



COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION IS IN THE SCHOOLS

#1) The federal abstinence-only education program does NOT require school-based education. The law proscribes “education” but doesn’t say where this must take place. Some states have spent all their money on statewide advertising campaigns; some programs are after-school, some deal with homeless or runaway youth at shelters. States decide where the education goes on, and it a myth that all federal abstinence money is school-based education.

#2) According to an audit by the General Accounting Office, in 1997 there were 27 federal HHS programs that dealt with teen pregnancy prevention. Of those 27 programs, only 1½ were abstinence-only until marriage. Many of the programs GAO studied are school-based and/or teach school-aged populations at other times.

In 1997, 3 federal HHS programs were entirely school based and had teen-pregnancy components:

- 1) Health Education in **Schools** (CDC) funded at \$38 million in FY97
- 2) Healthy **Schools**, Healthy Communities (HRSA) funded at \$5.1 million in FY97
- 3) Community **Schools** Program (ACF) funded at \$13 million in FY97

In FY2002, 2 out of 3 are still in existence while #3 above was phased out and folded under a new Department of Education program.

#3) The Federal Title X Family Planning directory lists 38 different school-based programs that receive DIRECT checks from the federal government for contraceptive-based programs. (Other grantees, such as local Planned Parenthood clinics often give school-based sex-ed presentations.)

One such school in Region 3:
Sleighton School
Ryder Clinic
485 Valley Road
Glen Mills, **Pennsylvania** 19063

15 Maryland schools get funds, including:
Charles Carroll of Carlton
Elementary/Middle School
200 North Central Ave.
Baltimore, **Maryland** 21202

http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov/titlex/2001directory/ofp_directory_2001.html

#4) Furthermore, sex-education is being taught in 90% of schools

According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation Study, **9 out of 10 of the nation’s nearly 20 million public secondary schools teach sex education.** And only 34% of those were abstinence-only.

—Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, “Sex Education in America: A Series of National Surveys of Students, Parents, Teachers, and Principals,” September 2000, pg. 3.
<http://www.kff.org/content/2000/3048/SexED.pdf>