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Idaho Sexuality Education Law and Policy

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.

In addition, 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 sexuality education programs.

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 proposed legislation regarding sexuality education in Idaho.

Events of Note

SIECUS is not aware of any recent events related to sexuality education in Idaho.

Idaho’s Youth: Statistical Information of Note²

- In 2005, 40% of female high school students and 37% of male high school students in Idaho reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 48% of male high school students nationwide.

- In 2005, 4% of female high school students and 9% of male high school students in Idaho 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, 85% 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.³
- In 2002, Idaho's birth rate was 39 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

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare received \$212,718 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. 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 among six local health departments with regions 2 through 7 receiving \$35,000 each and region 1 receiving \$62,000. Region 1 receives more funding because it designed the program used across the state and continues to provide technical assistance to the other regions. The program used in all regions, *Peers Encouraging Abstinent Kids (PEAK)*, is based on the *Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI)* curriculum.

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

There are no CBAE or AFLA grantees in Idaho.

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

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Program Grantee Length of Grant	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, and AFLA)
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare www2.state.id.us/dhw/index.htm	\$212,718 federal \$153,921 state	Title V
Region 1 Field Office: Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, and Shoshone Counties	\$62,000	Title V sub-grantee
Region 2 Field Office: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties	\$35,000	Title V sub-grantee
Region 3 Field Office: Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties	\$35,000	Title V sub-grantee
Region 4 Field Office: Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties	\$35,000	Title V sub-grantee
Region 5 Field Office: Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Twin Falls Counties	\$35,000	Title V sub-grantee
Region 6 Field Office: Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power Counties	\$35,000	Title V sub-grantee
Region 7 Field Office: Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton Counties	\$35,000	Title V sub-grantee

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www.acluidaho.org

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

Planned Parenthood Association of Idaho
6111 Clinton St.
Boise, ID 83704
Phone: (208) 376-2277
www.plannedparenthood.org/pp2/aid/

Idaho Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Grapevine Publications
PO Box 45057
Boise, ID 83711
www.grapevinepublications.com

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

Newspapers in Idaho

Boise Family Magazine
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Boise Weekly
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Sun Valley Magazine
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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>>. Idaho did not participate in the complete 2005 YRBS.

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, <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).