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Indiana Sexuality Education Law and Policy

Indiana requires that schools provide instruction on HIV/AIDS, and “integrate this effort to the extent possible with instruction on other dangerous communicable diseases.”¹ The law states that the Department of Education must work with the Department of Health to develop HIV/AIDS-prevention educational materials and make them available to school districts. These materials must “stress the moral aspects of abstinence from sexual activity” and “state that the best way to avoid AIDS is for young people to refrain from sexual activity until they are ready as adults to establish, in the context of marriage, a mutually faithful monogamous relationship.”²

State law also mandates that local school boards establish an AIDS Advisory Council, consisting of 13 “parents, students, teachers, administrators, and representatives of the state department of health.” The council must review all curricula and materials for HIV/AIDS instruction to ensure that they “are based on sound medical principles and reflect the attitude of the community,” recommend the content of HIV/AIDS instruction, and ensure that it is age-appropriate.³

Schools are permitted to offer additional sexuality education instruction, which must meet the following criteria:

- teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school age children;
- include in the instruction that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases [STDs], and other associated health problems; and
- include in the instruction that the best way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases and other associated health problems is to establish a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the context of marriage.⁴

Indiana does not require parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education, nor does it state whether parents or guardians may remove their children from such classes.

See Indiana Code 20-30-5-12, 20-30-5-13, 20-34-1-3, 20-34-1-13, and 20-34-3-17.

Recent Legislation

Bill to Allow Opt-Out from Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Classes

Senate Bill 258 and House Bill 1317, introduced in January 2009, would have required school principals to notify parents that their child does not receive instruction on preventing STDs, HIV/AIDS, and pregnancy if that child participates in an abstinence-only-until-marriage program. The notice to parents would have stated that such programs do not provide medically accurate

information on the risks, benefits, or proper use of methods approved by the Food and Drug Administration for reducing the risk of contracting or transmitting STDs, including HIV/AIDS, or pregnancy. It would have also allowed a parent to have their child excused from abstinence-only courses. The bill included an appeals process for a parent who did not receive notice of his/her right to address the governing body concerning curriculum. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education and Career Development, where it died.

Bill to Require Medical Accuracy

Senate Bill 566, introduced in January 2009, would have required instruction about human sexuality or STDs in public schools and accredited nonpublic schools to be based on information that is factual, medically accurate, and age-appropriate. This instruction would have had to be suitable for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, cultural background, or disability; and would encourage students to discuss sexuality with their parents. The bill died after being referred to the Committee on Education and Career Development.

Indiana's Youth: Statistical Information of Note⁵

- In 2009, 53% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students in Indiana reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 46% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 3% of female high school students and 6% of male high school students in Indiana reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 3% of female high school students and 8% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 14% of female high school students and 14% of male high school students in Indiana reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 11% of female high school students and 16% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, 41% of female high school students and 32% of male high school students in Indiana reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 36% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 52% of females and 66% of males in Indiana reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 54% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 27% of females and 19% of males in Indiana reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 23% of females and 16% of males nationwide.
- In 2009, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 16% of females and 27% of males in Indiana reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 17% of females and 26% of males nationwide.

- In 2009, 90% of high school students in Indiana reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 87% of high school students nationwide.

Indiana Youth Sexual Health Statistics

Teen Pregnancy, Birth, and Abortion

- Indiana's teen pregnancy rate ranks 27th in the U.S., with a rate of 62 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19 compared to the national rate of 70 pregnancies per 1,000.⁶ There were a total of 13,740 pregnancies among young women ages 15–19 reported in 2005, the most recent year for which data are available, in Indiana.⁷
- Indiana's teen birth rate ranked 18th in the U.S. in 2005, with a rate of 43.2 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19 compared to the national rate of 40.5 births per 1,000.⁸ In 2005, there were a total of 9,508 live births reported to young women ages 15–19 in Indiana.⁹
- In 2006, the U.S. teen birth rate increased for the first time in 15 years by 3% from 40.5 to 41.9 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, after having steadily declined between 1991 and 2005.¹⁰ Indiana's teen birth rate also increased between 2005 and 2006, from 43.2 to 43.5 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19.¹¹
- Indiana's teen abortion rate ranks 37th in the U.S., with a rate of 8 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19 compared to the national rate of 19 abortions per 1,000. In 2005, there were a total of 1,637 abortions reported among young women ages 15–19 in Indiana.¹²

HIV and AIDS

- Indiana ranks 22nd in cases of HIV infection diagnosed in the U.S. among all age groups. In 2007, there were a total of 313 new cases of HIV infection diagnosed in Indiana.¹³
- Indiana ranks 16th in cases of HIV/AIDS diagnosed among young people ages 13–19 out of the 34 states with confidential, name-based HIV infection reporting. In 2007, there were a total of 29 young people ages 13–19 diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Indiana.¹⁴
- Indiana's AIDS rate ranks 35th in the U.S., with a rate of 5.2 cases per 100,000 population compared to the national rate of 12.5 cases per 100,000.¹⁵
- Indiana ranks 27th in number of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. among all age groups. In 2007, there were a total of 329 new AIDS cases reported in Indiana.¹⁶
- Indiana ranks 29th in number of reported AIDS cases in the U.S. among young people ages 13–19. In 2007, there were a total of 2 AIDS cases reported among young people ages 13–19 in Indiana.¹⁷

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

- Indiana ranks 29th in reported cases of Chlamydia among young people ages 15–19 in the U.S., with an infection rate of 17.56 cases per 1,000 compared to the national rate of 19.51 cases per 1,000. In 2008, there were a total of 7,946 cases of Chlamydia reported among young people ages 15–19 in Indiana.¹⁸
- Indiana ranks 18th in reported cases of gonorrhea among young people ages 15–19 in the U.S., with an infection rate of 5.29 cases per 1,000 compared to the national rate of 4.52 cases per 1,000. In 2008, there were a total of 2,396 cases of gonorrhea reported among young people ages 15–19 in Indiana.¹⁹

- Indiana ranks 23rd in reported cases of primary and secondary syphilis among young people ages 15–19 in the U.S., with an infection rate of 0.02 cases per 1,000 compared to the national rate of 0.04 cases per 1,000. In 2008, there were a total of 11 cases of syphilis reported among young people ages 15–19 in Indiana.²⁰

Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Education

SIECUS is not aware of any examples of model programs, policies, or best practices being implemented in Indiana public schools that provide a more comprehensive approach to sex education for young people.

We encourage you to submit any updated or additional information on comprehensive approaches to sex education being implemented in Indiana public schools for inclusion in future publications of the SIECUS State Profiles. Please visit SIECUS' "Contact Us" webpage at www.siecus.org to share information. Select "state policy" as the subject heading.

Federal Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs

The Department of Health and community-based organizations in Indiana received \$2,028,003 in federal funds for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs in Fiscal Year 2009.²¹

Title V Abstinence-Only-Until Marriage Funding

- Indiana received \$230,549 in federal Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funding in Fiscal Year 2009. Due to the expiration of the grant program on June 30, 2009, three months prior to the end of the federal fiscal year, the state received three quarters of the total funding allocated for the full fiscal year.
- The Indiana State Department of Health distributes federal Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funds to 14 sub-grantees, including six community-based organizations, three hospitals, two school districts, one crisis pregnancy center, one faith-based organization that operates a crisis pregnancy center, and one healthcare organization.
- The Department of Health also uses a portion of the federal funds to support a statewide media campaign, "Indiana RESPECT, (Reduces Early Sex and Pregnancy by Educating Children and Teens)" that includes television advertisements, materials, and a website with separate links for teens and parents.
- The Title V abstinence-only-until marriage grant required states to provide three state-raised dollars or the equivalent in services for every four federal dollars received. The state match could have been provided in part or in full by local groups.
- In Indiana sub-grantees contributed to the match through direct revenue.

Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) Funding

- Organizations in Indiana received \$1,797,454 in CBAE funding for Fiscal Year 2009.
- There are three CBAE grantees in Indiana, including two community-based organizations and one hospital.

Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Funding

- There are no AFLA grantees in Indiana.

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Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Curricula Used by Grantees

SIECUS is not aware of any commercially available curricula used by abstinence-only-until-marriage grantees in Indiana.

To read reviews of abstinence-only-until-marriage curricula commonly used by federal grantees please visit the “Curricula and Speaker Reviews” webpage of SIECUS’ Community Action Kit at www.communityactionkit.org.

Federal Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2009²²

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee	Title V	CBAE (Length of Grant)	AFLA (Length of Grant)
Indiana State Department of Health www.indianarespect.com	\$230,549 (federal grant)		
A Positive Approach to Teen Health, Inc. (PATH) www.pathblazer.org		\$600,000 (2007–2012)	
Abstinence for Singles www.abstinenceforsingles.com		\$599,954 (2006–2011)	
Bethany Circle of King’s Daughters of Madison, Indiana (d.b.a. King’s Daughters’ Hospital and Health Services) www.kingsdaughtershospital.org	\$30,000 (sub-grant)		
Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County www.bgcsjc.org	\$18,163 (sub-grant)		
Clarian Health Partners www.clarian.org	\$30,000 (sub-grant)		
Creating Positive Relationships, Inc. www.creatingpositiverelationships.org	\$30,000 (sub-grant)		

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Crisis Pregnancy Center of the Wabash Valley, Inc. www.wabashvalleypregnancy.com	\$22,600 (sub-grant)		
Evansville Christian Life Center, Inc. www.restoringpeople.com	\$17,182 (sub-grant)		
Family Service Society, Inc. www.famservices.com	\$30,000 (sub-grant)		
Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana— Michiana www.girlscoutsnorthernindiana- michiana.org	\$30,000 (sub-grant)		
Our Place Drug and Alcohol Education Services, Inc. www.ourplaceinc.org	\$21,371 (sub-grant)		
Randolph County YMCA, Inc. www.randolphcountyyymca.org	\$17,522 (sub-grant)		
Sisters of St. Francis Health Services— Saint Anthony Medical Center of Crown Point www.stanthonymedicalcenter.com	\$30,000 (sub-grant)		
Sisters of St. Francis Health Services— Saint Anthony Memorial Health Centers www.saintanthonymemorial.org	\$11,764 (sub-grant)		

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Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee	Title V	CBAE (Length of Grant)	AFLA (Length of Grant)
St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center, Inc. www.stvincent.org		\$597,500 (2007–2012)	
Taylor Community Schools www.taylor.in.schoolwebpages.com	\$30,000 (sub-grant)		
Vincennes Community School Corporation www.vcsc.k12.in.us	\$29,682 (sub-grant)		

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Indiana Organizations that Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education

ACLU of Indiana
 1031 East Washington Street
 Indianapolis, IN 46202
 Phone: (317) 635-4059, ext. 230
www.aclu-in.org

Gay Indy NOW
 P.O. Box 47276
 Indianapolis, IN 46247
 Phone: 1-866-977-GLB
www.gayindy.org

Get Real, Indiana!
 Post Office Box 397
 Indianapolis, IN 46206
 (317) 637-4343
www.getrealindiana.org

Indiana AIDS Fund
 429 East Vermont Street, Suite 300
 Indianapolis, IN 46202
 Phone: (317) 630-1805
www.indianaaidsfund.org

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Indiana Equality
P.O. Box 20621
Indianapolis, IN 46220
Phone: (888) 567-0750
www.indianaequalityaction.org

Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive
Choice
P.O. Box 723
Lafayette IN 47902
Phone: (877) 441-5797
www.ircrc.org

Indiana Youth Group
P.O. Box 20716
Indianapolis, IN 46220
Phone: (317) 541-8726
www.indianayouthgroup.org

The League of Women Voters of Indiana
445 North Pennsylvania Street, Suite 910
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: (317) 241-VOTE
www.lwvin.org

National Association of Social Workers—
Indiana Chapter
1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 226
Indianapolis, IN 46208
Phone: (317) 923-9878
www.naswin.org

Planned Parenthood of Indiana
200 South Meridian Street
P.O. Box 397
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Phone: (317) 637-4343
www.ppin.org

Center for Sexual Health Promotion
1025 East 7th Street, HPER 116
Bloomington, IN 47405
Phone: (812) 855-0861
www.sexualhealth.indiana.edu

Indiana Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Indiana Family Institute
155 East Market Street, Suite 307
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: (317) 423-9178
www.hoosierfamily.org

American Family Association of Indiana
P.O. Box 40307
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Phone: (317) 257-7221
www.afain.net

Newspapers in Indiana²⁴

Indianapolis Star
Newsroom
307 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: (317)444-4000
www.indystar.com

The News-Sentinel
Newsroom
600 West Main Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Phone: (260) 461-8444
www.news-sentinel.com

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South Bend Tribune
Newsroom
225 West Colfax Avenue
South Bend, IN 46626
Phone: (574) 235-1765
www.southbendtribune.com

The Star Press
Newsroom
345 South High Street
Muncie, IN 47305
Phone: (765) 213-5830
www.thestarpress.com

The Journal Gazette
Newsroom
600 West Main Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Phone: (260) 461-8831
www.journalgazette.net

The Times
Newsroom
601 45th Avenue
Munster, IN 46321
Phone: (219) 933-3200
www.timesonline.com

Tribune Star
Newsroom
222 South 7th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807
Phone: (812) 231-4241
www.tribstar.com

Political Blogs in Indiana

Advance Indiana
www.advanceindiana.blogspot.com

Blue Indiana
www.blueindiana.net

Had Enough Indy?
www.hadenoughindy.blogspot.com

Indiana Politico
www.inpolitico.blogspot.com

¹ Indiana Code 20-30-5-12, <<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar30/ch5.html>>

² Indiana Code 20-34-3-17, <<http://www.ai.org/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar34/ch3.html#IC20-34-3-17>>

³ Indiana Code 20-34-1-13, <<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar34/ch1.html#IC20-34-1-3>>

⁴ Indiana Code 20-30-5-13, <<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar30/ch5.html>>

⁵ Danice K. Eaton, et. al., "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States, 2009," *Surveillance Summaries, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, vol. 59, no. SS-5 (4 June 2010): 98–109, accessed 4 June 2010, <<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss5905.pdf>>.

⁶ *U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births, and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity*, (Washington, DC: Guttmacher Institute, January 2010), accessed 5 March 2010, <<http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/USTPtrends.pdf>>, Table 3.1.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Table 3.2.

⁸ Joyce A. Martin, et. al., "Births: Final Data for 2006," *National Vital Statistics Reports*, vol. 57, number 7 (Hyattsville, MD: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 7 January 2009), accessed 5 March 2010, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr57/nvsr57_07.pdf>, Table B.

⁹ *U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births, and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity*, Table 3.2.

¹⁰ Martin, et. al., "Births: Final Data for 2006," 4.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Table B.

¹² *U.S. Teenage Pregnancies, Births, and Abortions: National and State Trends and Trends by Race and Ethnicity*, Table 3.5.

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- ¹³ “Cases of HIV Infection and AIDS in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2007,” *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, vol. 19, (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 2009), accessed 5 March 2010, <<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2007report/pdf/2007SurveillanceReport.pdf>> , Table 18.
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- ¹⁵ Ibid.; “AIDS Case Rate per 100,000 Population, All Ages, 2007,” (Menlo Park, CA: Kaiser Family Foundation), accessed 5 March 2010, <<http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparabletable.jsp?ind=513&cat=11&sub=120&yr=62&typ=1&sort=a>>.
- ¹⁶ Ibid., Table 16.
- ¹⁷ Slide 15: “Reported AIDS Cases among Adolescents 13 to 19 Years of Age, 2007—United States and Dependent Areas,” *HIV/AIDS Surveillance in Adolescents and Young Adults (through 2007)*, (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, May 2009), accessed 25 March 2010, <<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/slides/adolescents/index.htm>>.
- ¹⁸ “Wonder Database: Selected STDs by Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Gender, 1996-2008 Results,” (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 30 June 2009), accessed 5 March 2010, <<http://wonder.cdc.gov/>>; see also Table 10: “Chlamydia: Reported Cases and Rates Per 100,000 Population by Age Group and Sex: United States, 2004–2008,” *Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2008*, (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of STD Prevention, November 2009), accessed 5 March 2010, <<http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats08/surv2008-Complete.pdf>>, 95.
- ¹⁹ Ibid; see also Table 20: “Gonorrhea—Reported Cases and Rates per 100,000 Population by Age Group and Sex: United States, 2004–2008,” *Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2008*, 106.
- ²⁰ Ibid; see also Table 33: “Primary and Secondary Syphilis—Reported Cases and Rates per 100,000 Population by Age Group and Sex: United States, 2004–2008,” *Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance 2008*, 121.
- ²¹ This refers to the federal government’s fiscal year, which begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends; for example, Fiscal Year 2009 began on October 1, 2008 and ended on September 30, 2009.
- ²² Through the Fiscal Year 2010 appropriations process, Congress eliminated all discretionary funding for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, including the entire CBAE program and the abstinence-only-until-marriage portion of AFLA. The grant years listed in the chart reflect the years for which funding was originally approved; however, the grants effectively ended in Fiscal Year 2009.
- ²³ SIECUS has identified this person as a state-based contact for information on adolescent health and if applicable, abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.
- ²⁴ This section is a list of major newspapers in your state with contact information for their newsrooms. This list is by no means exhaustive and does not contain the local level newspapers which are integral to getting your message out to your community. SIECUS strongly urges you to follow stories about the issues that concern you on the national, state, and local level by using an internet news alert service such as [Google alerts](#), becoming an avid reader of your local papers, and establishing relationships with reporters who cover your issues. For more information on how to achieve your media goals visit the SIECUS [Community Action Kit](#).