

## Sexual Health

Quick Scan of Activities and Resources in Canadian Schools 2007

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## 1 Executive Summary

Comprehensive sexual health education covers a range of topics – from physical development to stereotypes to sexual decision-making – and is supported by a range of partners including teachers, public health nurses, peer educators and others. Unlike sexual education in the US, which focuses primarily on encouraging abstinence, Canadian provinces and territories recognize the value of a comprehensive approach that supports the development of knowledge, skills and awareness and builds each student's capacity to make informed decisions. Made-in-Canada resources also offer the advantage of including key information about Canadian laws and regulations in areas such as age of consent, sexual assault and availability of birth control.

A quick scan of Canadian resources for comprehensive sexual health education shows that, with the exception of Quebec, all provincial and territorial ministries of education have sexual health education guidelines in their curriculums and recommend resources to assist in delivery. There is a wide range of resources available in a variety of media (e.g., print, visual, online) for use with students in grades K – 9. Many have been developed through partnerships, and many public health units have agreements with schools and school boards regarding sexual health education delivery.

Generally, successes in this area include the development of specific Canadian resources and the engagement of a wide range of partners. At the same time, the scan identified gaps in a number of areas. These include a general trend to stop sexual health education in schools around grade 9, even though students in grades 10 – 12 are statistically the most sexually active; a relative absence of materials acknowledging the positive and pleasurable aspects of sexual relationships, as well as the harmful consequences; and a need for more resources tailored to specific populations, including Aboriginal youth, youth with disabilities and youth who are gay, lesbian or bisexual.

## 2 Introduction

This report outlines areas of success in sexual health education, including the increasing development of on-line resources and the development of collaborative partnerships. Many of these resources and programs are the result of partnerships such as public health units collaborating with schools and school boards. Other successful partnerships include collaboration between the ministries of education and ministries of health in regions across Canada, resulting in the publication of health promotion resources. Areas for improvement in sexual health education are also presented in this quick scan, including the extension of sexual health education into senior high school grades and the development of resources that take into account the positive aspects of sexuality in addition to the potentially harmful outcomes. The development of resources for specific populations is another area for improvement.

Comprehensive sexual health education programs can be more effective than single exposure programs due to the development of knowledge, skills and awareness related to sexual health. By developing each student's capacity to make informed decisions, the risk of potentially harmful outcomes is reduced. Identifying the ingredients for success in sexual health education programs is essential to promote the necessary changes that will result in safer behaviour.

## 3 Methodology

Primary and secondary school education is the responsibility of the provinces and territories in Canada and each is responsible for the development and implementation of their school based curriculum. All provincial and territorial ministries of education have sexual health education curriculum outcomes, with the recent exception of Quebec where sexual health education has been deregulated. Because there is no national education policy in Canada, any account of educational practices must deal with provincial and territorial differences. Thus, in order to document the resources available for use by teachers in schools, approved learning resource lists for the disciplines in which sexual health education are located (e.g., health and physical education in Ontario) were consulted for each province and territory.

The resources listed in this document support a comprehensive approach to sexual health education as presented in the Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education:

Sexual health education should be comprehensive in scope and include a range of topics such as developmental changes (puberty), relationships, communication, setting of personal limits, media, stereotypes, prevention of STI/HIV, effective contraception, sexual assault, gender-role expectations and sexual orientation (Health Canada, 2003, p. 20).

In addition, approved and recommended resources were located with specific attention to language (English and French language curriculums) and to specific populations (Aboriginal, gay, lesbian and bisexual youth and youth with disabilities).

Included are those resources that appeared in more than one provincial/territorial approved and recommended resource list. Given the relatively small sample, all French language resources as well as resources developed for Aboriginal youth and gay, lesbian and bisexual youth are included on the list. Resources that were developed for people with disabilities also appear on the list, though these resources were identified by Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH) affiliates since they did not appear in any provincial/territorial approved learning resource lists. Due to the deregulation of sexual health education in Quebec and the fact that the Ministry of Education does not have any recommended or approved resources for the delivery of sexual health education, any resources that were identified as having been developed in the province of Quebec have also been included on the list. A summary of the criteria by which resources were included is on the following page.

It is important to note, however, that there may be considerable gaps between what a department of education mandates and what actually gets done in the classroom, so to describe sexual health education policy is not necessarily to describe sexual health education practice. Indeed, it has been documented that the content and extent of implementation of sexual health education varies considerably between provinces,

Sex education was deregulated in Quebec with the elimination of the Personal and Social Development program, in which sex education was situated. Thus, sex education is no longer the responsibility of one teacher, one professional or one program, but is the responsibility of all members of the school team working in cooperation with each other and with partners in the community, which involves integrating issues across subjects, such as sexually transmitted infection (STI) and pregnancy rates in mathematics or human reproduction in biology, and offering complementary educational services, such as theme weeks, clinical and counseling services and workshops (Duquet, 2003).

school boards and schools (Barrett, 1994; Evans, 1999, p. 10; Maticka-Tyndale et al., 2001, p. 25). The aim of this scan is to identify what resources are authorized, therefore how or if these resources are used, negotiated or resisted is beyond its scope.

## Resources for Comprehensive Sexual Health Education in Canada - Selection Criteria

The criteria for inclusion in this document are:

- Resources that appeared in more than one provincial/territorial approved and recommended resource list;
- French language resources;
- Resources developed for Aboriginal youth;
- Resources developed for youth with disabilities;
- Resources developed for gay, lesbian or bisexual youth;
- Resources developed in the province of Quebec.

## 4 General Findings

#### Successes

A list of Canada specific resources to assist in the delivery of school based sexual health education is provided in this document. The development of Canadian resources is necessary to capture Canadian laws and regulations regarding sexuality and sexual health, such as sexual assault and age of consent laws as well as regulations on birth control dissemination and sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing. It can also be argued that the development of Canadian resources is ideologically and philosophically necessary to support a Canadian approach to sexual health education that is different from the abstinence-only approach in the United States (although many Canadian resources do, in fact, include information on abstinence).

There are several print activity manuals that have been recommended for use by teachers, such as CFSH's Beyond the Basics, CFSH and Aboriginal Nurses Association's Finding Our Way, Stephanie Mitelman's Introduction to Adolescent Sexuality and Teaching Sex Education, Northwest Territories' Skills for Healthy Relationships, Yukon Territory's Choices and Changes, and the Durocher and Martine manual Programme d'éducation sexuelle. In addition, there are two textbook series that have been recommended for use; the Health for Life series by Judith Campbell and the Health Issues series by Jaime Johanson.

Visual media are also frequently recommended for use. Many videos include facilitator manuals for teachers that encourage interactivity. A notable example is the *Always Changing* video and facilitator's manual that assists the educator in imparting information on puberty. There is also a disproportionate number of videos available on HIV/AIDS, perhaps due to concern early in the epidemic about the spread and impact of the virus and the subsequent funding of prevention materials. DVD trivia games are also available to assist with student learning, such as the *Sexpressions DVD Game* series developed by Stephanie Mitelman in Montreal, Quebec.

In addition, there is an increasing reliance on the Internet for information, for example, that which is provided by the Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre and the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada (SIECCAN). On-line lesson plans are also available, for example, the sexualityandu.ca website of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada and the teachingsexualhealth.ca website of Alberta Health and Wellness and the Calgary Health Region. In order to support the new Quebec Education Program, *The Sex Educator*, developed by the Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services, provides information and pedagogical interventions for educators and is only available on-line. Indeed, some resources originally designed for print, such as CFSH's *Beyond the Basics*, are also available on-line. The use of web-based resources is consistent with the current trend among teachers to increasingly look to the Internet for lesson plans (Shannon and McCall, 2002). In fact, a major US study of teacher use of the Internet (Becker, 1999) found that a majority of teachers use the Internet to find lesson planning information.

The identified resources are clearly reflective of the range of people who implement sexual health education in the classroom – teachers, public health nurses, representatives from community-based organizations and others. Notable examples include CFSH (*Beyond* 

the Basics), CFSH and Aboriginal Nurses Association (Finding Our Way), the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada (sexualityandu.ca website), Alberta Health and Wellness and the Calgary Health Region (teachingsexualhealth.ca website).

In fact many resources have been developed through partnerships. For example, many public health units have arrangements with schools and school boards regarding the delivery of sexual health education, with the most formalized arrangement being in Ontario, where each board of health is mandated to assist in school sexual health education curriculum development and implementation (Ministry of Health, 1997, p. 25). There are also partnerships between associations and schools boards, for example, the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA) in partnership with district school boards and health departments from across Ontario developed *The Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum Support: Kindergarten to grade 10* for the public and Catholic school systems.

Possibly one of the most impressive and successful collaborative efforts is the student resource book *Sex? A Healthy Sexuality Resource Book*, which was a collaborative effort between the Department of Education and the Department of Health in Nova Scotia. This resource is intended to be distributed to every grade 7 student in the province. While the majority of school boards have agreed to distribute the book, both of the Cape Breton's English-speaking boards – Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board and the Strait Regional School Board Breton – decided against its distribution. Still, the *Sex?* resource is a significant accomplishment in terms of reach and potential impact.

## **Gaps and Challenges**

This compiled list of resources and programs provides evidence that some sexual health education is intended to begin in the early grades and is to continue until the middle of high school. Broadly speaking, it would appear that sexual health education often begins with sexual abuse prevention where resources are recommended in the K-4 grades, continues with puberty education in grades 4-6 and ends with contraceptive and STI information in early high school. Most sexual health education occurs in the middle grades, particularly during grades 7-9, an observation that has been noted elsewhere (see Maticka-Tyndale *et al.*, 2001, p. 25). However, it is important for sexual health education to be timely and developmentally appropriate. For example, students should not only have the opportunity to discuss and learn about sexual matters in grades K-9 but also in grades 10-12 when they are becoming increasingly sexually active. According to Boyce *et al.*, by grade 11, 40% of males and 46% of females have had sexual intercourse at least once, in contrast to 23% of boys and 19% of girls in grade 9 (2003, p. 75-76). Ideally, sexual health education should commence in the early grades and continue until the end of high school.

According to the *Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education* effective sexual health education should also encourage young people to consider both the pleasurable and harmful consequences of sexual activity. Specifically, the *Guidelines* promote a sexual health education that helps people achieve positive outcomes, such as self-esteem, respect for self and others and rewarding sexual relationships, and avoid negative outcomes, such as unintended pregnancy, HIV/STIs and sexual coercion (Health Canada, 2003, p. 1). However, the list illustrates a potential emphasis on the harmful consequences of sex since the resources identified on the list tend to emphasize an approach centred on unintended pregnancy, STI and sexual abuse prevention. This may be partially due to an increased reliance

on evidence-based approaches to sexual health education that require consideration of adolescent behaviour that is measurable. For example, teen pregnancy and STI rates are often used as indicators of the effectiveness of sexual health promotion/prevention programs (Maticka-Tyndale *et al.*, 2000, p. 41). An emphasis on the negative outcomes of adolescent sex and overall absence of the positive outcomes may also be due in part to a general discomfort around adolescent sexual pleasure (for an analysis of the missing discourse of desire in the Ontario curriculum, see Connell, 2005).

Lastly, the list illustrates gaps in information for specific populations. There is a lack of on-line resources for sex educators who deliver programs to Aboriginal youth or to youth with disabilities. Additionally, there are few resources that have been developed in the French language, although some documents that have been developed in English have been translated into French, such as the Yukon Government's *Choices and Changes*, CFSH's *Beyond the Basics* and the Healthy Sexuality Working Group's *Sex? A Healthy Sexuality Resource Book*. Most French language videos focus on HIV/AIDS to the exclusion of other sexual health issues. Most resources developed for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth address homophobia and heterosexism – an important endeavour – but few deal with sexual identity formation or provide targeted information to this population with regard to sexual relationships, sexual decision-making and other sexuality issues.

## 5 Conclusion

All provincial and territorial ministries of education, with the exception of Quebec, include sexual health education curriculum guidelines and by extension, recommend resources to assist in the delivery of such education. Clearly, schools are recognized as pivotal organizations in providing sexual health education (Health Canada, 2003, p. 17).

While this report outlines several successes – specifically, the development of Canada-specific resources and the increasing development of on-line resources, particularly by way of collaborative partnerships – it also outlines some possible areas for improvement. These include the extension of sexual health education into senior high school grades, the development of resources that take into account the positive aspects of sexuality in addition to the potentially harmful outcomes and the development of resources for specific populations.

## 6 Definitions

#### The Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education

The Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education provide a framework for developing and evaluating sexual health education programs, policies and services. The Guidelines were originally produced in 1994 and were revised in 2003.

## **Comprehensive Sexual Health Education**

Comprehensive sexual health education is a broad based activity offered by teachers, public health nurses, peer educators and others and aims to impart knowledge, motivational supports and skill building opportunities. It includes a range of topics such as developmental changes (puberty), relationships, communication, setting of personal limits, media, stereotypes, prevention of STI/HIV, effective contraception, sexual assault, gender-role expectations and sexual orientation.

#### HIV

HIV is the abbreviation for Human Immunodeficiency Virus; the virus that causes AIDS. HIV is acquired through unprotected sex, sharing needles and mother-to-child transmission.

#### Sexual Health

Sexual health is a state of physical, emotional mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO). Sexual health can also be understood as socially constructed due to its normative dimensions (see Health Canada 2003, p. 6-7).

#### STI

STI is the abbreviation for Sexually Transmitted Infection. It refers to the range of infections acquired through oral, vaginal or anal sex. STIs are sometimes referred to as sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

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# Comprehensive Approaches Resources

Title: Beyond the Basics: A Sourcebook on Sexual and Reproductive Health

Education. 2nd Edition

Au delà de l'essentiel: Guide-ressources sur l'éducation en matière de

santé sexuelle et reproductive. deuxième édition

Organization: Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH) / Fédération canadienne

pour la santé sexuelle, author and publisher (2006)

Website: English: http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/sourcebook2006contentwithform.pdf

French: http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/frenchsourcebook2006contentswithform.pdf

Description: This resource binder covers a variety of topics related to sexual

and reproductive health including values and sexuality, puberty and reproductive health, self-esteem, sexual identity, relationships,

communication, decision making, contraception, STIs and HIV.

Language: English and French

Title: The Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and

Dance (CAHPERD)

Organization: The Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation

and Dance (CAHPERD)

Website: <a href="http://www.cahperd.ca/">http://www.cahperd.ca/</a>

Description: Includes information and resources on health education.

Language: English and French

Title: C'est pas à soir qu'on va se noyer
Organization: Vidéoscopique de Montréal (1994)

Description: Video Language: French

Title: Introduction to Adolescent Sexuality and Teaching Sex Education

Introductions à la sexualité adolescente & à l'enseignement de la

sexualité

Organization: Stephanie Mitelman, author. Published by Sexpressions, Montreal,

Website: <a href="http://www.sexpressions.ca">http://www.sexpressions.ca</a>

Description: This manual includes information and activities on puberty, anatomy,

reproduction, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, condom use, healthy relationships, respecting diversity, sexuality and disability

and First Nations communities.

Language: English and French

Title: Lifechoices Relationships

Des choix... pour la vie! Vivre en société, les relations interpersonelles

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in English by Pearson Education

Canada, and in French by Les Éditions de la Chenelière

Description: This colourful magazine-style book explores issues and concerns about

relationships, and discusses how to deal with conflict and sexuality.

Teacher's guide is available.

Language: English and French

Organization: Media Awareness Network / Réseau Éducation-Médias

Website: <a href="http://www.media-awareness.ca/">http://www.media-awareness.ca/</a>

Description: Includes resources and tools on media and information literacy for

young people.

Language: English and French

Title: Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum Support: Kindergarten

to grade 10

Organization: The Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (OPHEA),

author and publisher (2000)

Description: This resource package, developed in partnership with a number of

Ontario school boards, provides teachers (both in the Catholic and public school systems) with activities on healthy growth and sexuality(grades

K - 10).

Language: English

Title: Sex? A Healthy Sexuality Resource. 2nd Edition

Le Sexe?: pour une sexualité saine. Deuxième édition

Organization: Healthy Sexuality Working Group / Groupe de travail pour une sexualité

saine

Nova Scotia Office of Health Promotion/Ministère de la Promotion et de

la Protection de la santé, Nouvelle Écosse (2006)

Website: English: http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/publichealth/content/pubs/11032

sexbook dec06 en.pdf

French: http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/publichealth/content/pubs/11038

SEXBook Dec06 Fr.pdf

Description: This resource book includes information on relationships, decision-

making, sexual assault, sexually transmitted infections and preventing pregnancy. It is intended to be distributed to all grade 7 students in the

province of Nova Scotia. Available on-line and in print.

Language: English and French

Title: The Sex Educator

Ça sexprime

Organization: Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, Université du Québec à

Montréal and Tel-Jeunes

Website: English: <a href="http://www.msss.gouv.gc.ca/sujets/prob-sante/itss/index.">http://www.msss.gouv.gc.ca/sujets/prob-sante/itss/index.</a>

php?id=74,224,0,0,1,0

French: http://www.msss.gouv.gc.ca/sujets/prob\_sante/itss/index.

php?id=56,114,0,0,1,0

Description: The Sex Educator is designed for educators who are offering sex

education activities for young people of secondary school age. It

provides pertinent information and activity suggestions.

Language: English and French

Title: Sexpressions Classroom Activity Kits

Trousses d'Activité Scolaire pour Enseignants

Organization: Stephanie Mitelman, author. Published by Sexpressions, Montreal

Website: http://www.sexpressions.ca

Description: The kits include lesson plans complete with instructions and playing

pieces on the following topics: HIV, condom use, reproduction, sexual values, love and relationships. Can be modified for students with special

needs (grades 7 - 10).

Language: English and French

Title: Sexpressions DVD Games

*Jeu-questionnaire sur DVD* 

Organization: Stephanie Mitelman, author. Published by Sexpressions, Montreal

Website: http://www.sexpressions.ca

Description: These DVD games offer accurate sexual health information. The six

DVDs cover the following topics: Boy Bodies, Girl Bodies, Safer Sex, The Doctor Says, Making Babies and Relationships by using multiple choice questions, true and false, fill in the blanks and general answers

(grades 7 - 11).

Language: English and French

Title: Sexual Health Promotion/Education. Promotion/Education de la santé

en matière de sexualité.

Organization: Health Canada / Santé Canada

Website: English: <a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/publications">http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/publications</a>

e.html#education

French: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/publications

f.html#education

Description: Includes lesson plans.
Language: English and French

Title: Student WebQuests: Online, Interactive, Student Research Projects

Organization: Canadian Association for School Health

Website: <a href="http://www.safehealthyschools.org/webguests/welcome.htm">http://www.safehealthyschools.org/webguests/welcome.htm</a>

Description: This site is for teachers who want to use the Internet for health education

through carefully designed student research projects (Webguests) that

include virtual and real activities.

Language: English

Title: Teaching Sexual Health

Organization: Alberta Health and Wellness

Website: <a href="http://www.teachingsexualhealth.ca">http://www.teachingsexualhealth.ca</a>

Description: Provides educators, students, parents and health professionals with

information for teaching sexual health.

Language: English

## **Programs**

Title: Choices and Changes

Organization: Yukon Government (Lisa Evans, Jeff Wackett, Joan Turner).

Description: A sexual health education program for grades 4 – 7 that explores healthy

relationships, puberty, sexuality and the media, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, abuse, gender roles, personal space and sexuality. Originally published in 2001, revised in 2004, to be revised in 2007.

Language: English

Title: Health for Life 1

Objectif Santé 1

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in English by Pearson Education

Canada, Toronto, 2004, and in French by Chenelière Éducation

Description: Consists of a student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The

student text includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness

choices, relationship choices and looking forward.

Language: English and French

Title: Health for Life 2

Objectif Santé 2

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in English by Pearson Education

Canada, Toronto (2004), and in French by Chenelière Éducation

Description: Consists of a student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The

student text includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness choices, relationship choices and looking forward, including sexual abuse, contraceptives, sexual relationships and sexually transmitted diseases

Language: English and French

Title: Health Issues 7, Health Issues 8, Health Issues 9

Organization: Jaime Johanson, author. Published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson (2003)

Description: The Health Issues series is a literature based approach for the teaching of

health and life skills – organized in three sections, wellness, relationships

and life learning.

## **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

#### Resources

Title: Silence on s'ex--prime. Volet 2. L'abus sexuel. Les MTS

Organization: CECOM, Hôpital Rivière-des-Prairies, Productions Kaboum (1997)

Description: Video Language: French

#### **Programs**

Title: Kids in the Know
Organization: Child Find Manitoba

Website: <a href="http://www.kidsintheknow.ca">http://www.kidsintheknow.ca</a>

Description: This multi-grade sequential safety program, covering kindergarten to

grade 10, is designed to reduce child victimization by teaching effective

personal safety strategies.

Language: English and French

## **Puberty Education**

#### Resources

Title: Always Changing

Organization: Procter and Gamble Inc. with the endorsement of Ophea and the

Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and

Dance (CAHPERD) (2006)

Website: http://www.ophea.net/Ophea/Ophea.net/alwayschanging.cfm

Description: This free resource is designed to teach pre-teens about the transition

between childhood and adolescence, and the beginning stages of puberty. It comes with instructor's guide, DVD and student workbook

(grades 5 - 6).

Language: English and French

## **STI and Contraception Education**

#### Resources

Organization: Canadian AIDS Society (CAS)

Website: URL: <a href="http://www.cdnaids.ca">http://www.cdnaids.ca</a>

Description: Includes information on HIV/AIDS and contact information for members

across Canada.

Language: English and French

Organization: Canadian Health Network (Public Health Agency of Canada)

Website: <a href="http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/">http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/</a>

Description: Includes credible and Canadian information and resources on health

and sexuality.

Language: English and French

Organization: Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre

Centre canadien d'information sur le VIH/sida

Website: <a href="http://www.aidssida.cpha.ca">http://www.aidssida.cpha.ca</a>

Description: Includes information and ordering information for resources dealing

with HIV/AIDS.

Language: English and French

Title: Compétences pour des relations saines

Organization: Lambert Multimédia, 1993

Description: A video designed for teenagers on sexuality, sexually transmitted

diseases and HIV/AIDS.

Language: French

Title: En VIH de savoir? : outils d'intervention auprès les jeunes

Organization: Mouvement d'Aide et d'Information Sida Bas-Saint-Laurent (2006)

Description: Video on HIV.

Language: French

Title: Faites vos jeux!

Organization: Action Intervention Jeunesse, Action Sida Laval

Description: This kit for adolescents features five games on HIV/AIDS prevention.

Language: French

Title: Je t'ai à l'oeil! : MTS-SIDA

Organization: Mouvement Jean-Boudreau pour la prévention du sida Centre de santé

publique de Québec (1998)

Description: Video Language: French

Title: Sexuality and U / masexualite.ca

Organization: The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada / la Société

des obstétriciens et gynécologues du Canada

Website: English: <a href="http://www.sexualityandu.ca/">http://www.sexualityandu.ca/</a>

French: www.masexualite.ca

Description: Provides teachers with information and lesson plans on human

sexuality.

Language: English and French

Title: Thinking positive: A film about youth and HIV/AIDS

Organization: National Film Board of Canada(1993)

Description: This is a video documentary about living with AIDS in a small community.

It takes place in Newfoundland and tells the story of Trudy Parson, a

young woman who became infected with HIV at 20 years old.

Language: English

Title: Vous sentez-vous concernes?

Organization: Action Intervention Jeunesse, Montreal (1992)

Description: Video featuring interviews with people living with HIV and AIDS and

adolescents who share their views on condoms and sexuality.

Language: French

## **Aboriginal Youth**

#### Resources

Title: Chako: Coming of Age

Organization: Chee Mamuk, author. Published by BC Centre for Disease Control,

Vancouver (2002)

Description: This film follows six Aboriginal youths as they participate in a traditional

coming-of-age ceremony. Speakers and counsellors discuss traditional teachings around balanced living and respect, and risk factors such as drug use, alcoholism, HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and

hepatitis.

Language: English

Title: Finding Our Way: A Sexual and Reproductive Sourcebook for Aboriginal

Communities

Organization: Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada and Canadian Federation for

Sexual Health, author and publisher (2002)

Description: This resource addresses a variety of topics on the sexual health of

youth and adults. Information about world views, colonization and loss of identity provides an underlying framework for approaching many sexual health topics. Sexual diversity is discussed and suggestions are

given for promoting respect for two-spirited people.

Language: English

Title: Introduction to Adolescent Sexuality and Teaching Sex Education

Introductions à la sexualité adolescente & à l'enseignement de la

sexualité

Organization: Stephanie Mitelman, author. Published by Sexpressions, Montreal

Website: <a href="http://www.sexpressions.ca">http://www.sexpressions.ca</a>

Description: This manual includes information and activities on puberty, anatomy,

reproduction, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, condom use, healthy relationships, respecting diversity, sexuality and disability

and First Nations communities.

Language: English and French
Title: The Long Walk

Organization: National Film Board (1988)

Description: This video documents the life of Ken Ward, the first Native Canadian to

go public with his HIV diagnosis.

Language: English

Title: Youth strengthening the circle: The choice is yours

Organization: Chee Mamuk, author. Published by BC Centre for Disease Control,

Vancouver (2003)

Description: This DVD was produced and created by six youths, two Elders and five

front-line workers who worked on the Youth Strengthening the Circle project, a harm reduction project that focused on the prevention of HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Aboriginal youth. This film was designed as a tool to generate discussions on the risks of

peer pressure, alcohol, teen pregnancy, HIV, STIs and hepatitis.

Language: English

## **Programs**

Title: NWT Skills for Healthy Relationships: A program about sexuality, AIDS

and other STDs

Organization: Northwest Territories Department of Education, Culture and

Employment, author and publisher (1998)

Description: Program includes healthy relationships, sexuality, AIDS and other STDs.

Language: English

## Youth with Disabilities

#### Resources

Title: After You Tell

Organization: Susan Ludwig, author. Published by Sex Information and Education

Council of Canada (1995)

Description: This booklet uses clear text and engaging illustrations to guide readers

through the experiences that may occur after someone discloses that they have been sexually abused. While useful for a wide audience, the booklet will be particularly helpful for people with developmental disability, problems with literacy, learning or communication or anyone

who uses Blissymbols.

Language: English and French

Title: Being Sexual: An Illustrated Series on Sexuality and Relationships. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Edition

Organization: Dave Hingsburger and Susan Ludwig, authors. Published by Sex

Information and Education Council of Canada (2006)

Description: This 17 booklet series aims to meet the educational needs of people

with developmental disabilities or problems with language, learning

and communication.

Language: English

Title: Easy For You To Say: Q & As For Teens Living With Chronic Illness or

Disability

Organization: Miriam Kaufman, M.D, author. Published by Firefly Books (1995)

Description: This book provides information on sexuality, family relationships,

friends and dating.

Language: English

Title: Introduction to Sexuality Education for Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind

and Significantly Developmentally Delayed

Organization: Kate Moss and Robbie Blaha, authors. Published by DB-Link Publishers

(2001)

Website: <a href="http://www.tr.wou.edu/dblink/pdf/sex-ed.pdf">http://www.tr.wou.edu/dblink/pdf/sex-ed.pdf</a>

Description: Available in printed or pdf format.

Language: English

Title: Sexuality, Relationships and Me

Organization: Canadian Down's Syndrome Society, author and publisher (1999)

Description: Eight booklets for young adults on such topics as body changes,

masturbation and privacy, pregnancy, STIs, intimacy and sexual

hurting.

Language: English

Title: STARS 2 for Children: A Guidebook for Teaching Positive Sexuality and

Preventing Sexual Abuse for People with Developmental Disabilities

Organization: Susan Heighway and Susan Kidd Webster, authors. Published by Future

Horizons (1993)

Description: A guidebook for teaching positive sexuality and the prevention of sexual

abuse for children with developmental disabilities.

Language: English

## **Programs**

Title: Circles: Intimacy and Relationships

Organization: Published by James Stanfield Company (1993)

Description: This program includes teaching photos, videos, a coloured circles

floor mat and laminated icons, and a guide for education about social

distance, relationships and levels of intimacy.

Title: Life Horizons I The Physiological and Emotional Aspects of Being Male &

Female;

Life Horizons II The Moral, Social and Legal Aspects of Sexuality

Organization: Winifred Kempton, M.S.W, author. Published by James Stanfield

Publishing Co. (1999)

Description: These two curricula are for people with mild to moderate developmental

disabilities.

Language: English

Title: Sexuality: A Curriculum for Individuals Who Have Difficulty With

Traditional Learning Methods

Organization: Susan Ludwig, author. Published by Regional Municipality of York

Public Health (1989)

Description: Curriculum for individuals who have difficulty with traditional learning

methods.

Language: English

Title: Talking Sex! Practical Approaches and Strategies for Working with People

Who Have Developmental Disabilities When The Topic is Sex

Organization: Thompkins County Planned Parenthood, author (1999)

Description: This curriculum consists of information, activities and overheads that

provide strategies toward making sexuality education more accessible

to people with developmental disabilities.

Language: English

## Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth

#### Resources

Title: Apercevoir l'arc-en-ciel : Les enseignants parlent de la bisexualité,

l'homosexualité, le transgendérise et la bispiritualité.

Organization: Fédération canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants, author

Description: Resource materials for discussing sexual diversity.

Language: French

Title: Apples and Oranges

Organization: National Film Board of Canada (2003)

Description: The video takes place in an elementary level classroom with students

engaged in an exercise about bullying, stereotypes and the harmful

effect of words. Comes with teacher's guide (grades 4-7).

Title: Beyond the Basics: A Sourcebook on Sexual and Reproductive Health

Education. 2nd Edition

Au delà de l'essentiel : Guide-ressources sur l'éducation en matière de

santé sexuelle et reproductive. Deuxième édition

Organization: Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH) / Fédération canadienne

pour la santé sexuelle

Website: English: http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/sourcebook2006contentwithform.pdf

French: <a href="http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/">http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/</a>

frenchsourcebook2006contentswithform.pdf

Description: This resource binder covers a variety of topics related to sexual and

reproductive health including sexual orientation and diversity.

Language: English and French

Organization: The Centre

Website: http://www.lgtbcentrevancouver.com/

Description: Develops resource materials and provides education and outreach

services.

Language: English

Title: Finding Our Way: A sexual and reproductive sourcebook for Aboriginal

Communities

Organization: Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada and Canadian Federation for

Sexual Health, author and publisher (2002)

Description: This resource addresses a variety of topics on the sexual health of youth

and adults. Information about world views, colonization and loss of identity provide an underlying framework for approaching many sexual

health topics. Includes units on sexual orientation and diversity.

Language: English

Organization: Gay and Lesbian Educators of BC

Website: <a href="http://www.galebc.org">http://www.galebc.org</a>

Description: Provides resources and workshops on homophobia.

Language: English

Organization: Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educator's Network

Website: <a href="http://www.glsen.org">http://www.glsen.org</a>

Description: Provides resource material on homophobia.

Language: English

Title: Heather Has Two Mommies

Organization: Leslea Newman, author. Published by Alyson Books (2000)

Description: A print resource telling the story of a young girl, Heather, who learns

that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important

thing is that all the people love each other.

Organization: Helping Out (Manitoba)
Website: <a href="http://www.helpingout.ca/">http://www.helpingout.ca/</a>

Description: Provides information and resources on homophobia for educators and

students.

Language: English

Title: Homophobia Hurts: A Teacher's Resource Guide for Dealing with Lesbian,

Gay and Bisexual Issues in the Classroom

Organization: Leighann Wichman, author. Published by Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual

Youth Project, Halifax, NS (2005)

Description: Printed teacher resource guide.

Language: English

Title: In Other Words

Organization: National Film Board of Canada (2001)

Description: This video explores issues of homophobic name calling.

Language: English

Title: Introduction to Adolescent Sexuality and Teaching Sex Education

Introductions à la sexualité adolescente & à l'enseignement de la sexualité

Organization: Stephanie Mitelman, author. Published by Sexpressions, Montreal,

Website: <a href="http://www.sexpressions.ca">http://www.sexpressions.ca</a>

Description: This manual includes units on sexual orientation and diversity as well as

many other topics.

Language: English and French

Organization: Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project (Nova Scotia)

Website: http://www.youthproject.ns.ca/

Description: Provides information and educational services on GLB youth and

homophobia.

Language: English

Title: Mom and Mum Are Getting Married!

Organization: Ken Setterington, author. Published by Second Story Press (2004)

Description: A print resource telling the story of a young girl, Rosie, who describes

the excitement of planning and taking part in the wedding between her

two moms.

Language: English

Title: One of Them

Organization: National Film Board (2000)

Description: This high school drama examines homophobia and discrimination

through the eyes of a group of students.

Title: Out: Stories of Lesbian and Gay Youth

Organization: National Film Board (1993)

Description: This video explores the experiences of lesbian and gay youth in

Canada.

Language: English

Organization: Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Canada)

Website: <a href="http://www.pflag.ca">http://www.pflag.ca</a>

Description: Provides resource information on sexual identity and gender identity.

Language: English and French

Title: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Alberta)

Organization: The Alberta Teachers' Association

Website: www.teachers.ab.ca/Issues+In+Education/Diversity+and+Human+Rig

hts/Sexual+Orientation

Description: Provides a range of resources for educators on sexual identity and

gender identity.

Language: English

Title: Tackling Gay Issues in School: A Resource Module

Organization: Leif Mitchell, editor. Published by Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education

Network (GLSEN) (1999)

Description: This resource for educators, administrators, counselors, trainers and

others working to create safe and inclusive school environments includes a rationale for including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues in schools, recommended curriculum and staff development activities,

resource lists and more.

Language: English

Title: Trevor

Organization: Water Bearer Films (1994)

Description: This film is about a boy named Trevor who has a crush on another boy

and must deal with homophobia from those around him.

Language: English

## **Reference Resources**

Organization: Sex Information and Education Council of Canada (SIECCAN)

Website: http://www.sieccan.org/

Description: Includes research on sexual health education, including a link to the

Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality.

## 9 Appendix B: Approved Learning Resources by Jurisdiction 2

## **British Columbia**

## **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Health for Life 1

Organization: Pearson Education Canada (2004)

Description: Student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The student text

includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness choices,

relationship choices and looking forward.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

Title: Health for Life 2

Organization: Pearson Education Canada (2005)

Description: Student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The student text

includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness choices, relationship choices and looking forward, including sexual abuse, contraceptives, sexual relationships and sexually transmitted diseases.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: Sexual Health Promotion/Education

Promotion/Éducation de la santé en matière de sexualité (Santé Canada)

Organization: Public Health Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé pubique du Canada

Website: English: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/publications\_

e.html#education

French: <a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/publications">http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/publications</a>

f.html#education

Description: Resources, also lesson plans for grades 8 – 13.

Grade(s): Grades 8 - 13

Language: English and French

## **Puberty Education**

Title: Always Changing

Organization: Proctor and Gamble, Inc. (2005)

2 This list does not include discontinued or out-of-print resources.

Description: A video about the physical, emotional and social changes associated

with puberty. Includes discussion guide.

Grade(s): 5

Language: English

Title: Être bien dans sa peau

Organization: C.A.R.E. Productions Association of BC

Description:

Grade(s): 4-6 Language: French

Title: The New Me: About boys

The New Me: About girls

Organization: Sunburst Visual Media (2004)

Description: Videos on puberty with teacher discussion guide, activities and

reproducible handouts.

Grade(s): 4

Language: English

Title: What Kids Want to Know about Sex and Growing Up

Organization: BC Learning Connection Inc. (1997)

Description: Fifty-five minute video dealing with puberty, sex and sexual reproduction.

Includes teacher's guide.

Grade(s): 6

Language: English

#### **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Title: Dealing with Teen Dating Abuse: Matters of Choice

Organization: McIntyre Media Ltd. (2004)
Description: Video with teacher's guide.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Kids in the Know
Organization: Child Find Manitoba

Description: This multi-grade sequential safety program is designed to reduce child

victimization by teaching effective personal safety strategies.

Grade(s): K – 7 Language: English Title: Let's Talk About Touching – A Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program

for Young Children. Second Edition

Organization: Early Childhood Educators of BC (2001)

Description: A child sexual abuse prevention program.

Grade(s): K-1Language: English

Title: Talking About Touching – Grade 1 to 3. Third Edition

Organization: Committee for Children (2001)

Description: Lesson cards, teacher's guide and video about personal safety and

disclosure issues.

Grade(s): 1-3Language: English

## **Sexual Diversity**

Organization: Gay and Lesbian Educators BC (GALEBC)

Website: <a href="http://www.galebc.org/main.htm">http://www.galebc.org/main.htm</a>

Description: Resources and workshop for educators addressing sexual diversity on

homophobia.

Grade(s): K – 12 Language: English

## **STI and Contraception Education**

Title: AIDS Update: The Latest Facts about HIV and AIDS

Organization: McIntyre Media Ltd. (2004)
Description: Video and teacher's guide.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Canadian HIV/AIDS Information Centre

Centre canadien d'information sur le VIH/sida

Organization: Canadian Public Health Association

Website: <a href="http://www.aidssida.cpha.ca">http://www.aidssida.cpha.ca</a>

Description: Up-to-date resources and information about HIV/AIDS.

Grade(s): Reference

Language: English and French

Organization: GALEBC (Gay and Lesbian Educators BC)

Website: http://www.galebc.org/main.htm

Description:

Grade(s): Reference Language: English

Title: Je me renseigne sur le SIDA

Organization: Centre canadien d'information sur le VIH/sida, un program de

l'Association canadienne de santé publique

Website: <a href="http://www.aidssida.cpha.ca">http://www.aidssida.cpha.ca</a>

Description: A colourful booklet with games and puzzles to teach children in grades

5 and 6 the basic facts about AIDS. Teachers guide is available. Also

available in English.

Grade(s): 4-6 Language: French

Title: Pacific AIDS Resource Centre Library

Organization: AIDS Vancouver

Website: <a href="http://www.aidsvancouver.org/parclibrary">http://www.aidsvancouver.org/parclibrary</a>

Description: One of the largest HIV/AIDS libraries and resource centres in North

America.

Grade(s): Reference Language: English

Title: Viens t'asseoir avec moi

Organization: Margaret Merrifield, M.D., author

Description: AIDS prevention book, also available in English.

Grade(s): 2-3 Language: French

#### Other Resources

Title: Canadian Health Network

Réseau canadien de la santé

Organization: Public Health Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé pubique du Canada

Website: <a href="http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/">http://www.canadian-health-network.ca/</a>

Description: Up-to-date, accurate health information, including sexual health.

Grade(s): Reference

Language: English and French

Title: Communities and Schools Promoting Health

Website: http://www.safehealthyschools.org/

Description: A gateway to information on comprehensive school health (CSH) and

health promoting schools (HPS).

Language: English and French

Organization: Directorate of Agencies for School Health (DASH)

Website: http://www.dashbc.org/

Description: Website supporting DASHs mission to inspire school communities to

adopt a health-promoting framework that encourages lifelong learning,

health and well-being.

Language: English

Organization: Health Canada

Santé Canada

Website: <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english</a>

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/index f.html

Description: Up-to-date, accurate health information, including sexual health.

Language: English and French

## **Alberta**

## **Body Image and Self-Esteem**

Title: Becoming Barbie

Organization: Moving Images Distribution (1993)

Description: A thought-provoking video that explores the powerful role of the

media in promoting unrealistic and unattainable standards of physical

attractiveness in females.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

Title: Body Image
Organization: Filmwest

Description: This 24 minute program deals with the struggle many teens have to

look, act and feel cool.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: English

Title: Liking the Me I See in the Mirror: An Educational Resource Manual for

Teachers on Body Image and Self-esteem

Organization: Alberta Mental Health Board, Eating Disorder Promotion and Prevention

Specialist (2001)

Description: This resource focuses on body image education. The interactive student

activities and handouts attempt to help individual students improve their body image in order to prevent the development of an eating disorder.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

## **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Health Issues 7: Teacher's Resource

Organization: McGraw-Hill Ryerson (2003)

Description: The Health Issues series is a literature-based approach for the teaching of

health and life skills – organized in three sections wellness, relationships

and life learning.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

Title: Health Issues 8: Teacher's Resource

Organization: McGraw-Hill Ryerson (2003)

Description: The *Health Issues* series is a literature-based approach for the teaching of

health and life skills – organized in three sections, wellness, relationships

and life learning.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: Health Issues 9: Teacher's Resource

Organization: McGraw-Hill Ryerson (2003)

Description: The Health Issues series is a literature-based approach for teaching

health and life skills. The student text, *Health Issues 9*, contains a literary selection of short stories, nonfiction, essays, poems and an article –

grouped by wellness, relationships and life learning.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Straight Talk about Sexual Health: Choices and Consequences

Organization: Marsh Media (2001)

Description: This 2 video package discusses image, identity and sexual health. Topics

include resisting peer and commercial pressures, healthy relationships, hormonal changes during puberty, values and decision making,

pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and abstinence.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: English

Title: Teach & Talk: The Subject Is Sex

Organization: ETR Associates (2001)

Description: This teaching resource offers practical, engaging and enjoyable ways

to develop a classroom environment conducive to teaching sexuality

education.

Grade(s): 4-6Language: English Title: Teen Sex: Reality Strikes Back
Organization: Winfield House Publishing (2002)

Description: This resource explores a variety of myths regarding teen sex and

presents medical information on sexually transmitted diseases and adolescent sexuality, examines different lifestyle options and emphasizes

responsible decision making.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

Title: We're Growing Up!
Organization: Marsh Media (1996)

Description: This informative 12 minute video, hosted by a teen male and female,

identifies the male and female reproductive systems, physical and emotional changes in puberty, and health and hygiene habits. It includes a teaching guide with a written script, vocabulary list, discussion

questions and classroom activities.

Grade(s): 4 – 6 Language: English

## **Puberty Education**

Title: Growing Up! For Girls and Growing Up! For Boys

Organization: Marsh Media (1995)

Description: These informative 15 minute videos outline changes experienced

during puberty, the parts and functions of the reproductive system, the emotional issues associated with puberty, and overall health and hygiene. The video includes a teaching guide with a written script,

vocabulary list, discussion questions and classroom activities.

Grade(s): 4 – 6 Language: English

Title: Healthy & Well: Teacher Resource

Organization: Pearson Canada (1996)

Description: This user-friendly teacher resource provides background information

and numerous related teaching and learning activities to accompany *Healthy & Well (Student Resource) LifeChoices.* A glossary of terms is

also included in the guide.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

Title: Just Around the Corner: For Girls and Just Around the Corner: For

Boys

Organization: Marsh Media (2000)

Description: These 15 minute videos explain the physical and emotional changes

that occur at puberty.

Grade(s): 4-6Language: English

Title: Puberty for Boys: Amazing Changes Inside & Out

Organization: AGC/United Learning

Description: This 21 minute close-captioned video presents information and

addresses issues pertinent to male adolescent development. The video is accompanied by a teacher guide, pre- and post-viewing activities,

handouts, script and assessment activities.

Grade(s): 7 – 8 Language: English

## Relationships

Title: Choices for Positive Youth Relationships Instructional Guide (includes

the video "A Love That Kills")

Organization: Speers Society / National Film Board of Canada (2002)

Description: Includes a 20 minute National Film Board video and a facilitator guide.

The video, entitled "A Love That Kills," depicts the true story of a 19-year-old girl who is murdered by her former boyfriend. Includes facilitator

guide.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

Title: The Dark Side of Dating

Organization: Visual Education Centre (2002)

Description: A series of three videos for the grades 8 to 12 audience on the topics

of stress, depression and dating. Each 20 minute video delves into the topic through teen interviews and discussions. Positive, helpful sources of support are recommended. This US produced series is very

transferable to a Canadian teen audience.

Grade(s): 8 – 9 Language: English

Title: Date Rape Drugs: An Alert Organization: KineticVideoCom (1999)

Description: This video is an informative look at date rape drugs, their street names,

appearance and effects. Useful strategies for self-protection are

presented.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Title: The Dating Bill of Rights

Organization: Films for the Humanities and Sciences (2001)

Description: This 26 minute video is useful as an introduction to dating relationships.

Skits, dialogue and quizzes engage the audience and present sensitive

material in an involving format.

Grade(s): 8 – 9 Language: English

Title: Helping Children Learn about Healthy Relationships: A Teacher's Guide

to Addressing Children's Concerns

Organization: Calgary YWCA Family Violence Prevention Centre (2002)

Description: This video kit includes outcomes for each lesson along with worksheets

and student activities. The kit uses a short video comprised of child testimonies. The topics covered include abuse, healthy and unhealthy relationships, feelings and emotions, understanding anger and keeping

safe.

Grade(s): 4 – 5 Language: English

Title: Kids Having Kids

Organization: Filmwest

Description: This 24 minute program gives a realistic portrayal of teen parenthood.

Through drama and interviews with teenage moms and dads, some of the joys and sacrifices of having a baby as a teen parent are discussed.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Relationships: Teacher Resource

Organization: Pearson Canada (1996)

Description: This user-friendly teacher resource provides background information

and numerous related teaching and learning activities to accompany *Relationships (Student Resource) LifeChoices.* A glossary of terms is also

included in the guide.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

Title: Student Workshop: Building Healthy Relationships

Organization: Sunburst Communications, Inc. (2002)

Description: This 24 minute video consists of three parts: Looking at Relationships,

Standing Up for Yourself and Working It Out. Each part provides strategies to recognize and develop healthy relationships. The teacher's guide consists of a script, blackline masters and several classroom

activities to support each part of the program.

Grade(s): 3 – 5 Language: English

#### **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Title: Sexual Harassment

Organization: Filmwest

Description: Sexual harassment, a topic not fully understood nor taken seriously by

many teens, is explained in this 24 minute video. Several examples are examined by teens and experts. Ways of dealing with sexual harassment

are discussed and depicted.

Grade(s): 7 –8 Language: English

Title: Sexual Harassment in School: Your Rights and Responsibilities: Teacher's

Manual

Organization: Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre (1997)

Description: This locally-developed resource, consisting of a student manual and

a teacher's manual, is intended to provide information and activities

about sexual harassment. Student book available.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: English

Title: Talking About Sexual Harassment

Organization: KineticVideoCom (2001)

Description: This 21 minute video uses a series of vignettes to discuss the definition

of harrasment, its effects and strategies to deal with it. It illustrates the following relationships: adult/teens, males/females and Internet chat

lines.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

Title: Unsuitable Actions

Organization: National Film Board (1997)

Description: A 26 minute resource on sexual harassment in school and outside school.

A discussion guide is included with appropriate activities suggested.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

Title: When I Say Stop, I Mean Stop!

Organization: Sunburst Communications Inc. (1999)

Description: This 25 minute video features teens, experts and educators who offer

practical and specific advice on handling sexual harassment and

pressure to be sexually active.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

### **STI and Contraception Education**

Title: Abstinence First: Teen Birth Control Decisions (Version B)

Organization: McIntyre Media Limited (2003)

Description: This 29 minute video and teacher's guide gives viewers information on

current methods of birth control, stressing that the only 100 percent effective method is abstinence. Implications of becoming sexually active are addressed. The video is narrated by several teenagers and a medical

doctor. Teacher's guide included.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: Abstinence: Pick and Choose Activities for Grades 7-12

Organization: ETR Associates (1996)

Description: This resource is designed to provide teachers with classroom activities

they can use to promote sexual abstinence. The activities focus on the areas of self-esteem, interpersonal relationships, decision-making skills

and life planning.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: English

Title: HIV and AIDS: Staying Safe
Organization: Marlin Motion Pictures Ltd.

Description: This 15 minute claymation program accurately and clearly describes

HIV/AIDS. Associated risk factors, such as tattooing, needle drug use, unprotected sex, body piercing and blood transmission, are also addressed. The video format uses factual information and the personal

testimonial of a child with HIV.

Grade(s): 6

Language: English

Title: The Long Walk

Organization: National Film Board (1998)

Description: This video documents the life of Ken Ward, the first Native Canadian to

go public with his HIV diagnosis.

Grade(s): Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

Title: STD: Taking Care of Yourself and Others

Organization: Alberta Health and Wellness (2000)

Description: This pamphlet provides current information about sexually transmitted

diseases, including how to prevent them and how to deal with them. In addition to information about STDs in general, the resource also gives

more detailed information on specific types of STDs.

Grade(s): 8, Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

Title: STD: Teaching Outline and Resource Guide

Organization: Alberta Health and Wellness (2000)

Description: This booklet is a comprehensive teaching resource on sexually

transmitted diseases. It contains clear and concise medical information, student learning activities, transparency masters, resource lists and a

glossary.

Grade(s): 8, Career and Life Management (CALM)

Language: English

#### Other Resources

Title: Teaching for the Prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

grades 1–12: A Resource for Teachers of Health and Life Skills, and Career

and Life Management

Description: This resource attempts to raise awareness of the effects and characteristics

of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) through learning activities that teachers can incorporate into the Health and Life Skills and Career

and Life Management programs.

Grade(s): 1-12Language: English

## Saskatchewan

# **Aboriginal**

Title: Finding Our Way: A Sexual and Reproductive Sourcebook for Aboriginal

Communities

Organization: Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (2002)

Description: Written from an Aboriginal perspective, this resource addresses a variety

of topics on the sexual health of youth and adults. Information about world views, colonization and loss of identity provide an underlying framework for approaching many sexual health topics. Sexual diversity is discussed and suggestions are given for promoting respect for two-

spirited people

Grade(s): 6, 9

Language: English

## **Body Image and Self Esteem**

Title: Body Image for Boys

Organization: Cambridge Educational (2002)

Description: This video explores some of the issues facing young men today as they

struggle to define themselves in society.

Grade(s): 6, 8 Language: English

Title: The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things

Organization: Candlewick Press (2003)

Description: Fifteen-year-old Virginia Shreves has an inferiority complex and feels

like a stranger among her family. Virginia's older siblings are slim and "perfect" until this image is shattered by the news of her brother's date rape on campus. Virginia realizes that images are only that – images.

Grade(s): 8 – 9 Language: English

## **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Beyond the Basics: A Sourcebook on Sexual and Reproductive Health

Education

Organization: Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada (PPFC) (2001).

Description: This teacher friendly resource binder covers a variety of topics related

to sexual and reproductive health. It includes helpful information and suggests numerous learning activities. Topics include values and sexuality, puberty and reproductive health, self-esteem, sexual identity, relationships, communication, decision making, contraception, STIs

and HIV.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Health for Life 1

Organization: Pearson Education Canada (2004)

Description: This user friendly resource touches on a range of health topics important

to young adolescents. Each chapter provides brief segments of background information related to personal choices that affect healthy

relationships, and physical and mental health.

Grade(s): 6-7Language: English

Title: Just for Girls: Facilitator's Manual. 2nd edition

Organization: Salal Communications Inc. (2003)

Description: This new edition of a previously recommended resource provides a

discussion program to aid adolescent girls as they experience changes in their sense of self. It offers suggestions for activities that explore topics such as body image and awareness, bullying, food and dieting, self-esteem, feelings, families and friendships.

Grade(s): 6 – 7 Language: English

Title: Life Skills: 225 Ready-to-Use Health Activities for Success and Well-

Being

Organization: Jossey-Bass (2004)

Description: This resource covers a wide range of health-related topics: drugs, alcohol

and smoking, sex and sex-related issues, love, relationships, marriage and family, life skills, stress, food and food-related issues, your body

and body image, and self-esteem and knowing yourself.

Grade(s): 6 – 10 Language: English

## **Sexual Diversity**

Title: Apples and Oranges

Organization: National Film Board of Canada (2003)

Description: This video takes place in an elementary level classroom with students

engaged in an exercise about bullying, stereotypes and the harmful effect of words. The students create pictures that portray situations such as a young girl who has two moms and two boys whose friendship comes to a halt when one of them finds out the other is gay. Stereotypes about gays and lesbians are dispelled and the students learn about

respect and acceptance. Comes with teacher's guide.

Grade(s): 6 – 9 Language: English

Title: Mom and Mum Are Getting Married!

Organization: Second Story Press (2004)

Description: Refreshing, sensitive, colourful, fair, engaging and inclusive are just a

few of the words that can be used to describe this excellent story about same-sex marriage. With love and affection, Rosie, the young daughter, describes the excitement of planning and taking part in the wedding of her two moms. The text and illustrations portray a loving family where

diversity and respect are accepted.

Grade(s): 1-3Language: English

## **STI and Contraception Education**

Title: AIDS

Organization: Thomson Gale (2005)

Description: This comprehensive resource describes HIV/AIDS from its origins to

the latest research in the field. It provides insight into the lives of people who are HIV positive and identifies the signs and symptoms of AIDS. Information is also included on risky behaviours and on ways the virus

may be transmitted.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: English

Title: AIDS

Organization: Raintree Steck-Vaughn Company (2002)

Description: This book provides a very thorough presentation of facts and information

related to HIV/AIDS that is written at a level suitable for middle level students. Topics include the immune system, signs and symptoms of the disease, ways in which it is transmitted, testing procedures and the challenge of living with HIV/AIDS. A chapter on avoiding infection presents important information for youth to consider when making decisions related to healthy behaviours including safe sex practices.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: English

Title: Bye-bye, Secrets: A Book About Children Living With HIV or AIDS in

Their Family

Organization: The Teresa Group (2002)

Description: In this book, five young girls tell about their experiences of living with

HIV/AIDS, or of living with someone who has HIV/AIDS. They share stories of stigma, fear, anger and hope. Information about how HIV/

AIDS can and cannot be transmitted is included.

Grade(s): 5

Language: English

Title: HIV/AIDS

Organization: Glencoe/McGraw-Hill (2003)

Description: In an appealing and concise format, this useful resource presents a

variety of information related to HIV/AIDS including the effects of HIV on the immune system, the ways in which HIV is spread, tests available for HIV, the progressive stages of the disease, the challenges of living with HIV/AIDS, research and treatment and the importance of making

responsible choices including safe sex practices.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: English Title: Home Truths: Living With AIDS (The National Series)
Organization: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) (2002)

Description: In this CBC national broadcast, a reporter interviews HIV positive

individuals who are living in a small Newfoundland community.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: The Immune System

Organization: The KidHaven Science Library Series (2004)

Description: This book describes elements of the immune system, problems that can

occur and man-made ways to supplement the immune process.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

# Manitoba

# **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Beyond the Basics: A Sourcebook on Sexual and Reproductive Health

Education

Organization: Canadian Federation for Sexual Health

Website: English: <a href="http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/sourcebook2006contentwithform.pdf">http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/sourcebook2006contentwithform.pdf</a>

French: http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/

frenchsourcebook2006contentswithform.pdf

Description: This resource binder covers a variety of topics related to sexual

and reproductive health including values and sexuality, puberty and reproductive health, self-esteem, sexual identity, relationships,

communication, decision making, contraception, STIs and HIV.

Grade(s): 5-8

Language: English and French

Title: Health for Life 1

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in English by Pearson Education

Canada, Toronto, 2004, and in French by Chenelière Éducation

Description: Consists of a student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The

student text includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness

choices, relationship choices and looking forward.

Grade(s):

Language: English and French

Title: Health Issues 7

Organization: McGraw-Hill Ryerson

Description: Student book and teacher's resource guide (includes Blackline Masters

CD-ROM).

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

Title: Health Issues 8

Organization: McGraw-Hill Ryerson

Description: Student book and teacher's resource guide (includes Blackline Masters

CD-ROM)

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: Human Sexuality: A Resource for Kindergarten to Grade 8 Physical

Education/Health Education

La sexualité - Une ressource pour Éducation physique et Éducation à la

santé de la maternelle à la huitième année

Organization: Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth / Éducation, Citoyenneté et

Jeunesse Manitoba (2005)

Description: Resource book.

Grade(s): K-8

Language: English and French

Title: La sexualité - Une ressource pour Éducation physique et Éducation à la

santé de secondaire 1(9e année) et secondaire 2 (10e année)

Organization: Éducation, Citoyenneté et Jeunesse Manitoba (2005)

Description: Resource book.

Grade(s): 9, 10 Language: French

### **Ontario**

## **Comprehensive Resources**

Note: The *Course Profiles* series was prepared for teachers to use in meeting local classroom needs, as appropriate. They are not a mandated approach to the teaching of the course. The *Course Profiles*, funded by the Ministry of Education, have been developed by partnerships between school boards and subject associations.

Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 9, Public

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/9/physed-p.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/9/physed-p.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 9, Public Language: English

Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 9, Catholic

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/9/physed-c.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/9/physed-c.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 9, Catholic Language: English

Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 10, Public

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/10/physed-p.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/10/physed-p.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 10, Public Language: English

Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 10, Catholic

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/10/physed-c.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/10/physed-c.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 10, Catholic Language: English

Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 11, Public

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/11/physed-p.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/11/physed-p.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 11, Public Language: English

Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 11, Catholic

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/11/physed-c.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/11/physed-c.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 11, Catholic Language: English

Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 12, Public

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/12/physed-p.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/12/physed-p.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 12, Public Language: English Title: Course Profiles Healthy Active Living Education, Grade 12, Catholic

Organization: Ontario Curriculum Centre

Website: <a href="http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/12/physed-c.shtml">http://www.curriculum.org/csc/library/profiles/12/physed-c.shtml</a>

Grade(s): 12, Catholic Language: English

Title: Esquisses de cours – Vie active et santé

Organization: Centre Franco-ontarien de ressources pédagogiques

Website: <a href="http://www.cforp.on.ca/cforpweb/esquisses/cours/eduphy.htm">http://www.cforp.on.ca/cforpweb/esquisses/cours/eduphy.htm</a>

Description: Course profiles for French.

Grade(s): 9-12Language: French

## Relationships

Title: The Fourth R

Organization: Debbie Townsley, BA, BEd; Claire Crooks, PhD, CPsych; Ray Hughes,

MEd; David A. Wolfe, PhD, authors (2005)

Description: The Fourth R is a series of three units that focus on healthy relationships:

Unit 1: Personal Safety and Injury Prevention; Unit 2: Healthy Growth

and Sexuality; Unit 3: Substance Use and Abuse.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

#### **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Title: Kids in the Know
Organization: Child Find Manitoba

Website: http://www.kidsintheknow.ca

Description: This multi-grade sequential safety program is designed to reduce child

victimization by teaching effective personal safety strategies.

Grade(s): K - 10

Language: English and French

# Quebec

Note: Quebec is the only province that does not have curriculum guidelines for sexual health education. Since its recent deregulation, sex education is treated as a cross-curricular competency; that is, it is no longer the responsibility of one teacher, one professional or one program, but of all members of the school team working in cooperation with each other and with partners in the community. This involves integrating issues across subjects (e.g., English, moral education) and

offering complementary educational services (e.g., theme weeks, clinical/counseling services, workshops). There are no recommended resources at this time.

## **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Ça sexprime

The Sex Educator

Organization: Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, Université du Québec à

Montréal and Tel-Jeunes

Website: French: http://www.msss.gouv.gc.ca/sujets/prob\_sante/itss/index.

php?id=56,114,0,0,1,0

English: http://www.msss.gouv.gc.ca/sujets/prob\_sante/itss/index.

php?id=74,224,0,0,1,0

Description: The Sex Educator is designed for educators who are offering sex

education activities for young people of secondary-school age. It

provides pertinent information and activity suggestions.

Grade(s): 7-11

Language: French and English

#### **New Brunswick**

### **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Beyond the Basics: A Sourcebook on Sexual and Reproductive Health

Education. 2nd Edition

Au delà de l'essentiel : Guide-ressources sur l'éducation en matière de

santé sexuelle et reproductive. Deuxième édition

Organization: Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH) / Fédération canadienne

pour la santé sexuelle

Website: English: <a href="http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/sourcebook2006contentwithform.pdf">http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/sourcebook2006contentwithform.pdf</a>

French: <a href="http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/">http://cfsh.ca/ppfc/media/</a>

frenchsourcebook2006contentswithform.pdf

Description: This resource binder covers a variety of topics related to sexual

and reproductive health, including values and sexuality, puberty and reproductive health, self-esteem, sexual identity, relationships,

communication, decision making, contraception, STIs and HIV.

Grade(s): 6-8

Language: English and French

Title: Des choix... pour la vie! Vivre en société, les relations interpersonelles Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published by Les Éditions de la Chenelière

Description: This colourful magazine-style book explores issues and concerns about

relationships, and discusses how to deal with conflict and sexuality.

A teacher's guide is available. Also available in English as *Lifechoices* 

Relationships.

Language: French

Title: Health Issues 7, Health Issues 8, Health Issues 9

Organization: Jaime Johanson, author. Published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson (2003)

Description: The Health Issues series is a literature-based approach for the teaching of

health and life skills – organized in three sections wellness, relationships

and life learning.

Grade(s): 6-8Language: English

Title: Human Sexuality: Responsible Life Choices

Description: Discusses teenage sexual development, the risks of sexual activity and

how responsible decision making can help teenagers protect their life

goals and develop close relationships.

Grade(s): 6 – 8 Language: English

Title: Objectif Santé 1

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in French by Chenelière Éducation

Description: Consists of a student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The

student text includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness choices, relationship choices and looking forward. Available in English

as Health for Life 1.

Grade(s): 6-8

Language: English and French

#### **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Title: It's Up To Me: A Kit on Dating Violence

Organization: Coalition Against Abuse in Relationships, 770 Main Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor,

Moncton, NB, E1C 1E7, (506) 392-5120

Description: Teacher resource.

Grade(s): 6-8Language: English

### **Sexual Diversity**

Title: Seeing the Rainbow: Teachers Talk about Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and

Transgender and Two-spirited Realities

Apercevoir l'arc-en-ciel : Les enseignants parlent de la bisexualité,

l'homosexualité, le transgendérise et la bispiritualité

Organization: Canadian Teacher's Federation / Fédération canadienne des enseignantes

et des enseignants

Description: Teacher resource.

Grade(s): 6-8

Language: English and French

## **STI and Contraception Education**

Organization: AIDS New Brunswick / SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick

Website: http://www.aidsnb.com/

Description: Pamphlets.

Grade(s): 6-8

Language: English and French

Title: Education for Sexuality and HIV/AIDS

Organization: Linda Brower Meeks, Philip Heit, and John J. Burt, authors (1993)

Description: This book focuses on healthful sexuality within the context of developing

loving and responsible relationships.

Grade(s): 6-8Language: English

## **Nova Scotia**

## **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Faire l'éducation sexuelle à l'école

Organization: Marie-Paule Desaulniers, author. Published by Atlantic Book Ltd.

(1995)

Description: Teacher resource.

Language: French

Title: Programme d'éducation sexuelle

Organization: Lise Durocher and Martine Fortier, authors. Published by Bibliothèque

des Centres jeunesse de Montréal (1999)

Description: Topics include love and friendship, puberty, sex, contraception and

prevention, STI's, sexual abuse and incest and prostitution.

Language: French

Title: Sex? A Healthy Sexuality Resource. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Le Sexe?: pour une sexualité saine. Deuxième édition

Organization: Healthy Sexuality Working Group / Groupe de travail pour une sexualité

saine

Nova Scotia Office of Health Promotion/Ministère de la Promotion et de

la Protection de la santé, Nouvelle Écosse (2006)

Website: English: http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/publichealth/content/pubs/11032

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French: <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/publichealth/content/pubs/11038">http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/publichealth/content/pubs/11038</a>

SEXBook Dec06 Fr.pdf

Description: This resource, produced and published through the Department of

Health Promotion and Protection, is distributed to provide grade 7 students who have received parental/guardian consent with information related to healthy sexuality, healthy relationships and healthy sexual

choices. Available on-line and in print.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English and French

Title: The Watts Teen Health Dictionary
Organization: Scholastic Canada Ltd. (1996)

Description: This full health resource covers the spectrum of young people's health

concerns - from acne to emotional disorders, mononucleosis, sexually-

transmitted diseases, sports injuries and beyond.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

## **Puberty Education**

Title: The Reproductive System: Injury, Illness and Health

Organization: Steve Parker, author. Published by Heinemann Library (2003)

Description: Contents include: reproduction, female reproductive organs, female

cycle, egg cells, female menstrual problems, male reproductive organs, sperm cells, male problems, reproductive infection, reproductive health, sperm and egg, embryo and fetus, childbirth, infancy and childhood, adolescence and puberty, fertility problems, fertility control, assisted

reproduction, reproduction and genetics.

Grade(s): 6-8Language: English

## Relationships

Title: Lifechoices Relationships

Des choix... pour la vie! Vivre en société, les relations interpersonelles

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in English by Pearson Education

Canada and French by Les Éditions de la Chenelière (1996)

Description: This colourful magazine-style book explores issues and concerns about

relationships and discusses how to deal with conflict and sexuality. A

teacher's guide is available.

Grade(s): 11

Language: English and French

#### **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Title: Healthy Relationships: A Violence Prevention Curriculum Complete 3-

volume set

Organization: Men for Change (1994)
Website: <a href="http://www.m4c.ns.ca/">http://www.m4c.ns.ca/</a>

Description: Curriculum for grades 7 through 9. Grade 7: Dealing with Aggression;

grade 8: Gender Equality and Media Awareness; grade 9: Forming

Healthy Relationships.

Grade(s): 7-9

Language: English and French

## **Sexual Diversity**

Title: Gay Parents/Straight Schools: Building Communication and Trust

Organization: Virginia Casper and Steven B Schultz, authors. Published by Teachers

College Press, New York (1999)

Description: This is a professional development resource for all teachers. It provides

research, first voice experiences and "how-to" suggestions.

Language: English

Title: Heather Has Two Mommies

Organization: Leslea Newman, author. Published by Alyson Books (2000)

Description: A print resource telling the story of a young girl, Heather, who learns

that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important

thing is that all the people love each other.

Grade(s): K-3Language: English

### **STI and Contraception Education**

Title: A Young Man's Journey with AIDS: The Story of Nick Trevor Organization: Luellen Reese, author. Published by Franklin Watts (1997)

Description: Luellen Reese takes her readers on a journey that has become all too

common, the death of a child to AIDS.

Language: English

# **Prince Edward Island**

Note: A health curriculum committee is revising and updating the curriculum. The new curriculum outcomes are supported with *Literature Support Kits* that include fiction and non-fiction titles. There are three kits per grade: *Wellness Choices, Relationship Choices,* and *Life-Learning Choices*. Grades 4 – 6 will be renewed in 2007

– 2008. A revised intermediate health program is being implemented in Fall 2007. In addition to the Literature Support Kits, the following are also recommended:

### **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Education in Sexuality

Organization: Mary Bronson Merki, author. Published by Glencoe (1996)

Description:

Grade(s): Senior High Language: English

Title: Growing Through Knowing: Issues in Sexuality Book 3

Organization: Kieren (1988) Grade(s): Senior High Language: English

Title: Health for Life 1

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in English by Pearson Education

Canada, Toronto (2004)

Description: Consists of a student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The

student text includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness choices, relationship choices and looking forward. Also available in

French as *Objectif Santé 1*, published by Chenelière Éducation.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English and French

Title: Health for Life 2

Organization: Judith Campbell, author. Published in English by Pearson Education

Canada, Toronto (2004)

Description: Consists of a student book and accompanying teacher's guide. The

student text includes eight chapters dealing with life learning, wellness choices, relationship choices and looking forward, including sexual abuse, contraceptives, sexual relationships and sexually transmitted diseases. Also available in French as *Objectif Santé 2*, published by

Chenelière Éducation.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English and French

Title: Young Canada Health 1, Young Canada Health 2, Young Canada Health

3

Organization: Ellis, Grant, et al. authors. Published by ITP Nelson Canada

Description: Each level in this series is divided into eight relevant themes: self

development, human relationships, fitness and nutrition; development, function, and care of the body; disease prevention and community health,

medicines and other drugs, safety and first aid, and environmental

health. Teacher's guide available.

Grade(s): 4, 5,6 Language: English

### Relationships

Title: Dimensions Of Life: A Book About Self, Family, Work

Organization: Gail H. Henderson, author. Published by South-Western Publishing

Company (1985)

Grade(s): Senior High Language: English

Title: Families Today

Organization: Connie R. Sasse, author. Published by McGraw-Hill

Description: A program that equips students with strong relationship skills. It

covers a wide range of topics: families and society, balancing work and family life, conflict resolution, divorce, financial problems, death, family violence, substance abuse, building a strong marriage and many

more.

Grade(s): Senior High Language: English

Title: Married and Single Life. 5th Edition

Organization: Riker, Palm, Brisbane, authors. Published by Glencoe

Description: A practical guide for planning and preparing for life as a single adult, as

a married couple and as part of a family or other group arrangements.

Grade(s): Senior High Language: English

Title: Your Marriage and Family Living

Organization: Paul H. Landis, author. Published by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill School. Description: Recent changes in family life and male and female role concepts are

acknowledged in this high school text.

Grade(s): Senior High Language: English

#### **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Title: Choices for Positive Youth Relationships Instructional Guide (includes

the video "A Love That Kills")

Organization: Speers Society / National Film Board of Canada (2002)

Description: Includes a 20 minute National Film Board video and a facilitator guide. The

video, entitled "A Love That Kills," depicts the true story of a 19-year-old girl who is murdered by her former boyfriend. Includes facilitator guide.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

#### Other Resources

Organization: Sexual Health Unit – PEI Department of Education

Grade(s): 7-9

### **Newfoundland and Labrador**

### **Comprehensive Resources**

Title: Adolescence: Relationships and Sexuality

Description: Teacher's resource with overheads and student activity book.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: L'adolescence: styles de vie sains: Guide du programme de santé et de

développement personnel 7<sup>e</sup>, 8<sup>e</sup>, 9<sup>e</sup>.

Organization: Le ministère de l'Éducation et de la Formation de Terre-Neuve et du

Labrador (1995)

Website: <a href="http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/sp/interflp.htm">http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/sp/interflp.htm</a>

Description: Curriculum materials.

Grade(s): 7 – 9 Language: French

Title: Degrassi Talks Sex

Description: In this video teenagers share their experiences with actors from the

series "Degrassi High". The host talks to young couples, with a sex/love

life and also talks to a kid who just came out as being gay.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Degrassi Talks Sexuality

Description: In this video teenagers share their experiences with actors from the

series "Degrassi High". Issues covered in this video range from changing body shape, hormones, attitudes towards the opposite sex, attraction

towards the same sex and first sexual experiences.

Grade(s): 7, 9

Language: English

Title: Healthwise 1

Organization: Published by ITP Nelson Canada (1990)

Description: This book presents various health-related topics. Its intent is to help

students design programs for their own well-being by making healthy

choices.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

Title: Healthwise 2

Organization: ITP Nelson Canada (1990)

Description: This book presents various health-related topics. Its intent is to help

students design programs for their own well-being by making healthy

choices.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

# Relationships

Title: Power Of Choice: Friendship And Dating

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: This video shows how to create and maintain quality relationships. It

encourages teens to take the initiative in shaping their relationships, explores what goes into good friendships and how their own actions either strengthen or weaken them. Examines the dynamics of boy-girl interactions and explains what members of the opposite sex desire and

expect in romantic relationships.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Teenage Parents: Their Lives Have Changed

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Kim, Teresa, Danny, Susan and other teenage parents share their

experiences of how becoming parents brought drastic changes in their lifestyles. They talk about what it is like to raise a baby and how devastating it is to lose the support of their family, boyfriend or girlfriend. The added health risks to the teenage mother and her baby and about the undeniable stresses of daily living are talked about. It tells how they

are unable to enjoy the usual activities of normal-teenage life.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

#### **Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Title: Date Rape: It Happened to Me

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Is it really rape? How does it happen? What do we do about it? This

program begins with the story of a high school romance gone bad.

Young love spins out of control when Rick refuses to accept "no".

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: Dating, Sex and Trouble: Acquaintance Rape

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Teenagers are especially vulnerable to sexual coercion because of

their unrealistic dating expectations, uncertainty about their rights and inexperience at setting clear sexual limits. Pointing out that sexual assault can be anything from unwanted kissing and touching to rape, this video program emphasizes every person's right to safeguard his or her own body. Using interviews with real rape victims, it points out that rape can happen to anyone, male or female and that half of all reported

rapes happen on dates.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: Sexual Abuse Prevention

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: The gentle yet straightforward presentation in this video prepares

students to recognize and cope with a problem that one out of four will have to deal with. Up-to-date information dispels some of the old myths and alerts students to situations they may encounter. By watching their peers cope with threatening situations, students learn to identify potential danger and to develop abuse-prevention tactics. Students with a history of abuse gain a better understanding of their predicament and

learn what they can do about it.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: When Romance Turns to Rape

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Date rape occurs on a date or in a romantic situation when a girl is forced

to have intercourse against her will. Contrary to popular belief, threefourths of all rapes are committed not by strangers but by acquaintances and most of these are committed during dates. The series of vignettes in this video shows what can occur during a date rape and how women

can protect themselves. Professionals and date rape survivors share their insights and encourage open communication between men and

women in dating situations.

Grade(s): 8,9 Language: English

## **STI and Contraception Education**

Title: AIDS: The British Approach

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Video

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: AIDS: The Facts and the Future

This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Organization:

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Video

9 Grade(s):

Language: English

Title: The AIDS Movie

Directed by Ginny Durrin. This video is available from the Newfoundland Organization:

and Labrador Provincial Information and Library Resources Board as

well as district offices.

Description: Three people with AIDS talk about how to live with the disease and

explain how to protect against it.

Grade(s): 7, 9 Language: English

Title: AIDS: The New Facts of Life/Pour L'Amour de la Vie

Canadian Public Health Association, 1989. This video is available from Organization:

the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Information and Library

Resources Board as well as district offices

An educational video produced by CPHA AIDS Education and Awareness Description:

> Program for high school students. Knowing the facts is not enough for this age group. They need help in learning how to deal with situations in which they are unsure and subject to peer pressure. A teacher's manual includes lesson plans, case studies and overheads/handouts. Can be

used in a single class or spread over four class periods.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English and French Title: AIDS: What Every Responsible Canadian Should Know

Organization: James D, Greig, author. Published by Scarborough, Globe/Modern

Curriculum Press (1987)

Description: This short book is simply a myriad of information about AIDS arranged

in a question and answer format that focuses on the most often asked questions. The areas covered include the symptoms, high-risk groups, the types of tests, as well as how the virus is spread, how easily it is spread and by what means it is spread other than by human contact.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: AIDS: What Everyone Needs to Know

Organization: SVE and Churchill Media

Description: Information, interviews, animation and live-action illustrate facts and

misconceptions about HIV and AIDS, the progression from HIV to AIDS, the important role of a supportive family and friends, and focuses on women and HIV, correct condom use for safer sex, and changing

perceptions of HIV positive people and their quality of life.

Grade(s): 7

Language: English

Title: AIDS: What Young Adults Should Know

Organization: William L. Yarber, author. Published by AAHPERD Publications

Description: Teacher's guide with student booklet. This curriculum allows students

to learn about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) at their own pace. The instructor's manual presents the goals of AIDS education in a three-session lesson plan. The manual also outlines eight learning opportunities to reinforce in students the personal health behaviours

and attitudes emphasized in the guide.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Choosing to Wait: Sex and Teenagers

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: This video dramatizes the stories of three teenage couples to help viewers

make thoughtful, self-confident, personal sexual decisions. Provides support for young people who are not sexually active. Addresses the issue of whether sexually active couples can reverse their behaviour and helps all young people, sexually active or not, see that abstinence is

an appealing and viable option.

Grade(s): 8, 9 Language: English

Title: Power Of Choice: Sex

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Recent polls have shown that over half of North America's teens are

sexually active by age 17. With teen pregnancies at an all time high, an added worry of this careless choice is AIDS. The video encourages teens to think more critically about their attitudes and approaches to sexual behaviour and provides a realistic look at the potential consequences of being sexually active and ways to be responsible about their choices. Teens learn how to make choices tonight that they can live with

tomorrow.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Taking Charge: You and AIDS

Organization: Pyramid Film, NA

Description: Myths and misconceptions are examined by teenagers as they realize

the AIDS era demands a personal code of caution, common sense and compassion. An upbeat video with an emphasis on awareness and self-

protection.

Grade(s): 7, 9 Language: English

Title: Talking with Teens About AIDS

Organization: Available from the Provincial Information and Library Resources

Board

Description: Video
Grade(s): 7, 9
Language: English

Title: Sexual Responsibility: A Two-Way Street

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: This video examines the need for both partners to participate in

making decisions about such sexual issues as abstinence, intercourse, contraception, pregnancy and STDs. It dramatizes the need for making decisions that are "responsible" for both partners and discusses common myths about sex and sexuality and how they block real

communication.

Grade(s): 8

Language: English

Title: Skills for Healthy Relationships: A Program About Sexuality, AIDS and

Other STDs (Kit)

Organization: Queen's University (1993)

Description: This one-hour video program focuses on sexuality, HIV/AIDS and other

STDs. Its comprehensive approach to these topics includes teaching strategies for cooperative learning, peer leaders, role playing, video scenarios and parent involvement. The four units include information about AIDS/STDs, responsible behaviour related to abstinence,

responsible behaviour and safer sex, and health-enhancing supports. Emphasis is placed on skill development, peer support for responsible behaviour and parent involvement.

The teacher's resource package includes 23 activities that may be completed in a variety of ways and five additional activities recommended for completion with the students' parents or guardians.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

Title: Teen Contraception

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: This video teaches young people how not to get pregnant. It explains

how our bodies work with respect to menstruation, pregnancy and sex, dispels common myths about preventing pregnancy, discusses abstinence as the only sure method and goes on to outline the effectiveness, advantages, disadvantages and possible side effects of prescription and non-prescription birth control. It states that you must use one method and use it correctly every time and emphasizes that if

you decide to have sex, it's up to you to prevent pregnancy.

Grade(s): 8, 9 Language: English

Title: Thinking Positive

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: This video is designed for teenagers in rural areas, to provoke discussion

about the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. Teens are encouraged to assume responsibility for their own sexual behaviour. Trudy Parsons, a Newfoundlander who is HIV+, talks with other teens as they examine their attitudes towards their own sexuality, lack of communication among partners, peer pressure and the role of drugs and alcohol in the

spread of HIV infection.

Grade(s): 8, 9 Language: English

#### **Other Resources**

Title: Power Of Choice: Acting On Your Values

Organization: This video is available from the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial

Information and Library Resources Board as well as district offices

Description: Shows how knowing their values can guide teenagers in making

choices that are right for them. A candid look at the values on which today's teens base their lives, where those values have come from and

what meaning they have as they grow into adulthood. Young people will think critically about their behaviours and beliefs, the benefits of knowing ones own values and how they can serve as a tool for making good choices. Explains how values provide people with power over their lives and elevates their self-esteem.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

#### **Northwest Territories**

### **STI and Contraception Education**

Title: NWT Skills for Healthy Relationships (1996)

Organization: Northwest Territories Ministry of Education, Culture & Employment
Website: http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/Divisions/kindergarten g12/Skills Heathy

relationships/Healthy%20Relationships.htm

Description: Program to be taught before the end of grade 9.

Grade(s): 9

Language: English

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Language: English

## Yukon

Note: The Yukon on-line curriculum materials database is currently under construction. Due to staffing shortages in their department, they were not able to provide a list of recommended resources for teaching sexual health. Yukon follows the British Columbia curriculum for the most part and will have the resources available that are recommended in the applicable IRPs.

# 10 Appendix C: Organizations and Experts

This report was developed on behalf of the Joint Consortium for School Health by the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health (CFSH)

# Canadian Federation for Sexual Health - Affiliate Resources and Programs

#### **British Columbia**

Organization: Options for Sexual Health (OPT)

Area Served: OPT educators are located in: Campbell River and Northern

Vancouver Island; Central Vancouver Island including Qualicum, Parksville, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Duncan; Comox Valley; East and West Kootenays; Fraser Valley; Lower Mainland; North Central BC including Prince George, Prince Rupert and other northern communities; Sea to Sky Corridor including Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton; and Sunshine

Coast.

Services and Programs: OPT provides educational programming to schools,

organizations and other community groups. Most programs

are interactive and can be tailored to fit groups' needs.

#### **Alberta**

Organization: Sexual Health Access Alberta

Area Served: Alberta, and across the country, via the website.

Services and Programs: Resources include:

Birth Control Demonstration & Sexual Health Promotion Kit: The kit is used in classrooms by teachers and sexual health educators during the birth control teaching unit at various grade levels. In addition to samples of all birth control methods, the kits include pamphlets and information on a wide range of sexual health topics. Thirty-six kits were purchased by Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Branch, Edmonton, for use by health visitors with the Maternal Child Health Outreach program on First Nations reserves across Alberta.

The After Party: Sex, Drugs and Alcohol. A DVD resource with lesson plans produced for junior and senior high school students to explore the associations between drug/alcohol use and sexual decision-making, risk-taking behaviour and

outcomes.

Sexual Health Resource Centre: Print resources are available for distribution on a wide range of sexual health issues from coast to coast. The on-line Resource Centre Catalogue includes a listing of resources for use by teachers broken into elementary, junior high and senior high categories.

Organization: The Calgary Sexual Health Centre

Area Served: Calgary area

Services and Programs: The Comprehensive High School Program is delivered to

students in the public school system, as a component of the Career and Life Management class. Program components include: reproductive anatomy and physiology; birth control options; abstinence; sexually transmitted infections and safer sex; exploring values and decision making; and anti-homophobia. *The Junior High School Program* is delivered in the public school system. The grade 7 program components include puberty awareness through a naked body drawing activity; the grade 8 program components include learning how pregnancy happens and birth control methods to prevent pregnancy, as well as abstinence as a way to prevent pregnancy; and the grade 9 components include learning about STI transmission and how to reduce the risks of transmission.

Organization: Planned Parenthood Association of Edmonton

Area Served: Edmonton area

Services and Programs: Provide services to schools, such as:

Are We There Yet? Interactive theatre presentations and workshops on setting boundaries and sexual decision making

for Junior High students;

Workshops on sexual decision making for Senior High students; Training peer educators from 30 schools through the *Expecting Respect Peer Education Program*; one-on-one support and referrals to students regarding a range of sexual

health issues.

#### Saskatchewan

Organization: Sexual Health Centre Saskatoon

Area Served: Saskatoon and the surrounding community

Services and Programs: This youth-friendly, pro-choice charitable organization

provides sexual health information and resources, low-cost birth control, pregnancy options counseling and support, and

doctor referrals.

Organization: Planned Parenthood Regina (PPR) Sexual Health Centre

Area Served: Regina and the surrounding community

Services and Programs: PPR provides services to over 10,000 youth per year through

education and clinical activities. For example, Y.E.A.H. (Youth Educating About Health) is a youth driven program that examines the use of alcohol and other drugs and their effect on decision-making. This program educates about risky

behaviour through peer education.

#### Manitoba

Organization: Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC)

Area Served: Winnipeg/Brandon

Services and Programs: SERC provides educational services in schools. For example,

the *Teen Talk* program provides realistic prevention education focusing on sexuality, reproductive health, body image, mental health and anti-violence issues that are essential to one's well being. The *Think Again* campaign provides information and encourages teens and their friends, partners and families to discuss relationships, decision making and other issues related to teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and

HIV/AIDS prevention.

#### **Ontario**

Organization: Health Initiatives for Youth

Area Served: Hamilton

Services and Programs: Educational seminars are offered on relationships and dating,

sexually transmitted infections, birth control, safer sex, mental health, sexual assault, body image and gender image, sexual harassment, self-esteem, puberty, stress management, anger management, conflict resolution, healthy sexuality, substance use and sexual activity, finding appropriate health care and

risk reduction.

Organization: Planned Parenthood Ottawa (PPO)

Area Served: Ottawa

Services and Programs: Trained PPO staff and volunteers provide fun and interactive

presentations in schools. The presentations give practical, up-to-date information that emphasizes skill building. All can also be tailored towards English/French as a second language. Presentations are offered on the following topics: healthy relationships, safer sex and contraception, sexually transmitted infections and HIV, pregnancy options, attitudes

and values and GLBTQ awareness.

Specific programs include: *Insight Theatre*, a youth theatre program that is by, for and about youth. Every year a group of young people, ages 14 – 19, face the challenge of creating, directing and acting in their own show and presenting it to

their peers;

The Peer Education Program is an afternoon high school Cooperative Education Program whereby youth in grades 11 and 12 learn about sexual and reproductive health and then facilitate a series of workshops for grade 7, 8 or 9 classes. The topics are: attitudes and values, healthy relationships, communication, anatomy and contraception, sexually transmitted infections (including HIV/AIDS) and drug and alcohol awareness.

Organization: Planned Parenthood Waterloo Region (PPWR)

Area Served: Waterloo Region

Services and Programs: The PPWR education team of trained staff and volunteers share

information on sexual health issues during presentations and at booths at schools, health fairs and community agencies. Presentations include interactive games, discussion and videos that provide accurate information to empower individuals to make informed decisions about healthy and responsible

sexuality for their lives.

Specific programs include: *Peer Theatre Education Program,* which educates and entertains local youth on various issues of healthy sexuality. The cast is comprised of local high school and university students – a population that the audience can relate to and feel comfortable receiving sexual health information from:

Sexploration, PPWR's latest addition to the Peer Theatre Education Program, has been touring senior public and secondary schools and community groups in the Waterloo Region.

Organization: Planned Parenthood Toronto (PPT)

Area Served: Toronto area

Services and Programs:

Planned Parenthood Toronto offers a range of workshops for youth in high schools that promote healthy sexuality and informed decision-making. PPT aims to give youth the information and skills that they need to make the most informed decisions for themselves. Workshop topics for youth include: building healthier relationships, healthy sexuality, birth control options (including emergency contraception), sexually transmitted infections, and sexual readiness and safer sex negotiation.

Specific programs include: *Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia (T.E.A.C.H.)*: This anti-homophobia program trains lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth facilitators to tell their stories and lead anti-homophobia activities that encourage participants to think critically about homophobia and heterosexism in their communities and the issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth;

Self-Esteem, Health, Appreciation and Respect Project (SHARP): SHARP strives to improve sexual health outcomes for newcomer youth and their communities by developing an innovative sexual health model that specifically engages newcomer youth within high school settings. SHARP aims to build capacity in newcomer communities by training newcomer youth to become sexual health peer educators, by enhancing teachers' delivery of the sexual health curriculum in schools with high newcomer populations and by supporting newcomer parents in understanding the sexual health needs of their children.

#### Quebec

Organization: Sexual Health Network of Quebec

Area Served: Quebec

Services and Programs: The Pre-teen program is designed with a quick and easy

approach to sexuality for pre-teens. Topics covered include puberty and hygiene; sexual and reproductive anatomy; sexual functions: conception, pregnancy and childbirth; body image and self-esteem; first feelings of emotional attraction; differences between the sexes; healthy relationships; and

attitudes, emotions and feelings.

The *Teens* program is designed to stimulate teens to think critically about sexuality and to make better choices concerning sexual health. Topics covered include: multidimensional aspects of sexuality; sexual and reproductive anatomy; sexual functions: conception, pregnancy and childbirth; sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS; sexual health; STI and unplanned pregnancy prevention; contraception and condom use; attitudes, values, beliefs, myths and opinions; cultural influence on sexual behaviours; sexual identity, roles and stereotypes; social norms and boundaries; moral and ethical concerns: responsibilities and decisions; emotional and romantic relationships; sexual exploitation and violence;

and respecting diversity.

#### **Nova Scotia**

Organization: Cape Breton Centre for Sexual Health (CBCSH)

Area Served: Cape Breton

Services and Programs: CBCSH aims to ensure that information concerning human

sexuality and fertility is available, and to encourage informed, responsible attitudes towards healthy sexuality from childhood

to old age.

CBCSH has two specific programs for grades 8 – 12. One is on sexually transmitted infections and the other is on the history and contemporary use of contraception. In the past seven years, the principal educator has taught 24,000 people in the Cape Breton area with the highest number being students and

youth groups.

Organization: Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County

Area Served: Cumberland County

Services and Programs: Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County works to

promote informed, responsible attitudes towards sexuality.

Programs include:

Worth Waiting: A Postponing Sexual Involvement Program for grade 6 (2007, rev.) that includes lesson plans on sexual decision-making, healthy relationships, saying no and dealing

with sexual pressure; and

Sexual Harassment Prevention (2001): a 45–60 minute classroom

presentation raising awareness about sexual harassment.

Organization: Halifax Sexual Health Centre

Area Served: Halifax area

Services and Programs: A trained sexuality educator delivers workshops on a variety

of topics that highlight sexual communication and personal decision-making. Emphasis is placed on healthy sexuality, which involves accentuating the positive and life-enhancing aspects of sexuality as well as avoiding negative health problems (e.g., unintended pregnancy, unhealthy relationships, sexually transmitted infections, shame and guilt). The workshops provide current and comprehensive information, facilitate the development of skills and personal insight, raise awareness of available resources in the community and assist participants in becoming comfortable with communicating about sexuality

issues.

Organization: Sheet Harbour Sexual Health Centre

Area Served: Sheet Harbour

Services and Programs: Sheet Harbour Sexual Health Centre is dedicated to providing

sexual and reproductive health in an environment that respects

and supports choice.

Organization: Sexual Health Centre Lunenburg County

Area Served: Lunenburg County

Services and Programs: School presentation topics include: birth control, STIs,

healthy relationships, respecting sexual orientation, sexual harassment, proper condom use and education, proper oral dam use, safer sex, abstinence, sexual abuse prevention, puberty, date and acquaintance rape, and breast and testicular

exam information.

Organization: Pictou County Centre for Sexual Health (PCCSH)

Area Served: Pictou County

Services and Programs: PCCSH is a non-profit, charitable organization that promotes

healthy sexuality in an accurate, unbiased and confidential manner. The organization provides comprehensive and accessible sexual and reproductive health information and

services to people of all ages and stages.

#### Newfoundland and Labrador

Organization: The Newfoundland and Labrador Sexual Health Centre

(NLSHC)

Area Served: Newfoundland and Labrador

Services and Programs: NLSHC is a non-profit, pro-choice sexual health centre promoting positive sexual health through education, community partnerships, information and services within an environment that supports and respects individual choice. NLSHC goals are:

> To provide knowledge, resources and skills needed to make informed sexual health choices;

To promote positive sexual health attitudes and practices;

To encourage a pro-active approach to sexual health education and practices;

To provide sexual health services and education in cooperation with community partners.

# Other Organizations and Experts

Organization: Alberta Health and Wellness

Website: <a href="http://www.teachingsexualhealth.ca">http://www.teachingsexualhealth.ca</a>

Organization: American School Health Association (ASHA)

Website: <a href="http://www.ashastd.org">http://www.ashastd.org</a> /

Organization: Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL)

Website: <a href="http://www.caral.ca/">http://www.caral.ca/</a>

Organization: Canadian AIDS Society (CAS)

Website: <a href="http://www.cdnaids.ca">http://www.cdnaids.ca</a>

Organization: The Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation

and Dance (CAHPERD)

Website: <a href="http://www.cahperd.ca/">http://www.cahperd.ca/</a>

Organization: Canadian Association for School Health—Schoolfile

Website: <a href="http://www.schoolfile.com/">http://www.schoolfile.com/</a>

Organization: Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)

Website: <a href="http://www.cpha.ca/">http://www.cpha.ca/</a>

Organization: Canadian Women's Health Network Website: <a href="http://www.cwhn.ca/indexeng.html">http://www.cwhn.ca/indexeng.html</a>

Organization: Communities and School Promoting Health

Website: <a href="http://www.safehealthyschools.org">http://www.safehealthyschools.org</a>

Organization: Discovery Education

Website: <a href="http://school.discovery.com">http://school.discovery.com</a>

Organization: Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

Website: <a href="http://www.glsen.org/cgibin/iowa/home.html">http://www.glsen.org/cgibin/iowa/home.html</a>

Organization: Health Promotion Clearinghouse Website: <a href="http://www.hpclearinghouse.ca">http://www.hpclearinghouse.ca</a>

Organization: Health Teacher (US)

Website: <a href="http://www.healthteacher.com">http://www.healthteacher.com</a>

Organization: Media Awareness Network

Website: <a href="http://www.media-awareness.ca/">http://www.media-awareness.ca/</a>

Organization: Manitoba Healthy Living

Website: <a href="http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving">http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving</a>

Organization: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (US)

Website: <a href="http://www.teenpregnancy.org/">http://www.teenpregnancy.org/</a>

Organization: Ottawa, City of People Services Department – Health

Website: http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/health/families/planning/index

en.html

Organization: Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Canada

Website: <a href="http://www.pflag.ca/">http://www.pflag.ca/</a>

Organization: Peel Region Public Health

Website: <a href="http://www.region.peel.on.ca/health/">http://www.region.peel.on.ca/health/</a>

Organization: Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Website: <a href="http://www.plannedparenthood.org/">http://www.plannedparenthood.org/</a>

Organization: Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada (PPFC)

Website: <a href="http://www.ppfc.ca/">http://www.ppfc.ca/</a>

Organization: Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada: HIV: Women and Youth

Website: <a href="http://www.ppfc.ca/ppfc/HIV/">http://www.ppfc.ca/ppfc/HIV/</a>

Organization: Public Health Agency of Canada: Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health

Education

Website: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/cgshe-ldnemss/cgshe\_index.htm

Organization: Public Health Agency of Canada: Canadian Health Network

Website: <a href="http://www.canadian-health-network.ca">http://www.canadian-health-network.ca</a>

Organization: Public Health Agency of Canada: Lesson Plans for Sexual Health

Educators – Grades 8-13

Website: <a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/std-mts-res/workshop/index">http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/std-mts-res/workshop/index</a>

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f.html

Organization: Public Health Agency of Canada: National Clearinghouse on Family

Violence

Website: <a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/familyviolence/">http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ncfv-cnivf/familyviolence/</a>

Organization: Public Health Agency of Canada: Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted

Infections

Website: <a href="http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/">http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/std-mts/</a>

Organization: Rainbow Resource Centre – Helping Out

Website: <a href="http://www.helpingout.ca">http://www.helpingout.ca</a>

Organization: Resource Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (ReCAPP)

Website: <a href="http://www.etr.org/recapp/programs/index.htm">http://www.etr.org/recapp/programs/index.htm</a>

Organization: Sex Information and Education Council of Canada (SIECCAN)

Website: <a href="http://www.sieccan.org/">http://www.sieccan.org/</a>

Organization: Sexuality Education Resource Centre (SERC), Manitoba

Website: <a href="http://www.serc.mb.ca/">http://www.serc.mb.ca/</a>

Organization: Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States

(SIECUS)

Website: <a href="http://www.siecus.org/">http://www.siecus.org/</a>

Organization: The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada – Sexuality

and U for Parents and Teachers

Website: <a href="http://www.sexualityandu.ca/">http://www.sexualityandu.ca/</a>

Organization: Sutter Health

Website: <a href="http://www.babies.sutterhealth.org/babygrowth/fetaldev">http://www.babies.sutterhealth.org/babygrowth/fetaldev</a>

Organization: Teaching Sexual Health.ca

Website: <a href="http://www.teachingsexualhealth.ca">http://www.teachingsexualhealth.ca</a>

Organization: US Department of Health and Human Services. Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention

Website: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov">http://www.cdc.gov</a>

