

Sexual Health Education

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Although teen birth rates across the nation remain near an all time low, the U.S. still rates among the highest when compared to other developed nations. This bibliography lists publications that offer perspectives from both sides of the abstinence only verses comprehensive sex education debate, as well as more general resources and information on the causes and consequences of teen sex as a whole.

“Abstaining From Sex” / Democratic Leadership Council, *Blueprint Magazine*, January/February 2002, v.14. An article on using popular culture and media to push abstinence as a supplement to general sex education. The goal is to change the cultural perception of abstinence and make it a more attractive choice for teens. www.dlc.org/ndol_ci.cfm?contentid=250088&kaid=114&subid=144

***Adolescent & Young Adult Sexual Health* / Council of State Governments, *Trends Facts and Figures*, 2010. (374.34/C83b)** State by state statistics and general trends on teen pregnancies, STD/HIV education, and sexual risk behaviors. www.csg.org/policy/documents/TIA_FF_Adolescent_Sex_Health.pdf

***Births to Teens in Wisconsin* / Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Health. 2008. (346.22/W7d/2008)** Wisconsin teen birth statistics from 2008. The LRB also has copies of this report going back to 1995. The most current version is 2009 which is available online. www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/births/pdf/09teenbirths.pdf

***Building Skills for Health Literacy: Human Sexuality* / Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. 2008. (PubI/b) (library use only)** This publication is part of a series of resources for educators on increasing health literacy in students. This one serves as a guide to building a successful sexual health education program with a step-by-step process involving needs assessment, target goals, determining influences, and lesson development. The process is meant to be flexible to fit a wide variety of classrooms and students.

***Dubious Conceptions: The Politics of Teenage Pregnancy* / Kristin Luker. 1996. (346.22/L96)** “Dubious Conceptions introduces us to the young women who are the object of so much opprobrium. In these pages we hear teenage mothers from across the country talk about their lives, their trials, and their attempts to find meaning in motherhood.” —Inner flap.

***Evidence on the Effectiveness of Abstinence Education: An Update* / The Heritage Foundation. February 19, 2010.** A report on studies that have found abstinence education to be effective. www.heritage.org/Research/Reports/2010/02/Evidence-on-the-Effectiveness-of-Abstinence-Education-An-Update

“Facts at a Glance, 2006: Reporting Trends in Teen Childbearing in the Nation, States, and Large Cities” / *Child Trends*, April 2006. (346.22/C431) An updated 2011 version is available online. www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2011_04_14_FG_2011.pdf

“Going Viral: Sexual Health Education Uses New Media” / Council of State Governments, *Capitol Research*, 2010. (374.34/C83c) A informational report on different programs around the nation that have begun using text messaging and the Internet as means to reach and inform teens on sexual health education. Also includes information on the “next step” for the implementation and evaluation of these programs. http://knowledgecenter.csg.org/drupal/system/files/Going_Viral.pdf

***Human Growth & Development: A Resource Packet to Assist School Districts in Program Development, Implementation and Assessment* / Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. 2006. (PubI/h) (library use only)** <http://cdm16119.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p267601coll4/id/676>

***Legislative Briefs* / Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau.**

- **“Abstinence Education,” 2006. (Legislative Brief 06-15) (374.34/W7e1)** Information brief on 2005 Wisconsin Act 445.
- **“Human Growth and Development Instruction – 2009 Act 134,” 2010. (Legislative Brief 10-1) (374.34/W7e)** Information brief on 2009 Assembly Bill 458 which created 2009 Wisconsin Act 134.

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Providing Reproductive Health Services for Adolescents: State Options / National Conference of State Legislatures, 2000. (374.34/N21b) Examines several sources of federal funding for reproductive health services.

“Sex Between Young Teens and Older Individuals: A Demographic Portrait” / Jennifer Manlove, et al., *Child Trends*, 2005. (374.34/C431a)

www.childtrends.org/Files/StatRapeRB.pdf

“State Policies on Sex Education in Schools” / National Conference of State Legislatures, *Legisbrief*, April-May 2009, v.17, no.21. (328/N21h) This information brief on state sex education policies also includes a section that focuses on sources of federal funding that require abstinence education.

“Teen Pregnancy: Does Comprehensive Sex-Education Reduce Pregnancies?” / Congressional Quarterly, *CQ Researcher*, v.20, no.12, 2010. (346.22/C761b) This report takes an in-depth look at the background, history, and outlook of teen pregnancy and provides arguments for both sides of the abstinence only and comprehensive sex education debate. Also includes its own bibliography of sources and a list of additional resources for further information.

“Teen Sex: Do Abstinence-Only Programs Discourage Teen Sex?” / Congressional Quarterly, *CQ Researcher*, v.15, no.32, 2005. (374.34/C761c) This report examines recent trends in teen sex, specifically attitudes and how they have changed over time. It also examines the abstinence only and comprehensive sex education debate, offering arguments for both. Also includes a bibliographic section of sources and a list of additional resources.

“Trends and Recent Estimates: Sexual Activity Among U.S. Teens” / Elizabeth Terry-Humen, Jennifer Manlove, Sarah Cottingham, *Child Trends*, 2006. (374.34/C431)

www.childtrends.org/Files/SexualActivityRB.pdf

Wisconsin Youth Sexual Behavior and Outcomes, 2000-2009 Update: Sexual Behaviors, Cases of STD and HIV, and Teen Births / Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. 2011. (347.18/Web site) Statistical data on youth sexual behaviors and their outcomes. Includes STD and teen birth rate statistics, along with comparisons by gender, race/ethnicity, and geography. The LRB also has print copies of the 1993-2005 and 1993-2007 updates. www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aids-hiv/Stats/09YouthSexBehaviorUpdate.pdf

Related Web Sites

Advocates for Youth: www.advocatesforyouth.org An organization that promotes comprehensive sex education here in the U.S. and worldwide. They offer information and resources on comprehensive sex education policies and ways for the public to get involved.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/index.htm Adolescent and School Health (DASH) homepage. Offers multiple resources including statistics, program evaluation, funding information, and training options. The statistical section can be sorted to display information on specific sex risk behaviors.

Guttmacher Institute: www.guttmacher.org/index.html “Advancing sexual and reproductive health worldwide through research, policy analysis and public education” —Web site.

National Abstinence Education Association: www.abstinenceassociation.org An organization that promotes abstinence education. “The NAEA exists to serve, support and represent individuals and organizations in the practice of abstinence education.” —Mission statement

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy: www.thenationalcampaign.org

Reviews sex education programs across the nation and contains detailed information and statistics for each state. Promotes evidence-based sex education programs.

National Conference of State Legislatures:

- **www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=17077** Policies and statistics on sex education. Includes a chart of 2011 sexual health education legislation and a list of state laws on “Medical Accuracy in Sex Education statutes”.
- **www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?TabId=23141** A list of resources and information on teen pregnancy prevention that was published in July 2011. Focuses on the consequences of teen pregnancy related to education, poverty, and foster care. Also has detailed information on federal funding and links to other NCSL articles on sexual health education and teen pregnancy.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/teenpregnancy/index.htm Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Intervention home page.

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aidshiv.html> HIV/AIDS/STD Prevention Program home page. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) section offers statistical information on specific youth risk behaviors.
