Coalition for Adolescent Sexual Health

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Organizations that support the guidelines for comprehensive sex education

A Zogby survey, conducted in January 2003 for the Coalition for Adolescent Sexual Health, asked parents their level of support for selected comprehensive (also known as "abstinence-first" or abstinence-plus-condoms education) sex education guidelines. Zobgy pollsters read these guidelines verbatim to survey respondents so that the questions would not bias respondents against comprehensive sex education.

The guidelines are widely considered to be the official explanation and description of comprehensive sex education. Comprehensive sex education and the SIECUS guidelines are one and the same. When Planned Parenthood, SIECUS, Advocates for Youth, the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and other like-minded organizations lobby the U.S. Congress, state legislatures and school boards for comprehensive sex education (or "abstinence-first" education), it is precisely these guidelines that they have in mind.

The guidelines were developed under the auspices of the Sexuality and Information Council of the United States (SIECUS). The complete guidelines can be found at http://www.siecus.org/pubs/guidelines/guidelines.pdf. According to the SIECUS web site…

> *SIECUS convened the National Guidelines Task Force in 1990 to develop guidelines as a framework for providing sexuality education.*
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> *The Task Force consisted of 20 professionals in the fields of medicine, education, sexuality, and youth services from such prestigious organizations as the American Medical Association, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the National Education Association, the American Social Health Association, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the National School Boards Association.*

The guidelines are endorsed by the National Coalition to Support Sexuality Education (NCSSE) Members. The NCSSE members include:

- Advocates for Youth
- AIDS Action Council
- AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth and Families
- The Alan Guttmacher Institute
- American Academy of Pediatrics

- American Association for Health Education
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- American Association of School Administrators
- American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists
- American Association of University Women
- American Association on Mental Retardation
- American Civil Liberties Union, Reproductive Freedom Project
- American College Health Association
- American College of Nurses-Midwives
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Sexologists
- American Counseling Association
- American Jewish Congress
- American Library Association
- American Medical Association
- American Medical Student's Association
- American Medical Women's Association
- American Nurses Association
- American Orthopsychiatric Association
- American Psychiatric Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Public Health Association
- American School Health Association
- American Social Health Association
- Association for Sexuality Education and Training
- Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
- Association of State and Territorial Directors of Public Health Education
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- ASTRAEA National Lesbian Action Foundation
- Balm in Gilead
- Blacks Educating Blacks About Sexual Health Issues
- Boston Women's Health Book Collective
- Bridge for Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Sexuality
- Campaign for Access and Reproductive Equity
- Catholics for a Free Choice
- Center for Law and Social Policy
- Center for Policy Alternatives
- Center for Reproductive Health Policy Research
- Center for Reproductive Law and Policy
- Center for Sexuality and Religion
- Center for Women Policy Studies
- Child Welfare League of America
- Children's Defense Fund
- Choice USA
- Coalition on Sexuality and Disability, Inc.
- Education Development Center, Inc.
- Engender Health

- Equal Partners in Faith
- ETR Associates
- Exodus Trust Archives of Erotology
- Federation of Behavioral Psychological and Cognitive Sciences
- Feminist Majority Foundation
- Gay and Lesbian Medical Association
- Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network
- Gender Public Advocacy Coalition
- Girls Incorporated
- Hetrick-Martin Institute
- Human Rights Campaign
- The Institute of Advanced Study of Human Sexuality Alumni Association
- International Center for Research on Women
- Jewish Women International
- The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction
- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.
- The Latina Roundtable on Health & Reproductive Rights
- The Mautner Project
- Midwest School Social Work Council
- Mothers' Voices
- National Abortion Federation
- National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League
- National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
- National Asian Women's Health Organization
- National Assembly on School-Based Health Care
- National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
- National Association of Counties
- National Association of County and City Health Officials
- National Association of People with AIDS
- National Association of School Psychologists
- National Black Women's Health Project
- National Center for Health Education
- National Coalition of Abortion Providers
- National Coalition Against Censorship
- National Coalition of Advocates for Students
- National Coalition of STD Directors
- National Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty
- National Council of La Raza
- National Council of Jewish Women
- National Council of Negro Women
- National Council of State Consultants for School Social Work Services
- National Council on Family Relations
- National Education Association Health Information Network
- National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association
- National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
- National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities
- National Latina Health Organization

- National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Organization (LLEGO)
- National Lesbian and Gay Health Association
- National Medical Association
- National Mental Health Association
- National Minority AIDS Council
- National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
- National Network for Youth
- National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Parenting and Prevention
- National Partnership for Women and Families
- National Resource Center for Youth Services
- National School Boards Association
- National Urban League
- National Women's Health Network
- National Women's Law Center
- National Youth Advocacy Coalition
- Network for Family Life Education
- New York State Department of Health: Bureau of STD Control
- Office of Family Ministries & Human Sexuality, National Council of Churches
- Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
- People for the American Way
- Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health
- Planned Parenthood Federation of America
- Population Communications International
- Population Connection
- Presbyterians Affirming Reproductive Options
- Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
- Religious Institute for Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing
- Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League
- Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
- Shield Institute
- Society for Adolescent Medicine
- Society for Public Health Education
- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
- Unitarian Universalist Association
- United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
- United States Conference of Mayors
- Unites States Student Association
- University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education
- YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities
- The Young Women's Project
- YWCA of the U.S.A.