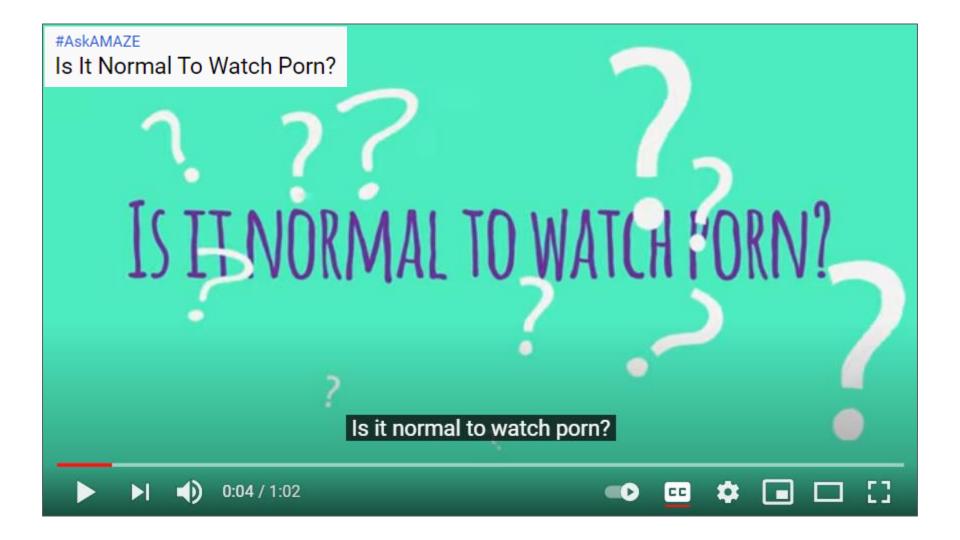




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If a person with a penis has an #erection or #boner when aroused, what does a person with a vulva experience? A new video from Amaze

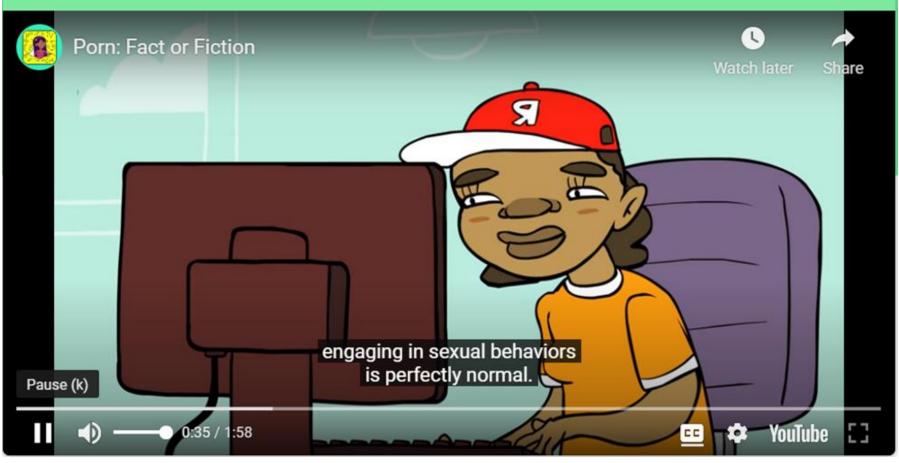


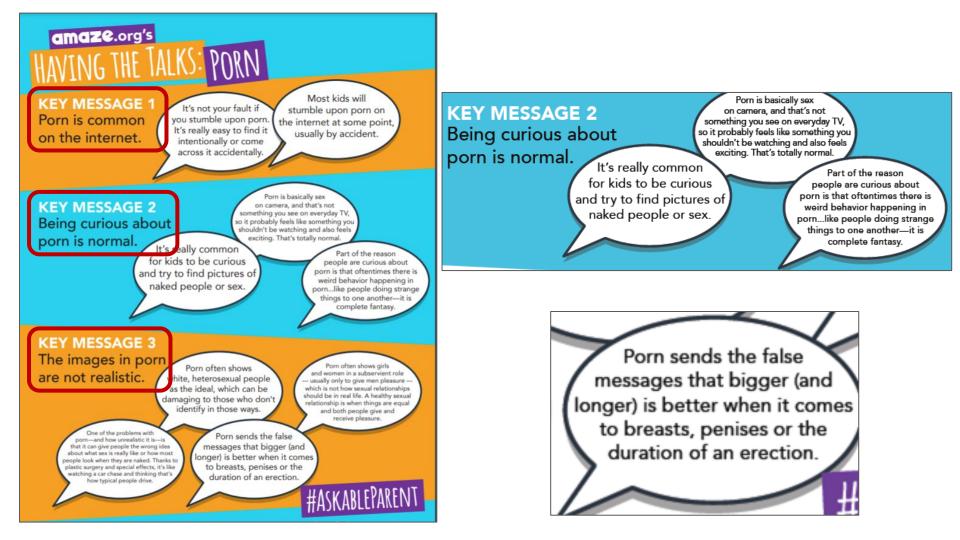
#AskAMAZE Is It Normal To Watch Porn?



#### Porn: Fact or Fiction?













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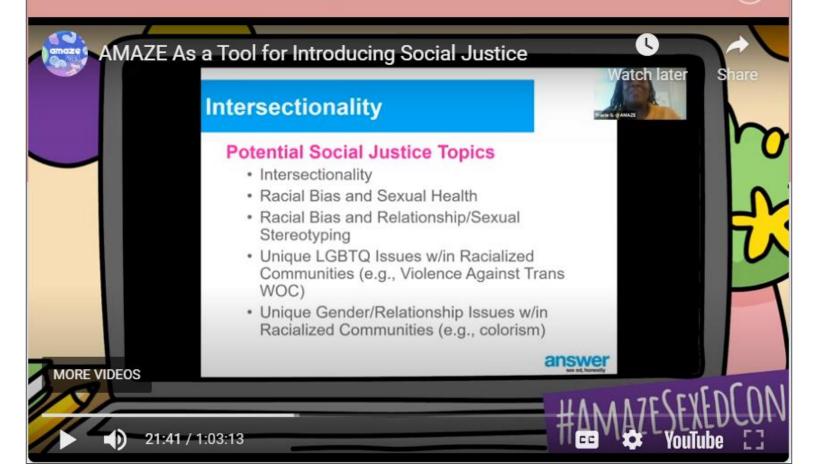


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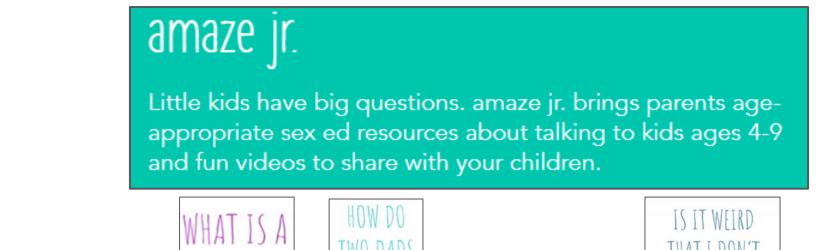




#### AMAZE as a Tool for Introducing Social Justice



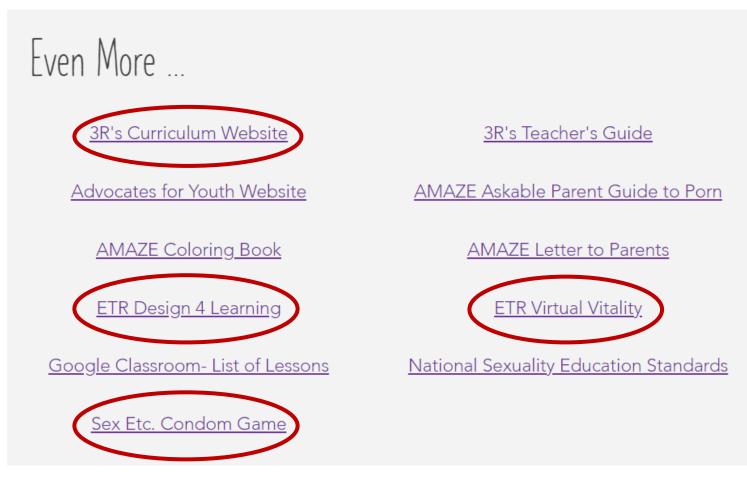












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## Improving Sex Education in New Jersey

An overview of the NJ Thrive Coalition's work on Student Learning Standards & Legislation

**Elizabeth Coulter, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey** 

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# Thrive NJ is a broad coalition

Thrive NJ is a statewide coalition of nearly <u>70 organizations working</u> <u>collectively to promote sexual and</u> <u>reproductive health, rights and</u> <u>justice</u> through policy change and advocacy.



## We released NJ's Sex Ed Report Card

Visit sexednj.org for more informationabout the Sex Ed Report Card and Thrive partners

tudent Name:	NJ Sex Ed
verall Grade:	C
Topic	2019 Grade
State Law	B
Curricula	С
Consistency	С
Time Allotted	С
Educator Traini	ng C
Parental Suppor	t A
Content	c
Inclusion	c

## We can do even more through legislation

Key priorities for the draft legislation

- Establish the right to high quality comprehensive sex education
- Repeal outdated and ineffective statutes
- Establish criteria for outside groups to provide sex education in schools
- Create a mechanism for monitoring and enforcing the implementation of standards and professional development, give the legislation "teeth"
- <u>Allocate funding</u> for educator training and professional development
- Establish criteria for program funding the State accepts and administers, <u>ensuring</u> that funding is administered in compliance with NJSLS-CHPE and NSES





"We started with a template that SIECUS, Advocates for Youth, ACLU National and Planned Parenthood Federation of America had created back in 2016, which has some great foundational pieces in it and allows for States to adapt it, to meet the needs of their States. And that's exactly what we're doing. So here's what <u>we're drafting in our</u> legislation. We are establishing the right to high quality comprehensive sex education using the National Sexuality Education Standards definition, and we're defining it in the legislation."

FoSE

CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12 SECOND EDITION









FoSE

CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12 SECOND EDITION "Masturbation:

### <u>Touching one's own body</u> <u>for sexual pleasure</u>. This may include stimulation of one's own genitals and commonly results in orgasm."

FoSE

CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12 SECOND EDITION

#### "Sexual Identity:

A person's self-identity based on their understanding of and/or ability to outwardly express their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Sexual identity evolves through a developmental process that varies depending on the individual ... No one else can determine what a person's sexual identity is; only the individual can decide what identity is right for them."

FoSE

CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12 SECOND EDITION "Genderqueer:

A person whose gender identity is <u>neither male nor female, is</u> <u>between or beyond genders,</u> <u>or is some combination</u> <u>of genders.</u>"

FoSE

CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12 SECOND EDITION

"By the end of the 8th grade, students should be able to: Define sexual identity and explain a range of identities related to sexual orientation (e.g., heterosexual, bisexual, lesbian, gay, queer, two-spirit, asexual, pansexual)."

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CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12 SECOND EDITION "By the end of the 8th grade, students should be able to: **Access medically accurate** sources of information about gender, gender identity, and gender expression."

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CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12 SECOND EDITION

"By the end of the 10th grade, students should be able to: **Identify medically accurate** sources of information about and local services that provide contraceptive methods (including emergency contraception and condoms) and pregnancy options (including parenting, abortion, adoption, and prenatal care)."

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CORE CONTENT AND SKILLS, K-12

SECOND EDITION

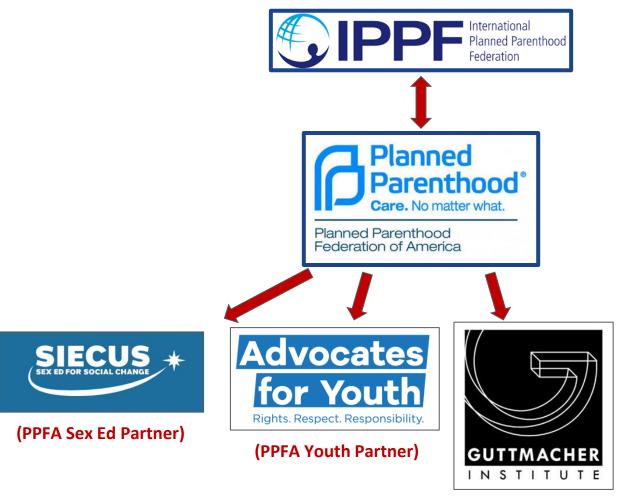
"By the end of the 10th grade, students should be able to: Define reproductive justice and explain its history and how it relates to sexual health."

"Reproductive justice <u>focuses on</u> <u>access to abortion rather than</u> <u>abortion rights, asserting that the</u> <u>legal right to abortion is meaningless</u> <u>for women who cannot access it</u> due to the cost, the distance to the nearest provider, or other obstacles."

(WIKIPEDIA)



"We'll establish criteria for outside groups to provide sex education in schools. There's an issue in New Jersey with crisis pregnancy prevention, crisis pregnancy centers, providing sex ed in schools. And we know that they're not providing medically accurate and complete information or comprehensive education as we define it in the statute. So we want to prevent that we'll create a mechanism for, several mechanisms, for monitoring and enforcement the implementation of the standards and this legislation."



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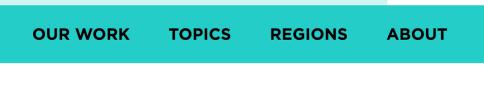


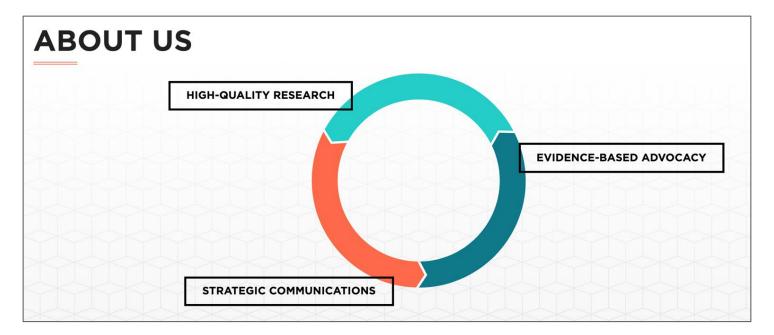
#### HISTORY

"The Center was originally housed within the corporate structure of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA). Its program, however, was independently developed and overseen by a National Advisory Council separate from the PPFA Board of Directors. <u>Its early</u> development was nurtured by Alan F. Guttmacher ... who was PPFA's president for more than a decade until his death in 1974."



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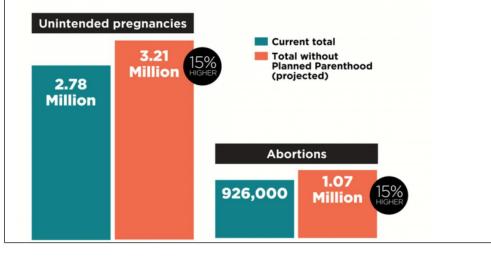


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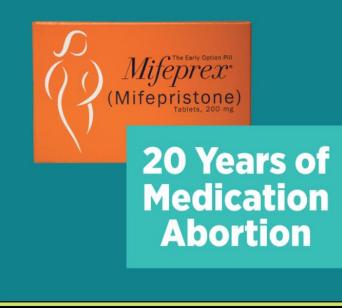
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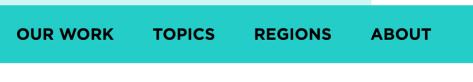


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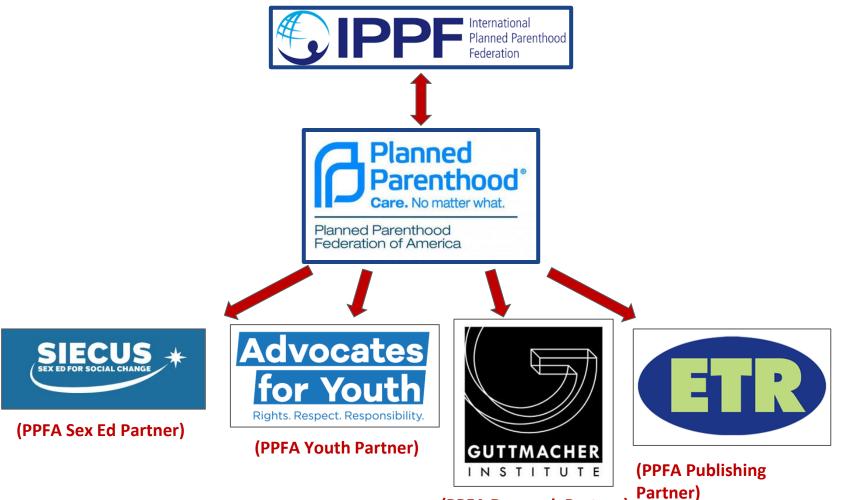
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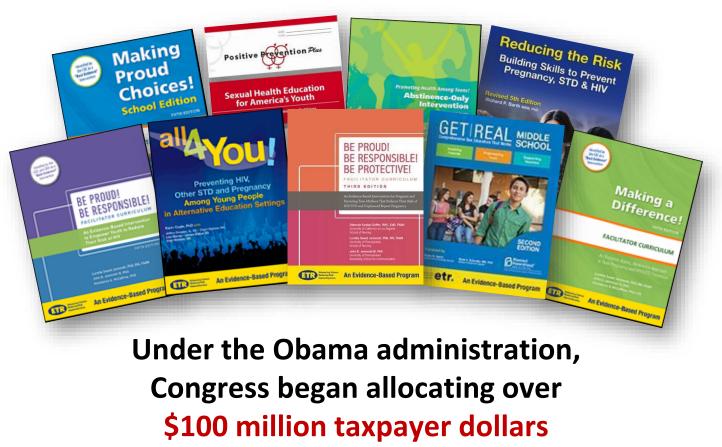
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### Pleasure and Sex Education: The Need for Broadening Both Content and Measurement



(PPFA Research Partner)



annually for Comprehensive Sexuality Education teen pregnancy prevention programs!

#### Santa Cruz Sentinel

#### 10 September 1981

## Sex Education Consultants Open Santa Cruz Office

Education/Training/Research Associates, a new educational consulting firm working in the field of family life and sex education, has opened its doors in Santa Cruz.

Located at 1700 Mission St., many of ETR's personnel formerly were associated with Planned Parenthood of Santa Craz County.

Last year, because of administrative considerations, it was decided to separate statewide projects from local community programs. Planned Parenthuod's board of directors approved the establishment of ETH Associates as an independent group. ETH is continuing with work that had province through the local

previously been done through the local life # Planned Parenthood affiliate. It includes public the development of a statewide resource. Call

library in family life and sex education, publication of an Educator's Network report and conducting trainings for individual school districts throughout the state.

Sandy Orwitz, former executive director of Planned Parenthood, is the new leader of ETR Associates. Susan Wandruff assumed the position of acting executive director in place of Orwitz at Planned Parenthood. Nancy Abbey-Harris is now education director of that agency. The new ETR office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library, with collections of books and journals in family life and sex education, is open to the public.

Call 429-9922 for more information.

"We are not now, nor have we ever been, a part of, a division within, or a joint enterprise of ANY other organization. This includes ... not <u>ever</u> being a part of Planned Parenthood of Santa Cruz."

> (John Henry Ledwith, National Sales Manager, ETR)

"Planned Parenthood's board of directors approved the establishment of ETR Associates as an independent group."

#### Evidence-Based Programs Center 😰



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#### **Making Proud Choices!**

Based on cognitive-behavioral theories, this program is designed to empower adolescents with the knowledge, confidence and skills necessary to reduce their risk of STDs, HIV and pregnancy by abstaining from sex or using condoms if they choose to have sex.

#### **Project Image**

Originally developed to reduce highrisk sexual behavior among Africanand Mexican-American adolescent women with a history of psychologica



Safer Choices



#### Safer Choices

This 2-year, multi-component STD, HIV, and teen pregnancy prevention program for high school students aims to reduce the frequency of unprotected ov reducing the number of sexually e students and increasing condom

**Respecting the Circle of Life** 

STD/HIV and pregnancy prevention

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This community-based HIV-prevention program helps teens clarify their values about sex, make decisions that reduce the risk of HIV, and learn communication and condom negotiation skills. These HIV-prevention skills will also help teens avoid unintended pregnancy.

**Be Proud! Be Responsible!** 

This multimedia curriculum uses

trigger films, roleplays, condom

demonstrations and other interactive

exercises to help adolescents practice

the skills they need to reduce the risk of

HIV. Many of these skills will also help

students avoid unintended pregnancy.



This 3-year program for middle school emphasizes social and emotional learning skills, as a key component of responsible decision making. It promotes abstinence as the healthiest choice, provides comprehensive information on sexual health and protection methods, and supports parents as sexuality educators.

#### Making a Difference!

With this program, youth ages 12-14 learn that abstinence is the surest way to eliminate the risk for pregnancy and STDs. including HIV. Roleplays. small-group discussions and other activities help youth practice the skills they need to negotiate abstinence and handle social pressures.



(Comprehensive) program, students ages 12-14 learn

In the comprehensive version of this about puberty, STDs, HIV, and pregnancy

#### **Reducing the Risk** Inducing the Risk



This sexual health program for high school students emphasizes developing skills such as risk assessment, communication, decision making, planning, refusal strategies and delay tactics. Abstinence is presented as the safest choice, but clear guidelines on protection are included for students who choose to be sexually active.



This one-on-one, 20-minute safer sex intervention is designed to give women the knowledge, condom-negotiation skills, and confidence needed to help them reduce their risk of STDs and especially HIV. Sister to Sister TEEN is an adaptation of the program for use with adolescents.

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This 5-session family intervention is designed to be used with youth who have recently run away from home. The program seeks to reduce HIV-related sexual risk behaviors and substance

abuse by building problem-solving, negotiation and coping skills.

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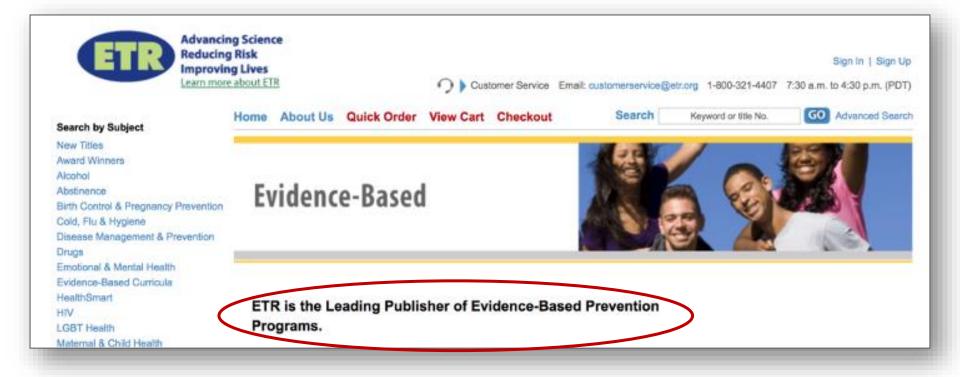
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prevention through a lively, interactive curriculum similar to the abstinence-only version. They learn the skills they need to stay abstinent but also learn how to use a condom if they choose to have sex.





**Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest** 

Winter 2010

#### PPGNW Implements Customer Service Initiative

#### The merger that created

Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest (PPGNW) also created an opportunity to closely examine the organization's external and internal customer service. The effort comes from a strong desire on the part of the executive team and the board of directors to retain more patients, improve brand identity, and increase employee satisfaction and retention in 2010 and beyond.

"It's not like we weren't providing good customer service before this," says Carole Miller, vice president of education, training, and organizational effectiveness, "but this gave us the opportunity to recognize and standardize the behaviors that make us not just good, but outstanding — both to our patients

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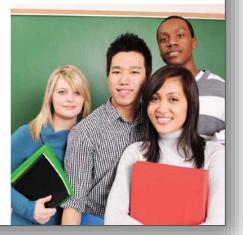
#### **PPGNW is Preferred Provider of** *F.L.A.S.H.* **Training in Idaho**

Expanding access to medically accurate sex education in a

rural state like Idaho is a challenge. Limited program budgets and staffing make it logistically impossible for PPGNW to provide medically accurate sex education to all youth who need it. Now, thanks to an agreement with the Center for Health

Training in Idaho, PPGNW has been tapped to train health education leadership teams throughout Idaho how to successfully teach a nationally recognized program with a funny name.

Family Life and Sexual Health (F.L.A.S.H.) is a program that was developed by Washington State's King County Public Health Department and is now widely used by school districts throughout the United States and Canada. F.L.A.S.H. is a series of comprehensive, ageappropriate curricula for grades 4/5/6, grades 7/8, grades 0/10/11, and for





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#### King County FLASH curricula for schools 2

<u>Rights, Respect, Responsibility:</u> A K-12 Sexuality Education Curriculum



#### **Normalizes Teen Sex**

"Write a story or skit about a couple who have been dating for a few months and are <u>talking about taking</u> <u>their relationship to the next level by having oral, anal</u> <u>or vaginal sex</u>." (Lesson 11 – Preventing HIV and Other STDs)



### Desensitizes

"Show the class a condom that is worn in the vagina or anus and <u>demonstrate how a person</u> would insert it, by squeezing the inner ring and inserting it in a tube formed by your other <u>hand</u>." (Lesson 12, p. 11)

"Solution to not liking how condoms feel: "<u>Try to focus on the pleasurable sensation of</u> <u>having sex with a condom</u>." (Lesson 12, p. 8)

Solution to the problem of not having a condom with you: "Engage in a different sexual activity."

Homework Assignment: "Obtain a condom and bring it to class to show that you obtained it." (Lesson 12 – Condoms)



#### **Trivializes Sex Risk**

"There is <u>very little risk</u> of getting or transmitting HIV <u>from oral sex</u>." (Lesson 11, p. 4)

"Benefits of Using <u>Condoms: Variety – colors, flavors</u>, sizes" (Lesson 12, p. 8)



#### **Normalizes LGBT Sex**

Scenario set-up: "On Saturday night, <u>Aleesha had sex</u> <u>with her girlfriend even though she wasn't in the mood</u> because she didn't want to hurt her girlfriend's feelings." (Lesson 5 – Undoing Gender Stereotypes)



# **Normalizes LGBT Sex**

"This lesson purposefully <u>avoids labeling condoms as</u> <u>'male condoms' or 'female condoms,' in order to be</u> <u>more inclusive of transgender</u> and intersex individuals." (Lesson 12, p. 4)

The vagina condom "can also be used during anal sex with the inner ring removed." (Lesson 12, pp. 11-12)



# **Unscientific Gender Theory**

"Key Concepts: A person knows their gender identity because they feel like <u>a boy, a girl, both, neither or</u> <u>somewhere in between</u>, not because of their body parts." (Lesson 4, p. 2)



## **Medically Inaccurate Instruction**

"Birth control and condoms are excellent at preventing pregnancy" (Lesson 1, p. 4)



## A two-year study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute found that sexually active youth using condoms for protection experienced a 25.8 percent condom failure rate resulting in pregnancy.

Ranjit, N., Bankole, A., Darroch, J. E., & Singh, S. (2001). Contraceptive Failure in the First Two Years of Use: Differences Across Socioeconomic Subgroups, *Family Planning Perspectives*, *33*, 19-27.



# **Medically Inaccurate Instruction**

"<u>People can</u> prevent getting HIV and other STDs by not having vaginal or anal sex and by not sharing needles. They can also <u>prevent HIV and other STDs by using a</u> <u>condom if they do have vaginal or anal sex</u>." (Lesson 12, p. 7)



## Condoms have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration for anal sex. They have stated, "Condoms may be more likely to break during anal intercourse than during other types of sex because of the greater amount of friction and other stresses involved."



## **Medically Inaccurate Instruction**

"FLASH Key Concepts: <u>Birth control is very safe</u>." (Lesson 10, p. 2)

**Birth Control Pill** Fact Sheet: "Good for your health – for example, it <u>helps prevent cancer of the ovaries and</u> <u>uterus, it makes bones stronger</u>, and it helps acne." (Lesson 10 – Birth Control Methods)





### From Package Insert for Yasmin COC (combined oral contraceptive) Warnings and Precautions

5.1 Thromboembolic Disorders and Othe Vascular Problems Stop Yaumin # an arterial or venous thrombotic (VTE) event occurs. The use of COCs increases the risk of senaus thromboembolism. However, pregnancy increases the risk of venous thromboembolism as much or more than the use of CDDs. The risk of VTE in women using COCs has been estimated to be 3 to 9 per 10,000 woman years. The risk of VTE is highest during the first year of use. Data from a large, prospective cohort safety study of various CDCs summest that this increased risk, as compared to that in non-CDC users, is greatest during the first 6 months of CDC use. Data from this safety study indicate that the greatest risk of VTE is present after initially starting a COC or restarting (following a 4 week or steater pill-free interval) the same or a different COC. Use of COCs also increases the risk of arterial thromboses such as strokes and revocardial infanctions, especially in women with other risk factors for these events. The risk of thromboembolic disease due to oral contraceptives endually disappears. after CDC use is discontinued. If feasible, stop Vaurain at least 4 weeks before and through 2 weeks after major surgery or other surgeries known to have an elevated risk of thromboembolism. Start Yasmin no earlier that 4 weeks after delivery, is women who are not breastfeeding. The risk of postparture thromboenbollars decreases after the third postparture week, whereas the risk of pyulation increases after the third postparture week. COCs have been shown to increase both the relative and attributable risks of cerebrovascular events (thrombotic and hemorrhagic strokes), although, in general, the risk is greatest among older [>35 years of age], hypertensive women who also smoke. EOCs also increase the risk for stroke in women with other underlying risk factors. Oral contraceptives must be used with caution in women with cardiovascular disease risk factors. Stop Yasmin # there is unexplained loss of vision, proptosis, diplopia, papilledema, or retinal vascular lesions. Evaluate for retinal vein thrombosis immediately. Epidemiologic studies including a DRSP-containing COC Several studies have investigated the relative risks of thromboembolism in women using Yasmin compared to those in women using COCs containing other progestins. Two prospective cohort studies, both evaluating the risk of venous and arterial thromboembolism and death, were initiated at the time of Taxmin approval 1.2 The first (EURAS) showed the risk of thromboembolism (particularly vesous thromboembolism) and death in Yasmin users to be comparable to that of other oral contraceptive preparations, including those

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5.2 Hyperkalemia Yaumin contains 3 mg of the propertie DRSP, which has antimineralocorticoid activity, including the potential for hyperkalemia in high-risk patients. comparable to a 25 mm dose of spironolactone. Yaurein should not be used in patients with conditions that credispose to hyperkalernia. (that is, renal impairment, hepatic impairment, and adrenal insufficiency). Women receiving daily, long-term treatment for chronic conditions or diseases with medications that may increase serum potassium concentration should have their serum potassium concentration checked during the first treatment cycle. Medications that may increase serum potassium concentration include ACE inhibitors, avaioters in-II receptor antanonists potassium-sparing diaretics, potassium supplementation, heparin, aldosterone antagonists, and NSAIDs.

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- venous thromboembolism

- arterial thromboses such as strokes and myocardial infarctions
- retinal vein thrombosis that can cause unexplained loss of vision, proptosis, diplopia, papilledema, or retinal vascular lesions
- cerebrovascular events (thrombotic and hemorrhagic strokes)
- may increase the incidence of breast cancer
- may increase in the risk of cervical cancer or intraepithelial neoplasia
- hepatic adenomas (rupture of which causes death)
- increased risk of developing hepatocellular carcinoma
- cholestasis
- hypertension
- increased relative risk of developing gallbladder disease
- may decrease glucose tolerance in a dose-related fashion
- adverse lipid changes
- increased risk of pancreatitis
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- increase in frequency or severity of migraine
- unscheduled (breakthrough or intracyclic) bleeding and spotting
- hyperkalemia



## Where to Turn for Teens



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present but can also have long-lasting, negative effects on everyone involved. About 20% of students report experiencing bullying or feeling unsafe at schools in Washington State. Cyberbullying can worsen these problems as bullies can antagonize their victims outside of school and anonymously. As of January 2020, Washington State law prohibits electronic, written, verbal, or physical acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) in schools that do one or more of the following:

 Physically harm a student or damage the student's property

 Have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education

 Are so severe, persistent or pervasive that they create an intimidating or threatening educational environment

- Have the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school

Where to Turn

For Teens

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Dating violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors such as emotional, verbal, psychological, physical, or sexual abuse by a romantic partner that is used to exert power and control. Dating violence tends to become more severe with time as the abuser tries to increase their power and control. There are many forms of dating abuse and unhealthy behaviors. Common types include:

Six Common Types Include:

- Physical abuse
   Emotional/Verbal abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Sexual abus
   Stalking
- stalking
- Digital abuse/cyberbullying
- Financial abuse

#### Characteristics Of An Abuser Can Include:

- Blaming you for their own abusive behavior
- Seeing you as property or a sex object, rather than as a person
- Threatening to commit suicide or self-harm if you leave
- Having a bad and unpredictable temper
- Physical threats and actions that hurt you
- -Threatening to harm or take away your children
- Constantly checking on you or monitoring you
- Controlling what you do, where you go, or what you wear
- Belittling comments
- Characteristics Of Individuals Being Abused Can Include:
  - Seeming afraid of anxious to please their partner
     Self-isolation or avoidance of gatherings
  - Low self-esteem

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#### **Birth Control & Pregnancy**

You are the only person who gets to decide when you are ready to become sexually active. Being proactive with your partner in discussing birth control and sexual health is an important part of a safe and healthy relationship. If you think you may be pregnant, it's important to make an appointment to get tested by a health care professional as home pregnancy kits are not always accurate. In Washington State, minors of any age do not need a parent or legal guardian's permission to access birth control or pregnancy or abortion related services. If you are pregnant, seek emotional support from someone you trust, and talk with a medical professional about your options.

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### **CSE Harmful Elements Analysis Tool**

The CSE Harmful Elements Analysis Tool<sup>1</sup> was created to help parents, school administrators, educators, and other concerned citizens assess, evaluate, and expose harmful elements within comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)<sup>2</sup> curricula and materials. For more information, visit <u>www.stopcse.org</u>.



High School FLASH, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition contains [15 out of 15] of the harmful elements typically found in CSE curricula or materials. The presence of even one of these elements indicates that the analyzed materials are inappropriate for children. Having several of these elements should disqualify such materials for use with children.

**Program Description:** High School FLASH is a sexuality curriculum designed for high school youth ages 14-18. This curriculum teaches youth where they can go to find protection or have an abortion and frequently refers students to Planned Parenthood resources. It normalizes anal and oral sex and gives detailed instruction on consenting to sexual acts. *FLASH* includes same-gender role play scenarios and heavily emphasizes transgender ideology, going so far as to avoid using the word 'woman' and to instead use the term 'person with a uterus and ovaries'. This curriculum is being used in California, Illinois, Texas and Washington.



## FLASH sex-ed clinically proven to reduce teen pregnancy rates | King County

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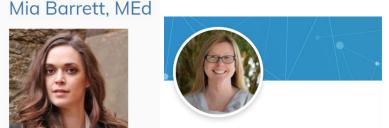


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## About the FLASH curriculum

FLASH is a widely used sexual health education curriculum developed by Public Health – Seattle & King County and designed to prevent teen pregnancy, STDs, and sexual violence, and to increase knowledge about the reproductive system and puberty. FLASH is available for elementary, middle, high school and special education classrooms. High School FLASH has been proven effective by rigorous evaluation.

**FLASH is based on the Theory of Planned Behavior.** Lessons include a variety of strategies designed to create positive attitudes, beliefs and norms and to build skills in order to reduce rates of pregnancy, STDs and sexual violence. See additional details below.

**FLASH includes a strong family-involvement component** in order to further increase protective factors that support students in remaining abstinent, using birth control and condoms, and respecting other's decisions not to have sex.

**FLASH supports and respects diverse community values** through its inclusive design, its use of the Values Question Protocol, and through the design of the Family Homework, which encourages discussion about values with family members.

**High School FLASH is a proven program.** It has been rigorously evaluated and found to be an effective, proven program at reducing unintended pregnancy and STDs among teens.



### 1. What's unique about FLASH

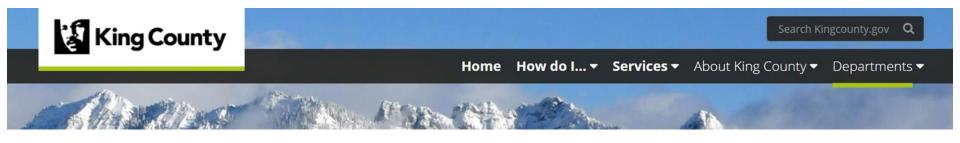
FLASH is unique in many ways. It is a proven, evidence-based sexual health education curriculum designed to prevent pregnancy, STDs and sexual violence. It is deigned to be used in school classrooms, as a part of a health unit, although it can be successfully implemented in a variety of environments. It does not require training, and provides substantial teacher support so that it can be immediately implemented by any school that is ready. It includes a strong family involvement component, creating opportunities for families to talk with their children about important sexual health topics. It is an inclusive curriculum, including examples and activities that will resonate with youth from a variety of geographical regions, racial identities, and sexual orientations. It is highly interactive and is respectful of students with a variety of sexual experiences.



#### 3. Evidence-based

High School FLASH, 3rd edition has been rigorously evaluated and found to be an effective, proven program at reducing unintended pregnancy and STDs among teens. The evaluation of High School FLASH was funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and was conducted by ETR Associates, an independent outside evaluator (Grant #TP2AH000031). Significant findings include:

Finally, FLASH adheres to the Characteristics of an Effective Health Education Curriculum and is aligned to both the CDC's National Health Education Standards for Sexual Health and the National Sexuality Education Standards. See ways in which FLASH aligns to these characteristics.



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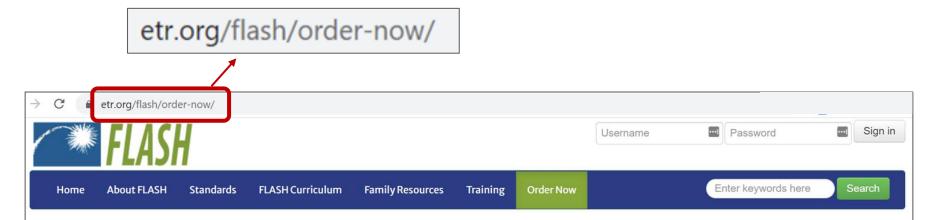
All grade levels of FLASH are available for purchase in hard copy. Additionally, Middle School and High School FLASH are available on an online platform by purchasing a digital license. Visit an outside site where all FLASH orders are placed.

#### Request free access to FLASH (King County only)

King County teachers can email <u>FLASH@kingcounty.gov</u> to request free access. King County teachers: in your email, please include your name, position, school, and building address.

#### **Contact FLASH staff**

Please contact the FLASH staff at FLASH@kingcounty.gov if you have any additional questions about the program.



#### **FLASH Pricing**

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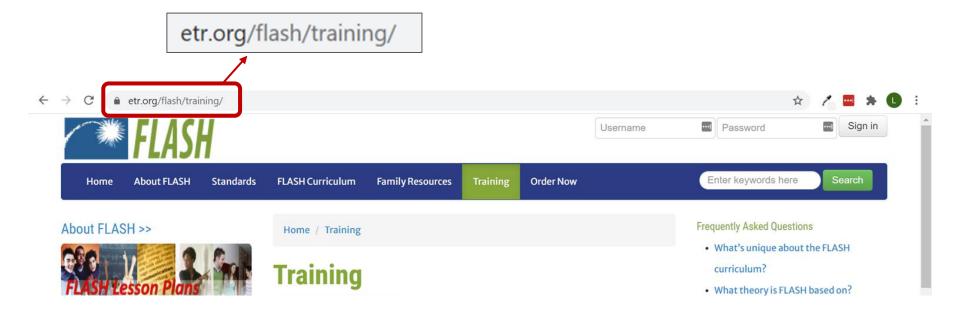
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If you teach or reside in King County, WA, please email your name, physical address, organization and position to FLASH@kingcounty.gov/to request free access to the online middle school and high school lessons



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Outside of King County, WA: Fill out this brief Training and TA Request Form and ETR's Training Coordinator will contact you to discuss your needs and interest. You can also email us directly at FLASHTrain@etr.org.



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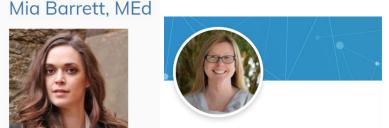


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Irene H. Ericksen, M.S. March 26, 2021

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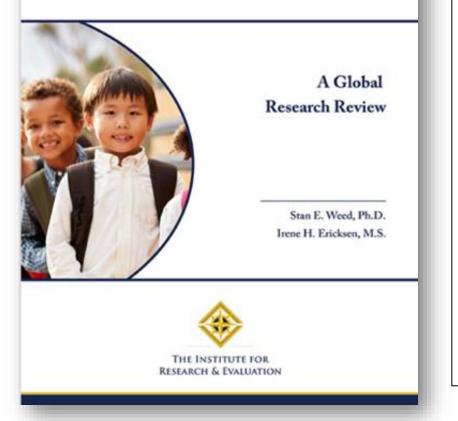
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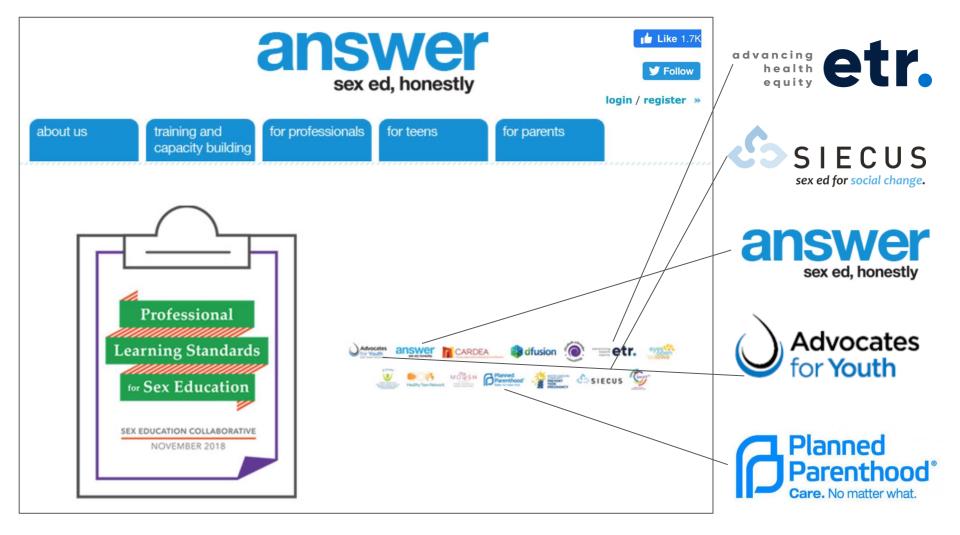
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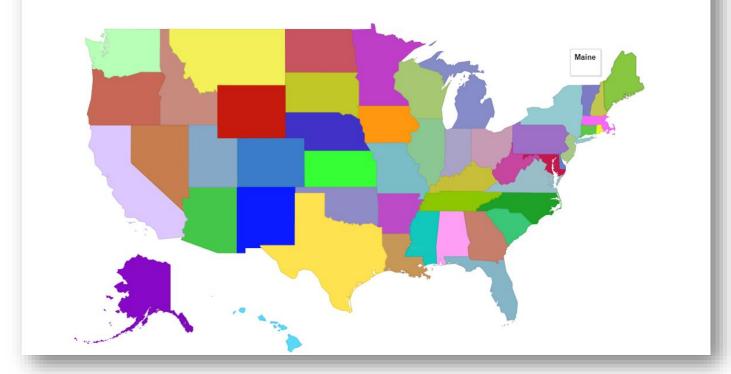
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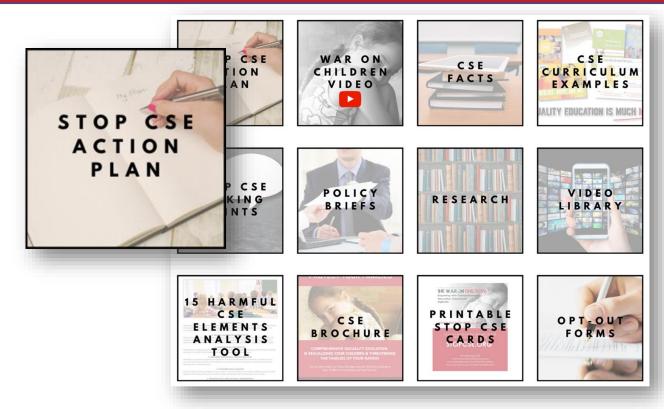


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