



## Idaho

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### Idaho Sexuality Education Law

In Idaho, local school boards are charged with the decision of whether or not to offer sexuality education. If a school board decides to institute sexuality education, the program must place “major emphasis” on the home, family, and church as areas of importance for learning such knowledge. Family is not defined under this statute.

The program should give youth “the scientific, psychological information for understanding sex and its relation to the miracle of life.” It must also include “knowledge of the power of the sex drive and the necessity of controlling that drive by self-discipline.”

School boards must include parents and community groups in all aspects of instituting and evaluating a sexuality education program. Parents or guardians wishing to excuse their children from sexuality education must file a written request to the school board. The school board will then supply the parent with necessary forms to remove the child from the class. This is referred to as an “opt-out” policy.

See Idaho Statutes 33-1608, 33-1609, 33-1610, and 33-1611.

### Recent Legislation

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

### Events of Note

SIECUS is not aware of any recent events of note regarding sexuality education in Idaho.

### Idaho’s Youth: Statistical Information of Note<sup>2</sup>

- In 2003, 36% of female high school students and 37% of male high school students in Idaho reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 45% of female high school students and 48% of male high school students nationwide.

<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 2003 begins on October 1, 2002 and ends on September 30, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise cited, all statistical information comes from: J. Grunbaum, et. al., “Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance — United States, 2003,” *Surveillance Summaries, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, vol. 53, no.SS-2, May 21, 2004, pp. 1-95. Available online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/>.

- In 2003, 3% of female high school students and 6% of male high school students in Idaho 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 2003, 84% of high school students in Idaho reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 88% of high school students nationwide.
- In 2000, Idaho's abortion rate was 10 per 1,000 women ages 15-19 compared to a teen abortion rate of 24 per 1,000 nationwide.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2001, Idaho's birth rate was 41 per 1,000 women ages 15-19 compared to a teen birth rate of 45 per 1,000 nationwide.<sup>4</sup>

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

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare received \$205,288 in federal Title V funding in Fiscal Year 2003. 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 can be provided in part or in full by local groups. The federal funding in Idaho is matched with \$153,921 from the state.

The Idaho Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention serves as an advisory panel for the abstinence-only-until-marriage programs. By executive order, this panel must include a total of no more than 17 individuals serving terms of two years from each of the following areas: public health and welfare, education, clergy, private business, parents, youth, local elected officials, health care providers, and media.

The Title V funding is distributed equally to seven local health departments with each department receiving \$42,659. Each department designs their own program; deciding how to spend the funds and which populations to target. Activities include forming youth coalitions, providing materials to schools, attending local fairs, and holding workshops for parents, youth, and clergy.

### **Special Projects of Regional and National Significance—Community Based Abstinence Education (SPRANS—CBAE) and Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Grantees**

There are no SPRANS—CBAE or AFLA grantees in Idaho.

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<sup>3</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). Available online at [www.guttmacher.org](http://www.guttmacher.org).

<sup>4</sup> A. Papillo, et.al., *Facts at a Glance*, (Washington, DC: Child Trends, February, 2004).

**Federal and State Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2003**

<b>Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Program Grantee</b>  <b>Length of Grant</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>	<b>Type of Grant (includes SPRANS-CBAE, Title V, and AFLA)</b>
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  <a href="http://www2.state.id.us/dhw/index.htm">www2.state.id.us/dhw/index.htm</a>	\$205,288 federal/ \$153,921 state	Title V
Region 1 Field Office: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone Counties	\$42,659	Title V sub-grantee
Region 2 Field Office: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties	\$42,659	Title V sub-grantee
Region 3 Field Office: Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties	\$42,659	Title V sub-grantee
Region 4 Field Office: Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties	\$42,659	Title V sub-grantee
Region 5 Field Office: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls Counties	\$42,659	Title V sub-grantee
Region 6 Field Office: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power Counties	\$42,659	Title V sub-grantee
Region 7 Field Office: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton Counties	\$42,659	Title V sub-grantee

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

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## **Idaho Organizations that Support Comprehensive Sexuality Education**

Idaho Women's Network  
PO Box 1385  
Boise, ID 83701  
Phone: (208) 344-5738  
[www.idahowomensnetwork.org](http://www.idahowomensnetwork.org)

Planned Parenthood Association of  
Idaho  
6111 Clinton Sr.  
Boise, ID 83704  
Phone: (208) 376-9300

## **Idaho Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education**

Grapevine Publications  
P.O. Box 45057  
Boise, ID 83711  
[www.grapevinepublications.com](http://www.grapevinepublications.com)

Pregnancy Care Center  
2020 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Lewiston, ID 83501  
Phone: (208) 746-9704  
[www.lctoday.net/nonprofit/pcc.htm](http://www.lctoday.net/nonprofit/pcc.htm)

## **Newspapers in Idaho**

*Boise Family Magazine*  
Liz Buckingham  
Editor  
13191 W. Scotfield St.  
Boise, ID 83713  
Phone: (208) 938-2119

*Boise Weekly*  
Mark Barnes  
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109 S. 4th St.  
Boise, ID 83702  
Phone: (208)344-2055

*Bonner County Daily Bee*  
Lucy Dukes  
Community News Reporter  
310 Church St.  
Sandpoint, ID 83864  
Phone: (208) 263-9534

*CdA Coeur d'Alene*  
Bill Buley  
Editor  
201 N. 2nd St.  
Coeur D Alene, ID 8381  
Phone: (208) 664-8176

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*Coeur d'Alene Press*  
Education Editor  
201 N. 2nd St.  
Coeur D Alene, ID 83814  
Phone: (208) 664-8176

*IDAHO Magazine*  
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Boise, ID 83705  
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*Idaho Press-Tribune*  
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*Idaho State Journal*  
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*The Idaho Statesman*  
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*IEA Reporter*  
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*Lewiston Morning Tribune*  
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Lewiston, ID 83501  
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*The Morning News*  
Education Editor  
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Blackfoot, ID 83221  
Phone: (208) 785-1100

*Moscow Pullman Daily News*  
Nathan Alford  
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409 S. Jackson St.  
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Phone: (208) 882-5561

*Post Falls Press*  
Education Editor  
318 N. Spokane St.  
Post Falls, ID 83854  
Phone: (208) 773-7502

*Post Register*  
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Idaho Falls, ID 83401  
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*South Idaho Press*  
Laurie Welch  
Education Reporter  
230 E. Main St.  
Burley, ID 83318  
Phone: (208) 678-2201

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*Shoshone News-Press*

Education Editor

401 S. Main St.

Kellogg, ID 83837

Phone: (208) 783-1107

*Sun Valley Magazine*

Education Editor

12 E. Bullion St.

Hailey, ID 83333

Phone: (208) 788-0770

*Teton Valley Top to Bottom*

Deb Barracato

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*The Times-News*

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