In Fiscal Year 2016, the state of Maine received:

- Division of Adolescent and School Health funds totaling $67,500
- Personal Responsibility Education Program funds totaling $250,000

**SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY**

**STATE LAW**

Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Title 22, §§ 1902 and 1910 mandate that the state’s Department of Health and Human Services “undertake initiatives to implement effective, comprehensive family life education services.” The state must provide:

1. Training for teachers, parents, and community members in the development and implementation of comprehensive family life education curriculum;
2. Resource staff persons to provide expert training, curriculum development, and implementation and evaluation services on a statewide basis;
3. Funding to promote and coordinate community youth forums among young people and community members in communities with a high need for sexuality education;
4. Funding for issue management and policy development training for school boards, superintendents, principals, and administrators; and
5. Funding for grants to school-based comprehensive family life education programs to recognize outstanding performance and share strategies for success.

“Comprehensive family life education” must be taught in kindergarten through 12th grade. The information provided must be medically accurate and age-appropriate, and must respect community values and encourage parent-child communication. Programs must teach about abstinence, healthy relationships, contraception and family planning, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and conflict resolution. No specific curriculum is mandated.

Parents or guardians may remove their children from “comprehensive family life education” classes. This is referred to as an “opt-out” policy.

**STATE STANDARDS**

Maine’s Health Education Standards guide curricula development. The Performance Indicators and Descriptors for grades 9–12 include being able to “demonstrate health practices and/or behaviors to maintain or improve the health of self and others in … the prevention of STDs, [human immunodeficiency virus] HIV and unintended pregnancy.”
STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACTIVITY
SIECUS tracks all state legislative session activity in our state legislative reports. For more information on bills related to school-based sexuality education that were introduced or passed in 2016, please see SIECUS’ 2016 Sex Ed State Legislative Year-End Report: Top Topics and Takeaways.

YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH DATA
The following sexual health behavior and outcome data represent the most recent information available on adolescent sexual health in Maine. While data can be a powerful tool to demonstrate the sexuality education and sexual health care needs of young people, it is important to be mindful that these behaviors and outcomes are impacted by systemic inequities present in our society that can and often do affect an individual’s sexual health and wellbeing. Additionally, there are significant limitations as to how and what data are currently collected. Young people are more than outcomes; for advocates, it is important to utilize the data in a manner that tracks our progress and pushes policies forward in a way that respects and supports the dignity of all young lives.

MAINE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) DATA

Reported ever having had sexual intercourse

- In 2015, 39.7% of female high school students and 38.2% of male high school students in Maine reported ever having had sexual intercourse, compared to 39.2% of female high school students and 43.2% of male high school students nationwide.

- In 2015, 50.5% of lesbian, gay, or bisexual (LGB) high school students, 35.7% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 38.3% of heterosexual high school students in Maine reported ever having had sexual intercourse, compared to 50.8% of LGB high school students, 31.6% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 40.9% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.

- In 2015, 46.6% of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, 23.4% of Asian high school students, 34.3% of black high school students, 42% of Hispanic high school students, 39.3% of white high school students, and 37.4% of high school students who identified as multiple races in Maine reported ever having had sexual intercourse, compared to 39.1% of AI/AN high school students, 19.3% of Asian high school students, 48.5% of black high school students, 42.5% of Hispanic high school students, 39.9% of white high school students, and 49.2% of high school students who identified as multiple races nationwide.

Reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13

- In 2015, 2% of female high school students and 3.6% of male high school students in Maine reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13, compared to 2.2% of female high school students and 5.6% of male high school students nationwide.
• In 2015, 5.5% of LGB high school students, 9.5% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 2.3% of heterosexual high school students in Maine reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13, compared to 7.3% of LGB high school students, 8.8% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 3.4% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.

• In 2015, 7.5% of AI/AN high school students, 3.3% of Asian high school students, 6.7% of black high school students, 9% of Hispanic high school students, 2.5% of white high school students, and 2.9% of high school students who identified as multiple races in Maine reported having had sexual intercourse before age 13, compared to 1.8% of AI/AN high school students, 0.7% of Asian high school students, 8.3% of black high school students, 5% of Hispanic high school students, 2.5% of white high school students, and 5.8% of high school students who identified as multiple races nationwide.

Reported being currently sexually active

• In 2015, 30.7% of female high school students and 26.2% of male high school students in Maine reported being currently sexually active, compared to 29.8% of female high school students and 30.3% of male high school students nationwide.

• In 2015, 35.1% of LGB high school students, 28.2% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 28% of heterosexual high school students in Maine reported being currently sexually active, compared to 35.1% of LGB high school students, 22.9% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 30.1% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.

• In 2015, 31.6% of AI/AN high school students, 13.9% of Asian high school students, 21.6% of black high school students, 29.8% of Hispanic high school students, 28.8% of white high school students, and 28.8% of high school students who identified as multiple races in Maine reported being currently sexually active, compared to 31.5% of AI/AN high school students, 12.2% of Asian high school students, 33.1% of black high school students, 30.3% of Hispanic high school students, 30.3% of white high school students, and 35.7% of high school students who identified as multiple races nationwide.

Reported not using a condom during last sexual intercourse

• In 2015, 46% of female high school students and 37.3% of male high school students in Maine reported not using a condom during their last sexual intercourse, compared to 48% of female high school students and 38.5% of male high school students nationwide.

• In 2015, 56.2% of LGB high school students, 47.4% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 40.1% of heterosexual high school students in Maine reported not using a condom during their last sexual intercourse, compared to 52.5% of LGB high school students, 47.4% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 39.8% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.
students, 47.8% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 42.2% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.

- In 2015, 42.3% of white high school students in Maine reported not using a condom during their last sexual intercourse, compared to 43.2% of white high school students nationwide.

**Reported not using any method to prevent pregnancy during last sexual intercourse**

- In 2015, 8.6% of female high school students and 9.7% of male high school students in Maine reported not using any method to prevent pregnancy during their last sexual intercourse, compared to 15.2% of female high school students and 12.2% of male high school students nationwide.

- In 2015, 25% of LGB high school students, 16.6% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 6.9% of heterosexual high school students in Maine reported not using any method to prevent pregnancy during their last sexual intercourse, compared to 26.4% of LGB high school students, 19.4% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 12.4% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.

- In 2015, 8.8% of white high school students in Maine reported not using any method to prevent pregnancy during their last sexual intercourse, compared to 10.4% of white high school students nationwide.

**Reported having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse**

- In 2015, 10% of female high school students and 4.2% of male high school students in Maine reported having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse, compared to 10.3% of female high school students and 3.1% of male high school students nationwide.

- In 2015, 19% of LGB high school students, 15.4% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 5.5% of heterosexual high school students in Maine reported having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse, compared to 17.8% of LGB high school students, 12.6% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 5.4% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.

- In 2015, 13.9% of AI/AN high school students, 6.3% of Asian high school students, 11.9% of black high school students, 16.6% of Hispanic high school students, 6.5% of white high school students, and 8.4% of high school students who identified as multiple races in Maine reported having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse, compared to 6.6% of AI/AN high school students, 4.2% of Asian high school students, 7.3% of black high school students, 7% of Hispanic high school students, 6% of white high school students, and 12.1% of high school students who identified as multiple races nationwide.

**Reported experiencing physical dating violence**
In 2015, 9.9% of female high school students and 6.4% of male high school students in Maine reported experiencing physical dating violence in the prior year, compared to 11.7% of female high school students and 7.4% of male high school students nationwide.

In 2015, 18.7% of LGB high school students, 19.4% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 6.7% of heterosexual high school students in Maine reported experiencing physical dating violence in the prior year, compared to 17.5% of LGB high school students, 24.5% of high school students who were unsure of their sexual orientation, and 8.3% of heterosexual high school students nationwide.

In 2015, 10.4% of AI/AN high school students, 8.3% of Asian high school students, 11.5% of black high school students, 18.7% of Hispanic high school students, 7.6% of white high school students, and 12% of high school students who identified as multiple races in Maine reported experiencing physical dating violence in the prior year, compared to 9.6% of AI/AN high school students, 4.6% of Asian high school students, 10.5% of black high school students, 9.7% of Hispanic high school students, 9% of white high school students, and 16% of high school students who identified as multiple races nationwide.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Youth Online database and Health Risks Among Sexual Minority Youth report for additional information on sexual behaviors.

MAINE TEEN PREGNANCY, HIV/ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS), AND OTHER STD DATA

Teen Pregnancy, Birth, and Abortion
- In 2011, Maine had the 44th highest teen pregnancy rate in the United States, with a rate of 34 pregnancies per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to the national rate of 52 per 1,000. There were a total of 1,420 pregnancies among young women ages 15–19 reported in Maine in 2011.

- In 2015, Maine had the 42nd highest teen birth rate in the United States, with a rate of 15.4 births per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to the national rate of 22.3 per 1,000. There were a total of 655 live births to young women ages 15–19 reported in Maine in 2014, the most recent year of available data.

- In 2011, Maine had the 33rd highest teen abortion rate in the United States, with a rate of 8 abortions per 1,000 young women ages 15–19, compared to the national rate of 14 per 1,000. There were a total of 350 abortions among young women ages 15–19 reported in Maine in 2011.

HIV and AIDS
- In 2015, the rate of diagnoses of HIV infection among adolescents ages 13–19 in Maine was 2.7 per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 5.8 per 100,000.
In 2015, the rate of AIDS diagnoses among adolescents ages 13–19 in Maine was 0.0 per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 0.7 per 100,000.\textsuperscript{14}

In 2015, the rate of diagnoses of HIV infection among young adults ages 20–24 in Maine was 9.0 per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 31.1 per 100,000.\textsuperscript{15}

In 2015, the rate of AIDS diagnoses among young adults ages 20–24 in Maine was 3.9 per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 5.6 per 100,000.\textsuperscript{16}

STDs

In 2015, Maine had the 46th highest rate of reported cases of chlamydia among young people ages 15–19 in the United States, with an infection rate of 1,165.5 cases per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 1,857.8 per 100,000. In 2015, there were a total of 954 cases of chlamydia among young people ages 15–19 reported in Maine.\textsuperscript{17}

In 2015, Maine had the 48th highest rate of reported cases of gonorrhea among young people ages 15–19 in the United States, with an infection rate of 59.9 cases per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 341.8 per 100,000. In 2015, there were a total of 49 cases of gonorrhea among young people ages 15–19 reported in Maine.\textsuperscript{18}

In 2015, Maine had the 45th highest rate of reported cases of primary and secondary syphilis among young people ages 15–19 in the United States, with an infection rate of 1.2 cases per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 5.4 per 100,000. In 2015, there was a total of 1 case of syphilis reported among young people ages 15–19 in Maine.\textsuperscript{19}

Visit the Office of Adolescent Health’s (OAH) Maine Adolescent Health Facts for additional information.

**Federal Funding for Sexuality Education, Unintended Teen Pregnancy, HIV and Other STD Prevention, and Abstinence-Only-Until-Marriage Programs**

**Fiscal Year 2016 Federal Funding in Maine**

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The Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH), within the CDC, provides funding to state and local education agencies through several funding streams to better student health, implement HIV/STD prevention programs, collect and report data on young people’s risk behaviors, and expand capacity-building partnerships.

In FY 2016, DASH provided funding to 18 state and 17 local education agencies to help districts and schools strengthen student health through exemplary sexual health education (ESHE) that emphasizes HIV and other STD prevention, increases access to key sexual health services (SHS), and establishes safe and supportive environments (SSE) for students and staff. DASH funded seven national, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to help state and local education agencies achieve these goals.

- In FY 2016, there were no DASH grantees in Maine funded to strengthen student health through ESHE, SHS, and SSE (1308 Strategy 2).

In addition, DASH funds local education agencies and NGOs to implement multiple program activities to meet the HIV/STD prevention needs of young men who have sex with men (YMSM) and to develop strategic partnerships and collaborations between schools and community-based, mental health, and social services organizations to accomplish this work.

- In FY 2016, there were no DASH grantees in Maine funded to deliver YMSM programming (1308 Strategy 4).

DASH also provides funding for state, territorial, and local education agencies and state health agencies to establish and strengthen systematic procedures to collect and report Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) and School Health Profiles data for policy and program improvements.

- In FY 2016, there was one DASH grantee in Maine funded to collect and report YRBS and School Health Profiles data (1308 Strategy 1): The Maine Department of Education ($67,500).

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program**

The Office of Adolescent Health (OAH), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), administers the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPPP), which funds evidence-based (or innovative evidence-informed), medically accurate, and age-appropriate programs to reduce teen pregnancy. OAH provides program support, implementation evaluation, and technical assistance to grantees. In FY 2016, total funding for TPPP was $101 million, with an additional $6.8 million authorized for evaluation purposes, supporting a total of 84 states, cities, non-profit organizations, school districts, universities, community-based organizations, and tribal organizations that were in year two of five TPPP funding tiers’ five-year cooperative agreements in 33 states and territories, including the District of Columbia and the Marshall Islands. OAH provides program support, implementation evaluation, and technical assistance to
grantees and receives an additional $6.8 million in funding for evaluation purposes. There are five TPPP funding tiers:

**Tier 1A:** Capacity building to support replication of evidence-based TPP programs.
**Tier 1B:** Replicating evidence-based TPP programs to scale in communities with the greatest need.
**Tier 2A:** Supporting and enabling early innovation to advance adolescent health and prevent teen pregnancy.
**Tier 2B:** Rigorous evaluation of new or innovative approaches to prevent teen pregnancy.
**Tier 2C:** Effectiveness of TPP programs designed specifically for young males.

- In FY 2016, there were no TPPP grantees in Maine.

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) division of HHS, administers the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP), which includes $75 million for the state-grant program; local entities through the competitively awarded Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS) program; and the Tribal PREP, which funds tribes and tribal organizations. In addition, provisions within the PREP statute enable a competitive application process for community- and faith-based organizations within states and territories that do not directly seek PREP state grants to apply for funding. Details on the state grants, PREIS, Tribal PREP, and CPREP are included below.

**PREP State-Grant Program**

State-grant PREP supports evidence-based programs that provide young people with medically accurate and age-appropriate information for the prevention of unintended pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and other STDs. In FY 2016, 43 states, the District of Columbia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands received PREP state-grant funds. The grant does not require states to provide matching funds. Funded programs must discuss abstinence and contraception and place substantial emphasis on both. Programs must also address at least three of the following adulthood preparation subjects: healthy relationships, positive adolescent development, financial literacy, parent-child communication skills, education and employment skills, and healthy life skills.

- In FY 2016, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention received $250,000 in federal PREP funds.
- The state agency sub-grants the funds to Maine Family Planning ($246,390), which subcontracts to Jobs for Maine’s Graduates ($140,000).

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention administers the PREP state-grant program in collaboration with Maine Family Planning and Jobs for Maine Graduates. Maine Family Planning provides oversight, training, technical assistance, fidelity monitoring, evaluation, and materials to Jobs for Maine Graduates, which implements the programming to juniors and seniors in alternative high school settings throughout counties in Maine. Programming is offered to the following high schools: Belfast, Biddeford, Calais, Carrabec, Deering, Dexter, Gardiner, Hall-Dale, Houlton, Lawrence, Lewiston RTC, Lisbon, Madison, Mt. Ararat, Oak Hill, Oceanside, Penquis, Portland, Richmond, Sanford, Shead, Skowhegan, and Woodland High Schools. The sub-grantees use the *All4You* and *All4You2!* curricula to address the topics of healthy relationships, healthy life skills, and adolescent development.
Personal Responsibility Education Innovative Strategies (PREIS)
PREIS supports research and demonstration programs to develop, replicate, refine, and test innovative models for preventing unintended teen pregnancy.

- In FY 2016, there were no PREIS grantees in Maine.

Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program (Tribal PREP)
Tribal PREP supports the development and implementation of teen pregnancy prevention programs within tribes and tribal communities. Tribal PREP programs target young people ages 10–19 who are in or are aging out of foster care, young people experiencing homelessness, young people living with HIV/AIDS, young people who live in areas with high rates of adolescent births, and young people under age 21 who are pregnant and/or parenting. In FY 2016, eight tribes and tribal organizations from seven states received a total of $3,436,621.

- In FY 2016, there were no Tribal PREP grantees in Maine.

Competitive Personal Responsibility Education Program (CPREP)
CPREP grants support evidence-based programs that provide young people with medically accurate and age-appropriate information for the prevention of unintended pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and other STDs. Only organizations and institutions in states and territories that did not apply for PREP state grants in either of the first two fiscal years after the call for PREP state-grant applications were eligible to submit competitive applications for CPREP grants. In FY 2016, 21 CPREP grants, totaling $10.3 million, were awarded to 21 organizations in Florida, Indiana, North Dakota, Texas, and Virginia, as well as in American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

- In FY 2016, Maine received PREP state-grant funding; therefore, entities in Maine were not eligible for CPREP.

TITLE V STATE ABSTINENCE EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM
The Title V state abstinence education grant program for abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programming, or the Title V AOUM program, is administered by FYSB, within ACF of HHS, and was funded at $75 million in FY 2016. The Title V AOUM program 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. All programs funded by Title V AOUM must exclusively promote abstinence from sexual activity and may provide mentoring, counseling, and adult supervision toward this end. Programs must be medically accurate and age-appropriate and must encourage abstinence as an expected outcome.

- In FY 2016, Maine chose not to apply for Title V AOUM funds.

“SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION” GRANT PROGRAM
Administered by FYSB within ACF of HHS, the “sexual risk avoidance education” (SRAE), i.e., the AOUM grant program, provides competitive funding for programs that “teach young people to voluntarily refrain from non-marital sexual activity and prevent other youth risk behaviors.” These programs are also required by statute to “teach the benefits associated with self-regulation, success sequencing for poverty prevention, healthy relationships, goal setting, and resisting sexual coercion, dating violence, and other youth risk.
behaviors such as underage drinking or illicit drug use without normalizing teen sexual activity.” In FY 2016, $10 million was appropriated for the SRAE grant program and $8.98 million was awarded to 21 grantees in 12 states through a competitive application process.

- In FY 2016, there were no SRAE grantees in Maine.

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