

Important National Resources for Sexuality Educators

APPENDIX A

Advocates for Youth Advocates for Youth champions efforts to help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health by boldly advocating for a more positive and realistic approach to adolescent sexual health. Focusing its work on young people ages 14 to 25 in the United States and around the globe, Advocates maintains links to lesson plans and curricula, as well as information about national standards and state legislation on its Sex Ed Resource Center. It also publishes a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum for grades K–12 that is completely mapped to the National Sexuality Education Standards, and which is available in English and Spanish on its website for free. <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org>

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) AASECT is an interdisciplinary professional organization of sexuality educators, counselors, therapists, physicians, nurses, researchers, social workers, sociologists, and others interested in promoting healthy sexuality and sexuality education. AASECT has national certification standards for sexuality educators as well as counselors and therapists. The majority of their work relates to clinicians and therapists, but educators can also be members. <http://www.aasect.org>

Answer Answer is a national organization dedicated to providing and promoting unfettered access to comprehensive sexuality education for young people and the adults who teach them. A hallmark program of Answer is Sex, Etc., an award-winning magazine and website (<http://sex-etc.org>) written by teens, for teens. Answer also collaborates with Advocates for Youth and SIECUS on the Future of Sex Education (FoSE) Initiative, and on the sexuality education video series for adolescents and teens called “Amaze.” <http://answer.rutgers.edu>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) The CDC is one of the major operating components of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Among the myriad public health-related issues on which the CDC conducts research and provides resources is sexual health. Extensive

resources and data invaluable to sexuality educators can be found on their website. <http://www.cdc.gov/sexualhealth> and <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth>

Center for Sex Education (CSE) The CSE is the national education division of Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central and Southern New Jersey. They publish sexuality education lesson manuals; provide training for teachers, nurses and social workers on a wide variety of sexual health topics; and host a national sexuality education conference. <http://www.sexedcenter.org>

ETR ETR is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve health and increase opportunities for youth, families and communities. ETR’s multidisciplinary staff of health educators, program developers, trainers, curriculum specialists, writers, editors, graphic artists, librarians, publication and distribution experts, technologists and social scientists advances health equity by designing customized, science-based solutions. ETR is the leading publisher of evidence-based programs for HIV/STI and teen pregnancy prevention, and provides “best practices” professional development and learning services on many topics of interest to sexuality educators. <http://www.etr.org>

The Future of Sex Education (FoSE) FoSE is a partnership comprised of Advocates for Youth, Answer and SIECUS designed to promote the institutionalization of comprehensive sexuality education in public schools throughout the United States. One result of these efforts has been the development of the National Sexuality Education Standards, K–12, which can be downloaded free at the FoSE website. <http://www.futureofsexed.org>

The Guttmacher Institute The Guttmacher Institute is a leading research and policy organization interested in promoting sexual and reproductive health worldwide through research, policy analysis and public education. <http://www.guttmacher.org>

Healthy Teen Network (HTN) Healthy Teen Network is a national membership network that serves as a comprehensive educational resource to professionals working in the area of adolescent sexual and reproductive health. Healthy Teen Network promotes better outcomes for adolescents and young adults by advancing social change, cultivating innovation and strengthening youth-supporting professionals and organizations.

HTN hosts a national conference and promotes training and technical assistance on a number of evidence-based resources in sexual health education. <http://healthyteennetwork.org>

Planned Parenthood Federation of America Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest sexual and reproductive health care provider, working with partner organizations to improve the sexual health and well-being of individuals and families by providing, among other things, sexuality education advocacy, resources, training and workshops for youth. <http://www.plannedparenthood.org>

The Religious Institute The Religious Institute is a multi-faith organization dedicated to advocating for sexual, gender and reproductive health, education and justice in faith communities and society. More than 8,500 clergy, seminary presidents and deans, religious scholars, and people of faith representing more than 70 faith traditions are part of the Religious Institute's national religious leaders network. <http://religiousinstitute.org>

Scarleteen Scarleteen is an independent, grassroots sexuality and relationships education and support organization and website. Founded in 1998, Scarleteen.com is visited by around 5 million diverse people each year, mostly between the ages of 15 and 25. It has a wide range of sexuality-related information that is inclusive and affirming of all sexual orientations, genders and other identities. www.scarleteen.com

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) SIECUS was founded in 1964 to provide education and information about sexuality and sexual and reproductive health. SIECUS advocates for comprehensive sexuality education programs and policies. <http://www.siecus.org>

Women of Color Sexual Health Network (WOCSHN) WOCSHN creates opportunities for inclusion and retention of women and gender expansive people of color in the field of sexuality, sexual science and sexology, and challenges the white supremacy the field was built upon. <http://www.wocshn.org>