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North Dakota Sexuality Education Law and Policy

North Dakota does not mandate sexuality education nor does it address what can or cannot be taught in sexuality education classes. The state also does not have a suggested curriculum.

North Dakota does not require parental permission for students to participate in sexuality or HIV/AIDS education nor does it say whether parents or guardians can remove their children from such classes.

Recent Legislation

SIECUS is not aware of any recent legislation regarding sexuality education in North Dakota.

Events of Note

SIECUS is not aware of any proposed events related to sexuality education in North Dakota.

North Dakota's Youth: Statistical Information of Note²

- In 2005, 41% of female high school students and 42% of male high school students in North Dakota reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 48% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2005, 2% of female high school students and 5% of male high school students in North Dakota reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 4% of female high school students and 9% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2005, 11% of female high school students and 12% of male high school students in North Dakota reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 12% of female high school students and 17% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2005, 33% of female high school students and 31% of male high school students in North Dakota reported being currently sexually active (defined as having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior to the survey) compared to 35% of female high school students and 33% of male high school students nationwide.

- In 2005, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 59% of females and 68% of males in North Dakota reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 56% of females and 70% of males nationwide.
- In 2005, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 29% of females and 20% of males in North Dakota reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 21% of females and 15% of males nationwide.
- In 2005, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 28% of females and 32% of males in North Dakota reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 19% of females and 28% of males nationwide.
- In 2005, 90% of high school students in North Dakota reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 88% of high school students nationwide.
- In 2000, North Dakota's abortion rate was 8 per 1,000 women ages 15–19 compared to a teen abortion rate of 24 per 1,000 nationwide.³
- In 2002, North Dakota's birth rate was 27 per 1,000 women ages 15–19 compared to a teen birth rate of 43 per 1,000 nationwide.⁴

Title V Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding

North Dakota received \$91,000 in federal Title V funding in Fiscal Year 2005. 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. The state match may be provided in part or in full by local groups. In North Dakota, sub-grantees provide the match. The North Dakota Department of Health oversees the funding and retains 30% for the salary, benefits, and travel of the program coordinator.

The remainder of the funds is given to eight regional and four tribal Children's Services Coordinating Committees (R/T CSCCs) based on a number of factors including teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease (STD), and teen birth rates. The R/T CSCCs then provide grants to local groups within their regions. If the R/T CSCC of a region rejects the funding, then that region's department of health may apply for it. Sub-grantees may not use more than 10% of the funding for administration, another 10% must be used for evaluations (which are conducted by the sub-grantees), and the remainder must be used for direct program activities. Projects and target populations vary widely by sub-grantee, and include Native American youth, parents, and high-risk youth. All information distributed by the programs must be approved by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE)⁵ and Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Grantees

There are no CBAE or AFLA grantees in North Dakota.

Federal and State Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2005

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, and AFLA)
North Dakota Department of Health www.ndmch.com/abstinence/default.asp	\$91,000 federal	Title V
Region 1	\$4,510	Title V sub-grantee
Region 2	\$13,204	Title V sub-grantee
Region 3	\$7,473	Title V sub-grantee
Region 4	\$14,431	Title V sub-grantee
Region 5	\$21,498	Title V sub-grantee
Region 6	\$9,114	Title V sub-grantee
Region 7	\$19,855	Title V sub-grantee
Region 8	\$6,141	Title V sub-grantee
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America www.edutech.nodak.edu/fccla	\$1,000	Title V sub-grantee
St. Anne's, Belcourt www.catholic-church.org/st-anne	\$8,805	Title V sub-grantee

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Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, and AFLA)
Spirit Lake CSCC www.health.state.nd.us/ndhd/prevent/mch/csc.htm	\$4,582	Title V sub-grantee
Standing Rock Tribe www.state.sd.us/oia/standing.htm	\$3,173	Title V sub-grantee

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North Dakota Organizations that Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education

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http://www.aclu.org/rfp_map/dakotas/dakotas.htm

The League of Women Voters
 of North Dakota
 PO Box 295
 Fargo, ND 58107
 Phone: (701) 232-6696
www.lwvnd.org

North Dakota Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Diocese of Fargo Pro-Life Office
 5201 Bishops Blvd., Suite A
 Fargo, ND 58102
 Phone: (701) 356-7910
www.fargodiocese.org/respectlife

North Dakota Family Alliance
 PO Box 10367
 Fargo, ND 58106
 Phone: (701) 237-4218
www.ndfa.org

North Dakota Right to Life
1102 South Washington St., #110
PO Box 551
Bismarck, ND 58502
Phone: (701) 258-3811
www.ndrl.org

Newspapers in North Dakota

The Bismarck Tribune
Sheena Dooley
Medical/Health Reporter
707 E. Front Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58504
Phone: (701) 250-8225

Devils Lake Journal
Assignment Editor
516 4th St.
Devils Lake, ND 58301
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The Forum
Bob Lind
Community News Columnist
101 5th St. N
Fargo, ND 58102

The Jamestown Sun
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¹ 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 2005 begins on October 1, 2004 and ends on September 30, 2005.

² Unless otherwise cited, all statistical information comes from: Danice K. Eaton, et. al., “Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States, 2005,” *Surveillance Summaries, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, vol. 55, no. SS-5 (9 June 2006): 1-108, accessed 8 June 2006, <<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>>.

³ *U.S. Teenage Pregnancy Statistics: Overall Trends, Trends by Race and Ethnicity and State-by-State Information* (New York: Guttmacher Institute, February 2004), accessed 28 January 2005, <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/state_pregnancy_trends.pdf>.

⁴ *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>>.

⁵ In Fiscal Year 2004 SPRANS–CBAE was administered within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. In Fiscal Year 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).