

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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New Hampshire Sexuality Education Law and Policy

In New Hampshire, local school boards must ensure that a health education program is developed in elementary, middle/junior, and high schools. In elementary schools, this program must include “the effects of drugs, alcohol, venereal diseases, and AIDS on the human body.” In middle/junior high and high schools, this instruction must include the above as well as “systematic classroom instruction and activities designed to enable students to respect and support the decisions of others relative to abstinence from sexual activity.” Students must complete one-quarter credit in health education including instruction in venereal diseases and AIDS.

No curriculum is recommended by the state nor does the state have limitations on what may or may not be included in instruction.

New Hampshire 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.

See New Hampshire Rule 306.40.

Recent Legislation

Board of Education Would Examine STD Instruction

House Bill 1766, introduced in January 2006 and referred to the House Committee on Education, directs the state board of education to investigate the status of STD education in kindergarten through 12th grade and then report this information to relevant House and Senate committees. The report would include information on “abstinence-only, abstinence-based, and non-abstinence-based course materials, instruction, and counseling activities.”

Bill Would Strengthen Abstinence Requirements

Introduced in January 2005 and referred to the House Committee on Education, House Bill 39 would require all sex education classes to follow abstinence-only-until-marriage guidelines. Among other things, “course material and instruction shall teach honor and respect for monogamous heterosexual marriage” and “shall stress that pupils should abstain from sexual intercourse until they are ready for marriage.” The bill would also allow parents or guardians to remove their child from such courses with written objection.

Events of Note*New Hampshire Allows Pharmacists to Dispense EC
August 2005; NH*

On August 15, 2005 a law allowing New Hampshire pharmacists to dispense emergency contraception (EC) without a prescription went into effect, making it the seventh state to allow trained pharmacists to dispense EC without a doctor's prescription. While the law was signed by Governor John Lynch (D) on June 16, women were not able to obtain emergency contraception without a prescription until the state established rules and trained pharmacists who chose to participate in the program.²

The law does not require pharmacists to sell EC, participation is voluntary, and the state pharmacy board does not yet know how many pharmacists will ultimately participate. The law also allows pharmacists to object to filling the prescription based on moral, religious, or other grounds. In this vein, the state presented only guidelines, and not a mandate, for pharmacists who refuse to provide the pills, with or without a prescription. While advocates were generally pleased with the law, some worried that pharmacists would refuse to fill prescriptions and would not transfer the prescription to another pharmacy. "We hope and certainly encourage pharmacists, if presented with a request, they will do as much as possible to guide that patient to the nearest pharmacy where she can get the medication plan," Boisseau said.³

Currently, six other states—Alaska, California, Hawaii, Maine, New Mexico, and Washington—also have laws allowing pharmacists to dispense EC without a physician's prescription.

New Hampshire's Youth: Statistical Information of Note⁴

- In 2005, 45% of female high school students and 40% of male high school students in New Hampshire reported ever having had sexual intercourse compared to 46% of female high school students and 48% of male high school students nationwide.
- In 2005, 3% of female high school students and 3% of male high school students in New Hampshire 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 9% of male high school students in New Hampshire 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, 38% of female high school students and 28% of male high school students in New Hampshire 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, 61% of females and 71% of males in New Hampshire 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, 33% of females and 22% of males in New Hampshire 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, 18% of females and 20% of males in New Hampshire 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, 89% of high school students in New Hampshire reported having been taught about AIDS/HIV in school compared to 88% of high school students nationwide.
- In 2000, New Hampshire's abortion rate was 17 per 1,000 women ages 15–19 compared to a teen abortion rate of 24 per 1,000 nationwide.⁵
- In 2002, New Hampshire's birth rate was 20 per 1,000 women ages 15–19 compared to a teen birth rate of 43 per 1,000 nationwide.⁶

Title V Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Funding

New Hampshire received \$92,964 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. Sub-grantees provide all of New Hampshire's match. The New Hampshire Department of Health has control over this funding.

The funding is distributed to ten sub-grantees: Care Net Pregnancy Center of Greater Concord; Care Net Pregnancy Center Lakes Region; Catholic Medical Center Community Services; Options For Women; Parent Information Center; Pathways Pregnancy Care Center; Salvation Army; Service for Peace; W8NG; and A Woman's Worth Pregnancy Center.

Half of these organization are crisis pregnancy centers. Crisis pregnancy centers typically advertise as providing medical services and then use anti-choice propaganda, misinformation, and fear and shame tactics to dissuade women facing unintended pregnancy from exercising their right to choose.

CareNet Pregnancy Center Lake Region answers the question, "Can I become pregnant without having intercourse?" on its website. The response reads:

Pregnancy can happen any time that sperm is ejaculated or pre-ejaculated out of a man and spilled near the woman's sexual organs. There is no way to know the exact risk of pregnancy when this happens—no matter how it happens. Activities such as petting or foreplay can still put you at risk of becoming pregnant.⁷

Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE)⁸ and Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) Grantees

There are no CBAE or AFLA grantees in New Hampshire.

Federal and State Funding for Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs in FY 2005⁹

Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Grantee	Amount of Grant	Type of Grant (includes Title V, CBAE, and AFLA)
Length of Grant		
New Hampshire Department of Health	\$92,964 federal	Title V
Catholic Medical Center Community Services www.catholicmedicalcenter.org		Title V sub-grantee
Care Net Pregnancy Center Of Greater Concord		Title V sub-grantee
Care Net Pregnancy Center Lakes Region www.carenetlaconia.org		Title V sub-grantee
Options For Women		Title V sub-grantee
Parent Information Center www.parentinformationcenter.org		Title V sub-grantee
Pathways Pregnancy Care Center		Title V sub-grantee
Salvation Army		Title V sub-grantee
Service for Peace		Title V sub-grantee
W8NG www.w8ng.org		Title V sub-grantee
A Woman's Worth Pregnancy Center		Title V sub-grantee

Title V Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Coordinator

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A Community Resource Center (ACORN) River Mill Commercial Center, Suite 240 85 Mechanic St. Lebanon, NH 03766 Phone: (800) 816-2220 www.acornvtnh.org	American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire 18 Low Ave. Concord, NH 03301 Phone: (603) 225-3080 www.nhclu.org
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Citizen's Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Rights PO Box 730 Concord, NH 03302 Phone: (603) 224-1686	NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire 18 Low Ave. Concord, NH 03301 Phone: (603) 228-1224 www.prochoiceneewhampshire.org
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Action Fund
183 Talcott Rd., Suite 101
Williston, VT 05495
Phone: (800) 287-8188
www.ppnne.org

New Hampshire Organizations that Oppose Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Citizens for Life, Inc. The New Hampshire Affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee PO Box 756 North Hampton, NH 03862 Phone: (603) 964-9546	The Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy 7 South State St., Suite 2 Concord, NH 03301 Phone: (603) 224-4450 www.jbartlett.org
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PO Box 421
Merrimack, NH 03054
Phone: (603) 626-7950
www.nhrtl.org

Newspapers in New Hampshire

Carriage Towne News

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14 Church St.
Kingston, NH 03848
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Concord Monitor

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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 Albert McKeon, "Emergency Contraception Not Yet on Shelves," *Nashua Telegraph*, 14 August 2005, accessed 19 August 2005, <<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com>>.

³ Ibid.

⁴ 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>>.

⁵ *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>.

⁶ *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>>.

⁷ *FAQS: Frequently Asked Questions Answered*, CareNet Pregnancy Center of the Lakes Region, accessed 11 January 2006, <<http://www.caretlaconia.org/FAQS.asp>>.

⁸ 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).

⁹ SIECUS was unable to obtain funding amounts for all sub-grantees.