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### Indiana Sexuality Education Law

Indiana requires that schools include sexuality education. This instruction must:

- Teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school age children;
- Include 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 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.

Each school must include instruction about HIV/AIDS and “integrate this effort to the extent possible with instruction on other dangerous communicable diseases.” This instruction must stress abstinence-until-marriage. School boards must also establish an AIDS advisory council, consisting of 13 people. This council must consist of “parents, students, teachers, administrators, and representatives of the state department of health” and must review all curricula and materials for HIV/AIDS instruction to ensure that they “reflect the standards of the community.”

Parents and guardians can remove their children from any part of this instruction. This is referred to as an “opt-out” policy.

See Indiana Code 20-10.1-4-10, 20-10.1-4-11, and 20-8.1-11-3.

### Recent Legislation

SIECUS is not aware of any recent legislation related to sexuality education in Indiana.

### Events of Note

*Notre Dame Students Stage Protests Over GSA*

*April 2004; Notre Dame, IN*

Two student protests took place on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College campus as a result of the university’s decision to deny club status to Notre Dame’s newly formed Gay-Straight Alliance.

The club, called Unity in Diversity, was formed by a group of students with the goal of creating a welcoming atmosphere for gay, lesbian, or bisexual students and employees on

campus. However, in March, Notre Dame's Office of Student Activities rejected the group's request for official recognition as a student organization which means the group is not allowed to advertise on campus or receive any funding from the student activities fees.

The Office of Student Activities said they turned down the request because the administration and Campus Ministry are already undertaking efforts to provide educational programs and support regarding sexual orientation, including a university-sponsored Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. The director of student activities said, "it's a complex issue, and having students out on their own dealing with it is not the best way.... We prefer that students walk with faculty, administrators and ministers in dealing with these issues."<sup>2</sup>

Over 2,000 Notre Dame students and staff wore orange t-shirts with the phrase "Gay? Fine by me" to show support for the school's Gay-Straight Alliance in late April. A protest the previous month had over 1,600 student participants.<sup>3</sup> The t-shirts were provided free to students with a request for donations to cover the costs. One student who wore the shirt said, "I want to help create an atmosphere where people can be themselves and don't have to be ashamed of who they are."<sup>4</sup>

An organizer of the GSA explained, "a lot of it's on a very personal level, you know, making people think. Making people see the word gay and think about what that means to them, and just think about whether they know gay people, and how they should treat them."<sup>5</sup> The group says they will continue to work as an unofficial club and may apply for official university recognition in the future.

### **Indiana's Youth: Statistical Information of Note<sup>6</sup>**

- In 2003, 47% of female high school students and 50% of male high school students in Indiana reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 45% of female high school students and 48% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2003, 38% of female high school students and 38% 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 35% of females and 34% of males nationwide.
- In 2003, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 50% of females and 61% of males in Indiana reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 57% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2003, 92% of high school students in Indiana reported having been taught about HIV/AIDS in school compared to 88% of high school students nationwide.
- In 2000, Indiana's abortion rate was 12 per 1,000 women ages 15-19 compared to a teen abortion rate of 24 per 1,000 nationwide.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2002, Indiana's birth rate was 45 per 1,000 women ages 15-19 compared to a teen birth rate of 43 per 1,000 nationwide.<sup>8</sup>

### **Title V Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding**

Indiana received \$857,042 in federal Title V funding in Fiscal Year 2004. The Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage grant requires states to provide three state-raised dollars or the equivalent in services for every four federal dollars received. In Indiana, sub-grantees provide the matching funds. The funding is controlled by the Indiana Department of Health.

The federal money supports a media campaign, which receives \$214,000, and an evaluation of the program. Participation in the state-wide evaluation was voluntary; it is unclear how many grantees participated. The evaluation was completed in September of 2002 and may be made public.

The media campaign, *Sex Can Wait—I'm Worth It*, also receives Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention funds. It has two main focuses:

1. Youth abstaining from sexual intercourse and delaying pregnancy and parenting during adolescence with an emphasis on physical, emotional, social, and economic benefits, and
2. Parent-child communication about family sexual values and beliefs.

The campaign includes billboards, radio ads, and television ads. In one of the television ads aimed at parents, a young woman stares at the camera and says, "if you don't talk with your son about sex, I will." The ad copy describes her as "street-wise."

The funding is contracted to 26 sub-grantees, which must use the funding for in-classroom instruction. No individual organization can receive more than \$25,000. Curricula are determined by school boards and include *Worth the Wait*, *Community of Caring*, and *Baby Think It Over*.

Among the sub-grantees are a number of crisis pregnancy centers and Catholic medical centers. St. Margaret Mercy Health Centers, St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, and St. Anthony Medical Center all receive federal funds for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs. St. Anthony Medical Center describes its mission as "continuing Christ's ministry in our Franciscan tradition."<sup>9</sup>

The Women's Care Center, Inc. and Crisis Pregnancy Center of Wabash Valley are also Title V sub-grantees. The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Wabash Valley's website asks "What is God's desire for you and your unborn child?"<sup>10</sup> It goes on to explain the "link between abortion and breast cancer":

Research has demonstrated that induced abortion does increase breast cancer risk.

Among the general population of women, the risk of breast cancer is 12 percent.

Comparing this to women who have had no children but have had one or more abortions, the risk of breast cancer is close to 50 percent.<sup>11</sup>

This information has been directly contradicted by the leading U.S.-based cancer research body, the National Cancer Institute (NCI). NCI's fact sheet summarizes the findings of "large, well-designed studies" by saying studies "have consistently shown no link between abortion and miscarriage and the development of breast cancer."<sup>12</sup>

**Special Projects of Regional and National Significance–Community Based Abstinence Education (SPRANS–CBAE)<sup>13</sup> and Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Grantees**

There are three SPRANS–CBAE grantees in Indiana: PEERS Educating Peers, A Positive Approach to Teen Health Inc., and Saint Vincent Randolph Hospital. There are no AFLA grantees in Indiana.

PEERS (Peers Educating: Encouraging Responsible Sexuality): Educating Peers is a mentoring program in which high school students present on abstinence to middle school students. It was founded by Eve Jackson, the developer of “A Promise to Keep: God’s Gift of Human Sexuality.”

In order to find student mentors, PEERS asks counselors and teachers to recommend “role model” students, defined as students “known to abstain from sexual activity and drugs.” According to the PEERS website, 30,000 adolescents at more than 100 schools in Indiana and neighboring states have been involved with the program.<sup>14</sup>

**Federal and State Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2004**

<b>Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee</b>  <b>Length of Grant</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>	<b>Type of Grant</b> <b>(includes SPRANS–CBAE, Title V, and AFLA)</b>
Indiana Department of Health  <a href="http://www.in.gov/isdh">www.in.gov/isdh</a>	\$857,042 federal	Title V
Bluffton Harrison M.S.D.  <a href="http://www.bhmsd.k12.in.us">www.bhmsd.k12.in.us</a>	\$2,219	Title V sub-grantee
Brown County Schools  <a href="http://www.brownco.k12.in.us">www.brownco.k12.in.us</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Clay County	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Clarian Health Partners  <a href="http://www.clarian.org">www.clarian.org</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Creating Positive Relationships	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee

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Crisis Pregnancy Center of Wabash Valley  <a href="http://www.wabashepc.org">www.wabashepc.org</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
DeKalb County Campaign for Our Children	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Family Services Association of Wabash Valley  <a href="http://famsvc.org">http://famsvc.org</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Family Service Society	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Madison County Health Department	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Memorial Hospital of South Bend  <a href="http://www.qualityoflife.org">www.qualityoflife.org</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Metropolitan School District of Perry Township  <a href="http://www.msdp.k12.in.us">www.msdp.k12.in.us</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
New Hope Service, Inc.	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Northern Indiana Community Foundation (PEERS Educating Peers)  <a href="http://www.nicf.org">www.nicf.org</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Our Place Drug & Alcohol Education Services	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee

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P.A.T.H.	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Peers Educating Peers in Southern Indiana	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Perry County Memorial Hospital  <a href="http://www.pchospital.org">www.pchospital.org</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Saint Anthony Medical Center  <a href="http://www.stanthonymedicalcenter.com">www.stanthonymedicalcenter.com</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Saint Anthony Memorial Health Center  <a href="http://www.samhc.org">www.samhc.org</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Saint Margaret Mercy HealthCare Center  <a href="http://www.smmhc.com">www.smmhc.com</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Saint Vincent Randolph Hospital  DUAL GRANTEE  2004-2007  <a href="http://www.hospitalsoup.com/ExternalWebFrame.asp?HospitalID=11087">www.hospitalsoup.com/ExternalWebFrame.asp?HospitalID=11087</a>	\$25,000  \$768,646	Title V sub-grantee  SPRANS–CBAE (Implementation Grant)
Social Health Association	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Taylor Community Schools  <a href="http://www.taylor.k12.in.us">www.taylor.k12.in.us</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee

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Vincennes Community School Corporation  <a href="http://www.vcsc.k12.in.us">www.vcsc.k12.in.us</a>	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
Women's Care Center	\$25,000	Title V sub-grantee
PEERS Project  2001-2004	\$530,000	SPRANS-CBAE (Implementation Grant)
A Positive Approach to Teen Health Inc  2004-2007	\$492,266	SPRANS-CBAE (Implementation Grant)

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<sup>1</sup> This refers to the fiscal year for the Federal Government which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends; for example, Fiscal Year 2004 begins on October 1, 2003 and ends on September 30, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> M. Fosmoe, "ND Students Don T-shirts to Support Gay, Lesbians," *South Bend Tribune (IN)*, 19 March 2004.

<sup>3</sup> "Some ND Students Supporting Gay Club," *WNDUTV*, 21 April 2004.

<sup>4</sup> M. Fosmoe.

<sup>5</sup> "Some ND Students Supporting Gay Club."

<sup>6</sup> Unless otherwise cited, all statistical information comes from: Jo Anne Grunbaum, et. al., "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States, 2003," *Surveillance Summaries, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* 53.SS-2 (21 May 2004): 1-95, accessed 28 January 2005, <<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbis/>>.

<sup>7</sup> *U.S. Teenage Pregnancy Statistics: Overall Trends, Trends by Race and Ethnicity and State-by-State Information* (New York: Alan Guttmacher Institute, February, 2004), accessed 28 January 2005, <[www.guttmacher.org](http://www.guttmacher.org)>.

<sup>8</sup> *National Vital Statistics Reports 52.10* (Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics, 2003), 48, accessed 4 February 2005, <<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/births.htm#stat%20tables>>.

<sup>9</sup> *Home Page*, St. Anthony Medical Center (2004), accessed 4 January 2005, <<http://www.stanthonymedicalcenter.com>>.

<sup>10</sup> *Considering Abortion?*, Crisis Pregnancy Center of Wabash Valley (2004), accessed 4 January 2005, <<http://www.wabashcpc.org/content/abort.asp>>.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>12</sup> *What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer*, National Cancer Institute (30 September 2003), accessed 4 January 2005, <<http://www.cancer.gov/cancerinfo/wyntk/breast>>.

<sup>13</sup> In FY 2004 SPRANS—CBAE was administered within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. In FY 2005 this funding stream was moved to HHS' Administration for Children and Families and is now referred to simply as Community Based Abstinence Education (CBAE).

<sup>14</sup> *Coordinators and Schools*, Peers Educating & Encouraging Responsible Sexuality (2005), accessed 21 February 2005, <<http://www.peersproject.org/schools.html>>.