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The Children and Youth Coordinating Council and community-based organizations in Georgia received \$12,282,363 in federal funds for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs in Fiscal Year 2008.¹

Georgia Sexuality Education Law and Policy

Since 1989, schools in Georgia have been required to teach sexuality education and sexually transmitted disease (STD)/HIV-prevention education. Local school boards are largely responsible for deciding the specific subjects this education must cover and the grade level in which topics are introduced. However, discussions on certain subjects are mandated by state law, including abstinence, community values, STDs, HIV/AIDS, conception, and the legal consequences of pregnancy. No discussion of condoms or other forms of contraception is required, but such discussions are allowed. The law explains that local boards of education should set standards and that “such standards shall include instruction relating to the handling of peer pressure, the promotion of high self-esteem, local community values, the legal consequences of parenthood, and abstinence from sexual activity as an effective method of prevention of pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome.” Local school boards are also responsible for determining what is age-appropriate.

Georgia also recommends *Quality Core Curriculum Standards and Resources*, which suggests health education resources, topics, and curricula for grades kindergarten through 12. Beginning in sixth grade, health education topics include STDs, HIV, and abstinence. In grades seven through 12, health education topics also include pregnancy and STD-prevention methods.

Parents or guardians may remove their children from all or part of sexuality and/or STD/HIV education by sending written notice to the school. This is referred to as an “opt-out” policy.

See the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, 20-2-143.

Recent Legislation

Prevention First Act Introduced

Senate Resolution 388, also known as the *Prevention First Act*, was introduced in March 2007. The *Prevention First Act* was intended to help reduce unintended pregnancy, prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections, and support healthy families by improving women’s health. It would have expanded accessible, preventative healthcare services and education programs. Initiatives would have included implementing comprehensive, medically accurate sex education programs that teach about abstinence, contraception, and sexual health to young people. SR 388 went to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services in March 2007, but failed to move out of the committee and died.

Georgia's Youth: Statistical Information of Note²

- In 2007, 91% of high school students in Georgia reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 90% of high school students nationwide.

DeKalb County, Georgia

- In 2007, 48% of female high school students and 66% of male high school students in DeKalb County, Georgia reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 50% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2007, 6% of female high school students and 23% of male high school students in DeKalb County, Georgia reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13 compared to 4% of female high school students and 10% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2007, 14% of female high school students and 30% of male high school students in DeKalb County, Georgia reported having had four or more lifetime sexual partners compared to 12% of female high school students and 18% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2007, 34% of female high school students and 39% of male high school students in DeKalb County, Georgia 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 34% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2007, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 60% of females and 79% of males in DeKalb County, Georgia reported having used condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 55% of females and 69% of males nationwide.
- In 2007, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 12% of females and 7% of males in DeKalb County, Georgia reported having used birth control pills the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 19% of females and 13% of males nationwide.
- In 2007, among those high school students who reported being currently sexually active, 12% of females and 18% of males in DeKalb County, Georgia reported having used alcohol or drugs the last time they had sexual intercourse compared to 18% of females and 28% of males nationwide.
- In 2007, 89% of high school students in DeKalb County, Georgia reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 90% of high school students nationwide.

Title V Abstinence-Only-Until Marriage Funding

- Georgia received \$1,467,206 in federal Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funding in Fiscal Year 2008.
- 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.

- Georgia allocated \$543,845 in state revenues for the match. In addition, each sub-grantee is required to match 30 percent of its grant amount through in-kind services or direct funds. Sub-grantees contributed \$586,345 in cash and in-kind services to complete the match.
- In Georgia, the Children and Youth Coordinating Council (CYCC) distributes the Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funding to sub-grantees and uses a portion of the funds to support a statewide media campaign and website called “Everybody’s Not Doing It: Join the Real Majority.” The CYCC also uses the funds to host the bi-annual statewide abstinence educators’ conference and to disseminate abstinence-only-until-marriage educational products.
- There are 24 sub-grantees in Georgia: one community college, two faith-based organizations, four public school systems/boards of education; four local government entities, and 13 community-based organizations.
- Abstinence-only-until-marriage program providers in Georgia use a variety of curricula including, *WAIT (Why am I Tempted?) Training*, *Choosing the Best*, *ASPIRE*, and *Heritage Keepers*.

SIECUS has compiled some examples of the use of federal Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funding in Georgia:

Statewide Media Campaign: “Everybody’s Not Doing It: Join the Real Majority”

The “Everybody’s Not Doing It: Join the Real Majority” media campaign provides a half-hour video program that discusses the negative consequences of premarital sex and the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage. Excerpts of the video feature a teenage mother and a male teen infected with Herpes each of whom deliver somber testimonies with the clear message that sex before marriage ruins teens’ lives and their futures. The narrator underscores this message: “Her dream was to become an architect,” says the narrator of the teenage mother. “That dream is now gone. Today she feels lucky to be able to stay in school at all.” The narrator also describes the young man’s life as tragic: “The boy whose dream was to one day have a family and kids now spends most of his time alone, wondering if he’ll be able to date again.” The narrator goes on to say “Today sex is like walking a minefield blindfolded... sexually transmitted disease, AIDS and HIV, anxiety and depression, are serious, even life-threatening consequences that most kids don’t think about.”³

The statewide campaign also brings in abstinence-only-until-marriage speakers, including Dr. Meg Meeker. Dr. Meeker is a pediatrician who serves as a National Advisory Board Member for the Medical Institute, a leader in the abstinence-only-until-marriage industry. Through her books and other materials, Dr. Meeker promotes gender stereotypes as fact.⁴ For example, Dr. Meeker asserts that teens feel pressure to have sex but that in reality girls don’t want to be sexually active.⁵

The Medical Institute (formerly the Medical Institute for Sexual Health) describes itself as a “medical, educational, and research organization” founded “to confront the global epidemics of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).”⁶ It is a national organization that provides assistance to abstinence-only-until-marriage educators and providers. The Medical Institute was founded in 1992 by Joe McIlhaney, a Texas physician with close ties to the Bush administration. The organization receives federal grants from a number of different government agencies, and its staff and board members have held seats on high-level advisory panels in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the President’s Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA).

Heritage Community Services, Inc., \$75,261 (2008), \$300,000 (CBAE 2004–2009), and \$200,000 (AFLA 2004–2009)

Heritage Community Services is a leader in the abstinence-only-until-marriage industry. The organization is a triple grantee, receiving federal funding for its abstinence programs from all three funding streams: Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage (through both Georgia and South Carolina), CBAE, and AFLA. In

fact, an overwhelming majority of the organization's total annual revenue is provided by federal funding. In 2006, 98 percent of the organization's budget came from federal grants.⁷ For Fiscal Year 2008, Heritage Community Services received \$975,261 in federal money from abstinence grants alone.

Based in South Carolina, Heritage has five regional offices in that state and provides its abstinence-only-until-marriage programs to communities in Georgia and around the country.

Heritage Community Services has created several abstinence-only-until-marriage curricula, including *Heritage Keepers Abstinence Education* and *Heritage Keepers Life Skills Education*. SIECUS reviewed *Heritage Keepers, Abstinence Education I* and found that it contains very little information about important topics in human sexuality such as puberty, anatomy, and sexual behavior. Even topics that are frequently discussed in detail in other abstinence-only-until-marriage programs, such as condoms and STDs, receive very little mention. Instead, the curriculum devotes most of its lessons to the importance of marriage and abstinence before marriage. It relies on messages of fear and shame and promotes biased views of gender, marriage, and pregnancy options. For example, the curriculum tells students "Males are more sight orientated whereas females are more touch orientated. This is why girls need to be careful with what they wear, because males are looking! The girl might be thinking fashion, while the boy is thinking sex. For this reason, girls have a responsibility to wear modest clothing that doesn't invite lustful thoughts."⁸

The organization also partners with the National Abstinence Education Association (NAEA) to produce and promote the Parents for Truth campaign. The National Abstinence Education Association is the lobbying arm of the abstinence-only-until-marriage industry. Its mission reads, "The NAEA exists to serve, support and represent individuals and organizations in the practice of abstinence education."⁹ Since its inception the NAEA has undertaken a number of media campaigns that use fear and misinformation in an attempt to discredit comprehensive sexuality education.

According to the NAEA, the Parents for Truth campaign aims to "challenge the distortions and misrepresentations of abstinence education critics and the media." However, in reality the campaign uses scare tactics to mislead parents about the content and purpose of comprehensive sexuality education. A video featured on the Parents for Truth website shows a parent react in horror when she learns that her child is receiving comprehensive sex education in school. "This is what they call comprehensive sex education?" exclaims the parent in the video. "They're trying to teach my kid *how* to have sex." The truth is that comprehensive sexuality education programs offer vital information to students about sexual health risks, including HIV/AIDS and STDs, safe sexual practices, and the effectiveness of proper condom use.

Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc., \$56,130 (2008) and \$577,931 (CBAE 2006–2011)

Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc. (YFC), a Christian ministry that provides outreach programs to youth, is a dual grantee. The majority of the organization's revenue comes from federal abstinence-only-until-marriage grants. In 2006, these grants accounted for more than 70 percent of the organization's funding.¹⁰

YFC seeks to serve students in "every public high school and middle school" across metro Atlanta, and provide them with Christian teachings and worship. The organization's mission is to "to build teams of adult and student leaders, and to partner with like-minded organizations to reach unsaved, at-risk teenagers through the combination of relationships, programs, and events." YFC establishes ministry sites by partnering with other Christian organizations and churches. It believes the essential strategies to creating a sustaining ministry include "widespread prayer" and "faithful Bible teaching."¹¹

Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ is a chapter of The National Service Center of Youth for Christ/USA based in Denver, Colorado. Established in 1944, the organization originally organized Bible studies and after school clubs for Christian students. Beginning in the 60's, the organization developed missionary programs to reach secular youth. The organization states that "Today, [Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc.] continues its allegiance to communicating the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to every young person."¹²

YFC operates the Campus Life outreach program for middle school students, which is an after-school program in which youth pastors and adult volunteers lead activities involving prayer and worship. The organization's "Holistic Education for the Advancement of Teens (H.E.A.T.)" program targets high school students and teen parents to provide education services on abstinence, character building, life skills, and marriage preparation. The program's "Adolescent Parents Promoting Abstinence (A.P.P.A.)" project involves teen parents that serve as peer educators to promote abstinence-only-until-marriage. This project lasts nine months and is conducted in high schools and after-school programs in DeKalb and Gwinnet counties. The project teaches "abstinence until marriage as the 'best choice' for teens and the only 100% effective means of eliminating the harmful physical, emotional and financial consequences of sex outside of marriage, including: sexually transmitted diseases, teen pregnancy, low self-esteem, depression and poverty."¹³ It also provides a "real-life look" at teen parenting through the contribution of the adolescent parent volunteers.

The A.P.P.A. project includes an eight to 10 week class that uses the *Choosing the Best* abstinence-only-until-marriage curricula. (See the CBAE and AFLA section for more information on *Choosing the Best*.)

McDuffie County Partners for Success, Inc., \$56,207 (2008)

McDuffie County Partners for Success is a non-profit collaborative of six community agencies from both the public and private sectors. The organization aims to "improve child health, child development, school performance, family functioning and family economic capacity" through the involvement of parents, local leaders, businesses, schools, and local government.¹⁴

Partners for Success provides abstinence-only-until-marriage programs to middle school and ninth grade students throughout McDuffie County schools. Students must choose to enroll in the program, which is taught during health class. The organization provides the program in collaboration with the McDuffie County Board of Education and Family Connection. In previous years the program has been sponsored by a CBAE grant awarded to the board of education. During that time, more than 3,640 students participated in the abstinence-only-until-marriage program.¹⁵

Next Level Community Development Center, Inc., \$63,750 (2008)

The Next Level Community Development Center is an outreach ministry of Bibb Mount Zion Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia. The center's mission is "to aid in developing optimistic futures by erasing pessimistic views which suggest that poverty, broken homes, and violence are a permanent part of life."¹⁶ Next Level targets at-risk youth to "empower [them] to exercise sound judgment regarding their health and social lives." The organization offers a number of programs for youth; however, in 2006 the Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage funding the organization received accounted for half of its annual budget.

Next Level provides abstinence-only-until-marriage programming to individual groups or organizations that is geared to youth ages ten to 18. The program uses the popular fear-based curriculum *WAIT (Why Am I Tempted?) Training*. SIECUS reviewed *WAIT Training* and found that it contained little medical or biological information and almost no information about STDs, including HIV/AIDS. Instead, it contains information and statistics about marriage, many of which are outdated and not supported by scientific research. It also contains messages of fear and shame and biased views of gender, sexual orientation, and family type. For example, *WAIT Training* explains, "men sexually are like microwaves and women sexually are like crockpots...A woman is stimulated more by touch and romantic words. She is far more attracted by a man's personality while a man is stimulated by sight. A man is usually less discriminating about those to whom he is physically attracted."¹⁷

Stand Up Again Outreach, Inc., \$84,824 (2008)

Stand Up Again Outreach is a non-profit organization based in Albany, Georgia. The organization's mission is to "provide basic human needs to youth and families to establish self-sufficiency." While based in the United States, most of the organization's outreach serves international communities in Ghana and Haiti. Domestically, the organization serves youth living in the O.B. Hines and Lipsey Pate housing projects in Albany. Stand Up's abstinence-only-until-marriage-program, called "Abstinence; A New Revolution," operates an abstinence summer program, hosts weekly Friday activities focused on abstinence, and provides an abstinence after-school program to youth during the school year who are recruited through a local church.¹⁸

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

- There are 17 CBAE grantees in Georgia: nine community-based organizations, three faith-based organizations, two school districts, one church, and one local government entity.
- There are four AFLA grantees in Florida: Augusta Partnership for Children, Communities in Schools of Georgia, Emory University, and Heritage Community Services.

SIECUS has compiled some examples of the use of CBAE and AFLA funding in Georgia:

Choosing the Best, Inc., \$600,000 (CBAE 2008-2013)

Choosing the Best (CTB), a leader in the abstinence-only-until-marriage industry, is headquartered in Atlanta. Founded in 1992, the organization now widely distributes its abstinence-only-until-marriage curricula across the United States. Since 2001, the program has been awarded large amounts of federal money to promote its abstinence programs, receiving a total of \$3,782,402 between Fiscal Years 2001 and 2007. CTB was awarded a new CBAE grant in Fiscal Year 2008 under which it will receive \$600,000 for the next five years.

Choosing the Best curricula are widely used across the state of Georgia, and the organization has been heralded by Georgia legislators, public officers, and the governor for its effectiveness. The director of the Georgia Division of Public Health, Dr. Stuart Brown, even credited the program in part for the decline in the state's teenage pregnancy rate between 1994 and 2005. However, the decline in Georgia's teen pregnancy rate reflects the national decline in teen pregnancy that took place over the same time period and is credited to improved use of both abstinence and contraceptives.¹⁹

CTB's founder, Bruce Cook, chaired the Board of the Department of Human Resources between 2003 and 2005. Cook was appointed to the position by Governor Sonny Perdue (R). As the Senate majority leader in the mid-1990s, Governor Perdue had first asked Cook to "develop training and community programs promoting abstinence."²⁰

Through his position, Cook worked to cut family planning and teen pregnancy prevention programs. Under his watch, the Board of Human Resources proposed cutting approximately \$4.7 million from the Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005 budgets for the Adolescent Health and Youth Development Program (AYHD), which included teen pregnancy prevention. The cuts would have closed 39 Teen Centers around the state, which provide a number of important services to young people, including distributing contraception and providing information on preventing pregnancy. Under the new plan, five of these centers would have been reopened as part of a pilot program to explore new methods of pregnancy prevention, which critics speculated would have had an abstinence-only focus. This proposed cut would have also led to a loss of \$1.2 million dedicated to family planning, meaning that approximately 64,000 women in Georgia would have lost access to these services.²¹

According to the board, the cuts were proposed because the programs lacked "measurable results."²²

Critics speculated that these proposed cuts were partly due to Cook's strong abstinence-only philosophy. Ultimately, Cook stepped down amid allegations that he used his position at the DHR to promote his own company's programs in Georgia schools. Cook denied these allegations and defended his decision to step down, saying he believes he accomplished his mission of providing leadership during a transition in DHR.²³

The *Choosing the Best* series is one of the more popular abstinence-only-until-marriage programs in the country. The series is comprised of a number of curricula for students from sixth grade through high school: *Choosing the Best WAY*, *Choosing the Best PATH*, *Choosing the Best LIFE*, *Choosing the Best JOURNEY*, and *Choosing the Best SOULMATE*. The series has been recently revised and the information about STDs is now medically accurate. However, *Choosing the Best* curricula continue to promote heterosexual marriage, rely on messages of fear and shame, and include biases about gender, sexual orientation, and pregnancy options. For example, *Choosing the Best PATH* asks students to brainstorm the "emotional consequences" of premarital sex. Suggested answers include "guilt, feeling scared, ruined relationships, broken emotional bonds."²⁴

Crowned for Victory, Inc., \$510,728 (CBAE 2007–2012)

Crowned for Victory, Inc. is a Christian ministry based in Marietta, Georgia. The organization sponsors the "R U WIDIT" abstinence-only-until-marriage campaign for youth in an effort to "raise the standard among the community by encouraging youth and parents to decrease the temptations to participate in risky behavior."²⁵ Crowned for Victory partners with a number of CBAE grantees in Mississippi to produce its abstinence-only-until-marriage program. These partner organizations include six churches, two faith-based organizations, and one school district.²⁶ In partnering with Mississippi CBAE grantees, the organization seeks to develop relationships with organizations across the Southeast region providing abstinence-only-until-marriage programs to youth ages 12–18.

In its effort to promote abstinence, the program sponsors social outings and events for teens, including bowling and a fashion show. The program appeals to youth culture by offering a blog, a link to Myspace, and a hip hop music video by Christian rap artist, Da T.R.U.T.H. on its website.

Future Foundation, \$428,677 (CBAE 2007–2012)

Future Foundation is a youth development organization that operates the "Abstinence Til Marriage (ATM)" program. The organization primarily serves underprivileged African-American youth in East Atlanta. The organization's abstinence-only-until-marriage program reaches more than 400 adolescents. Along with providing abstinence classes, the program organizes monthly group counseling sessions and social activities to support the abstinence message.²⁷ ATM uses the *WAIT Training* curriculum. (For more information on *WAIT Training*, see the Title V abstinence-only-until-marriage section).

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Federal and State Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2008

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, AFLA, and other funds)
Children and Youth Coordinating Council children.georgia.gov	\$1,467,206 federal \$543,845 state	Title V
African American Golf Foundation, Inc.	\$85,000	Title V sub-grantee
Bainbridge College	\$78,586	Title V sub-grantee
Ben Hill County School System	\$163,000	Title V sub-grantee
Communities in Schools of Laurens County, Inc.	\$52,054	Title V sub-grantee
Communities in Schools of Burke County, Inc.	\$62,173	Title V sub-grantee
Diamond in The Rough Youth Development Program, Inc.	\$48,303	Title V sub-grantee
Dodge County Board of Education www.dodge.k12.ga.us	\$60,929	Title V sub-grantee
Girls Inc. of Columbus and Phenix-Russell	\$45,741	Title V sub-grantee
Henry County Board of Commissioners DUAL GRANTEE www.co.henry.ga.us	\$85,000 \$63,750	Title V sub-grantee Title V sub-grantee

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Heritage Community Services TRIPLE GRANTEE 2003–2008 2004–2009 www.heritageservices.org	\$75,261 \$300,000 \$200,000	Title V sub-grantee CBAE AFLA
Hope House of Savannah, Inc. www.hopehousesavannah.org	\$40,000	Title V sub-grantee
Housing Authority of Tifton www.savannahpha.com	\$28,000	Title V sub-grantee
McDuffie County Partners for Success, Inc.	\$56,207	Title V sub-grantee
Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc. DUAL GRANTEE 2006–2011 community.elevatorup.com/Brix/yfc/atlanta	\$56,130 \$577,931	Title V sub-grantee CBAE
Newton County Board of Commissioners www.co.newton.ga.us	\$33,723	Title V sub-grantee
Next Level Community Development Center, Inc.	\$63,750	Title V sub-grantee
Pulaski County Board of Education	\$18,274	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, AFLA, and other funds)
River Road Church of Christ, Inc. DUAL GRANTEE 2008–2013 www.riverroadchurchofchrist.com	\$59,275 \$484,180	Title V sub-grantee CBAE
Southside Recreation Center	\$85,000	Title V sub-grantee
Stand Up Again Outreach	\$84,824	Title V sub-grantee
STARS Georgia	\$85,000	Title V sub-grantee
Thomaston-Upson School System www.upson.k12.ga.us/home.aspx	\$63,750	Title V sub-grantee
Visions Unlimited, Inc.	\$84,971	Title V sub-grantee
The Boys and Girls Club of Bulloch County 2005–2008 www.bgcbulloch.org	\$796,232	CBAE
Carrollton Housing Authority 2006–2011 www.carrolltonhousingauthority.com	\$345,308	CBAE
Choosing the Best, Inc. 2008–2013 www.choosingthebest.org	\$600,000	CBAE

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Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, AFLA, and other funds)
Communities in Schools Augusta-Richmond County, Inc. 2005–2008 www.cisga.org	\$405,978	CBAE
Crowned for Victory, Inc. 2007–2012 www.crownedforvictory.org	\$510,728	CBAE
Friends of Cobb County Commission on Children and Youth 2005–2008 DUAL GRANTEE 2008–2013 www.therealmajority.com	\$793,711 \$600,000	CBAE CBAE
Future Foundation 2006–2011 www.future-foundation.com	\$428,677	CBAE
New Horizons Community Service Board 2008–2013	\$573,059	CBAE
Quest for Change, Inc. 2008–2013	\$480,799	CBAE
SAGE Communications Services, Inc. 2006–2011	\$350,194	CBAE

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Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, AFLA, and other funds)
Turner County Board of Education 2006–2011 mail.turner.k12.ga.us/index.html	\$598,996	CBAE
Wholistic Stress Control Institute, Inc. 2007–2012 www.wholistic1.com/hype.html	\$575,000	CBAE
Wilkinson County Board of Education 2008–2013	\$418,896	CBAE
Willie M. Simpson Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. 2008–2013	\$431,509	CBAE
Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. 2007–2012	\$344,439	AFLA
Communities in Schools of Georgia 2008–2013	\$700,000	AFLA
Emory University 2004–2009	\$299,520	AFLA

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Regional Training Center
100 Edgewood Avenue NE, Suite 802
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 523-1996
www.med.emory.edu/rtc

Georgia Campaign for Adolescent
Pregnancy Prevention
100 Auburn Avenue, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 524-2277
www.gcapp.org

Georgia Parents for Responsible Health
Education
P.O. Box 15006
Atlanta, GA 30333
www.gprhe.org

Planned Parenthood of Georgia
75 Piedmont Avenue NE, Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 688-9305
www.ppga.org

Georgia Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Georgia Christian Alliance
8975 Roswell Road
Atlanta, GA 30350
Phone: (770) 998-3541
www.gachristianalliance.org

Georgia Family Council
5550 Triangle Parkway, Suite 160
Norcross, GA 30092
Phone: (770) 242-0001
www.georgiafamily.org

Georgia Right to Life
P.O. Box 927
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Phone: (770) 339-6880
www.grtl.org

Teen Advisors
P.O. Box 6468
Columbus, GA 31917
www.teenadvisors.org

Newspapers in Georgia²⁹

Atlanta Journal-Constitution
 Newsroom
 72 Marietta Street
 Atlanta, GA 30303
 Phone: (404) 526-7003
www.ajc.com

The Augusta Chronicle
 Newsroom
 P.O. Box 1928
 Augusta, GA 30903
 Phone: (706) 724-0851
chronicle.augusta.com

Gwinnett Daily Post
 Newsroom
 P.O. Box 603
 Lawrenceville, GA 30046
 Phone: (770) 963-9205
www.gwinnettdaily.com

The Macon Telegraph
 Newsroom
 P.O. Box 4167
 Macon, GA 31208
 Phone: (478) 744-4411
www.macon.com

Savannah Morning News
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 P.O. Box 1088
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¹ This refers to the federal government's fiscal year, 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 2008 began on October 1, 2007 and ended on September 30, 2008.

² Unless otherwise cited, all statistical information comes from: Danice K. Eaton, et. al., "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States, 2007," Surveillance Summaries, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 57.SS-4 (6 June 2008), accessed 4 June 2008, <<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>>. Note: Georgia did not participate in the full YRBS but some cities in Georgia did.

³ "The Real Majority: Part Two," Everybody's Not Doing It, accessed 13 October 2008, <<http://www.everybodysnotdoingit.com/>>.

⁴ "Store," Meg Meeker, accessed 8 May 2008, <<http://www.megmeekermid.com/store>>.

⁵ "The Real Majority: Part Three," Everybody's Not Doing It, accessed 13 October 2008, <<http://www.everybodysnotdoingit.com/>>.

⁶ "About Us: What is the Medical Institute?" Medical Institute for Sexual Health, (2007), accessed 4 April 2008, <<http://www.medinstitute.org/content.php?name=aboutmi>>.

⁷ Heritage Community Services, Inc., IRS 990 Form, 2006, p. 1.

⁸ Anne Badgley and Carrie Musselman, *Heritage Keepers Student Manual* (Charleston, SC: Heritage Community Services, 1999). For more information, see SIECUS' review of *Heritage Keepers* at <<http://www.communityactionkit.org/reviews/HeritageKeepers.html>>.

⁹ "About Us," National Abstinence Education Association, accessed 10 October 2008, <http://www.abstinenceassociation.org/about_us/index.html>.

¹⁰ Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc., 990 Form, 2007, p. 1.

¹¹ "Our Vision & Mission," Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc., accessed 13 October 2008, <<http://community.elevatorup.com/Brix/yfc/Brix?pageID=10905>>.

¹² "History," Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc., accessed 13 October 2008, <<http://community.elevatorup.com/Brix/yfc/Brix?pageID=10913>>.

¹³ "Adolescent Parents Promoting Abstinence Project," Metro Atlanta Youth for Christ, Inc., accessed 7 April 2009, <<http://community.elevatorup.com/Brix/yfc/Brix?pageID=10921>>.

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