

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review

Positive Images: Teaching Abstinence, Contraception and Sexual Health (2001) Manual

Target Audience: Middle school and high school

Cost: \$30.00

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Recommends the use of this manual for the following reasons and with the following reservations:**

This manual offers twenty-nine (29) lessons, each designed to examine issues related to abstinence, contraception, sexual health, pregnancy prevention, and STI and HIV/AIDS prevention. Each lesson includes the objectives, rationale, materials needed (including worksheets and handouts), and a step-by-step guide to conducting a successful session. This is not a comprehensive curriculum, but rather is a resource to supplement/expand existing sexuality education curricula.

The panel found the manual to be accurate, varied, thought provoking and teacher friendly. Lessons can be easily tailored to meet the needs of the audience according to age, community norms/values, learning style, etc. Panel members felt that the manual contains a variety of easily implemented activities that raise important issues, promote discussion and present good information. Panelists found the introductory information particularly helpful and recommended that it be read by anyone using the manual.

The panel recommended that the Contraceptive Options Chart be updated to include the newest information on contraception (e.g. Norplant is no longer available).

Overall, the panel found this to be a valuable resource that would work well within many settings.

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	4.0
2. Gender Fair	4.3
3. Sexuality Positive	4.7
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	4.6
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.5
6. Sound educational methodology	4.7
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	4.6
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	3.5
9. Teacher-friendly	4.7

Scoring is based on a 5 point Likert scale, from poor (1) to excellent (5). The mean (average) is based on the assessments of the panel members who were present to review the material 01/17/02.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend highly	Recommend	Reject	Not Applicable
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	7	11	0	2
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	14	6	0	0
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	4	15	0	1
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	9	10	0	1
Other (Describe)	4	0	0	0