

ALASKA STATE PROFILE

Prepared with an interest in protecting the health and innocence of children, this profile provides an overview of sex education in Alaska, including:

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I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX EDUCATION IN ALASKA

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO	N/A	LEGISLATIVE CODE
Sex Education Required		X		14-07-030, 14-03-073
Sex Education Optional	X			14.30.360
If/When Provided, Sexual Education Must:				
Be Medically Accurate*			X	
Be Evidence-based			X	
Be Age Appropriate			X	
Be Culturally Appropriate and Unbiased			X	
Reference/Stress Abstinence**			X	
Include HIV Education		X		
Be LGBTQ Inclusive			X	
Include Safety against Sexual Sbuse	X			Alaska Safe Children's Act, 14-30-355
Parental Role in Sexual Education:				
Parents Must be Notified	X			14-30-361
Opt-In			X	
Opt-Out Option	X			14-03-016
Have Access to Review Curriculum	X			14-03-016, 14-30-361

*See each state's definition of "medically accurate."

**While requirement may say "abstinence-based" or to "stress abstinence" as the standard, many CSE programs only mention abstinence in passing; they don't establish abstinence as the expected standard and fail to emphasize abstinence as the only sure way to protect against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

Note: This state profile has been prepared by Family Watch International and the Protect Child Health Coalition. While the information provided is as accurate as possible and is updated annually, **check the [Resources](#) listed below for any updates.** Also, **please alert us** if you are aware of any changes, proposed legislation or issues regarding CSE that may be occurring in your state by completing the contact form at StopCSE.org/Alaska or by emailing StopCSE@FamilyWatch.org.



II. ALASKA SEX EDUCATION FEDERAL FUNDING PROFILE

Federal Government Programs and Grants Awarded for Alaska

WARNING: While grant requirements may state that curricula/programs are to be “evidence based” or “medically accurate” in order to receive funding, research shows that, often, funds go to curricula/programs that are ineffective (See SexEdReport.org). In addition, content analyses show that many programs ([Link to harmful CSE elements chart](#)) normalize teen sex, encourage sexual pleasure-seeking, condone early sexual debut and promote high-risk sexual behaviors. **It is important to look at the actual content of every curricula rather than relying on labels assigned to them.**

DASH—Division of Adolescent and School Health, a division of the Centers for Disease Prevention (CDC), works with community partners to provide training and resource development for so-called “HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention” programs in school-based and community settings.

- Alaska received DASH funds totaling \$60,000.00 in fiscal year 2016.

PREP—The Personal Responsibility Education Programs, under the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), provides grants for sex education programs that are sometimes called “abstinence plus” programs and that focus on “both abstinence and contraception.”

- Alaska received PREP funds totaling \$250,000.00 in fiscal year 2017.

SRAE—Sexual Risk Avoidance Education grants go to curricula/programs that emphasize risk avoidance and teach youth to voluntarily refrain from non-marital sexual activity and other risky behaviors. Note: See warning above.

- Alaska received NO SRAE program funds in 2016.

Title V—The TITLE V State Abstinence Education Grant Program funds abstinence education and mentoring to promote abstinence. However, note that at least one Title V program promotes promiscuity as healthy and normal. As noted above, **it is important to look at the actual content of the curricula.**

- Alaska received NO Title V award in fiscal year 2017.

TPP—The **Teen Pregnancy Prevention** program, through the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH), funds comprehensive sex education programs for children aged 10 to 19. Note: Research shows that most TPP programs are ineffective at reducing pregnancy rates and some even increase risk. (See SexEdReport.org)

- Alaska received NO TPP funding for 2017.¹

Note: In FY 2016, one local entity in Alaska received a total of \$569,396 in Tribal PREP funds: Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (\$569,296).



III. FEDERALLY FUNDED SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ALASKA

See examples exposing harmful content in various CSE curricula and materials at stopcse.org/cse-materials-index/. For example, the analysis of [Making a Difference](#), shows CSE programs sexualize children and encourage promiscuity and risky sexual behavior, typically without providing medically accurate information about the long-term risks associated with early sexual debut and experimentation.

Federally Funded Sex Education Programs / Curricula in Alaska

Funding Source	Program or Curriculum	Funding Recipient
DASH		AK Department of Health and Social Services
PREP	<i>A Portrait of Sexuality Education in the States</i>	PREP State-Grant Program State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (federal grant) Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program (Tribal PREP) Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.
PREP	<i>Fourth R—Alaska Perspectives</i>	PREP State-Grant Program State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (federal grant)
PREP		Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program (Tribal PREP) Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.

See stopcse.org/cse-materials-index/ for a menu of examples and analyses exposing the harmful elements to children of specific curricula and other CSE materials.



IV. OVERVIEW OF ALASKA SEX EDUCATION LEGISLATION & GUIDELINES

The following laws and guidelines apply to sex education and how sex education is taught in Alaska.

According to Alaska 2017- 2018 Statutes Title 14ⁱⁱ and HB 156F^{iii,iv}

Parents have rights to:

- Consult with teacher and school administrators.
- Direct the education of their children.
- Object or withdraw, within a two-week period, from an activity, class or program related to human reproduction or sexual matters.^v
- Have direct access and ability to review curriculum, materials, or programs related to human reproduction or sexual matters.

School boards have the responsibility to:

- Consult with parents
- Before implementation, approve any curriculum, literature, or materials related to sex education, human reproduction education, or human sexuality education, which may be used in a class program or distributed in a school.
- Provide parents access to review curriculum before school board approval.
- Approve person and person's credentials who will be teaching sexual matters or human reproduction.

Teachers in a class or program in sex education, human reproduction education, or human sexuality education must: (Sec. 14.30.361)^{vi}

- Notify parents within 2 weeks of an activity, class or program related to human reproduction or sexual matters.
- Possess a valid teacher certificate and be under contract with the school OR be supervised by a person who possesses a valid teacher certificate and is under contract with the school.
- Be approved by school board.
- Have on file with the school valid teacher credentials, which can be produced for parents to review upon request
- Before curriculum, literature, or materials related to sex education, human reproduction education, or human sexuality education may be used in a class or program or distributed in a school, the curriculum, literature, or materials must be
 - approved by the school board; and available for parents to review.

The Alaska Safe Children's Act enacted June 30, 2017 requires:

- (Erin's Law) adoption and implementation of policy for training employees/students, and provide parental notices relating to sexual abuse, sexual assault awareness and prevention for grades k-12
- (Bree's Law) adoption and implementation of policy for training employees/students, and provide parental notices relating to dating violence and abuse in grades 7-12

Age of Majority =

Based on Alaska law, anyone under the age of 18 is considered a minor, while those 18 years old and older are considered adults.^{vii}

Age of Consent =

In Alaska, the age when children can legally consent or agree to sex is 16.^{viii}



V. PARENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK IN ALASKA

Warning! Most CSE programs put parental rights at risk by either encouraging or requiring that parents not be notified and/or by instructing children how to access such things as abortion, contraception and other so-called health services **without parental notification or consent**.

It is particularly dangerous to encourage students in this way, particularly considering the fact the laws often support what is being taught in CSE programs. For example:

Without notifying or receiving consent from their parents, minor children in Alaska may consent to and receive:

- All contraceptive services
- All STI (sexually transmitted infection) services
- All prenatal care services

In Alaska, the law requiring physicians to notify parents before performing abortions on girls under 18 years of age cannot be enforced as it was overridden by the Alaska Supreme Court, as noted in an *Anchorage Daily News* article titled “Alaska Supreme Court rejects parent-notification law for abortions.” (Published July 22, 2016; updated Dec. 2, 2017) See at:

<https://www.adn.com/politics/2016/07/22/alaska-supreme-court-rejects-parental-notification-law-for-abortions/>



VI. NEWS HEADLINES FROM ALASKA

23 June, 2018 - “Planned Parenthood Sues to Keep Access to Young Children in Sex Ed”

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/06/23/planned-parenthood-sues-keep-access-young-children-sex-ed/>

January, 2017 - “State urges Alaska educators to press for ‘controversial’ sex-ed programs”

<http://www.catholicanchor.org/alaska-news/state-urges-alaska-educators-press-controversial-sex-ed-programs/>

August 11, 2016 - “Alaska’s New Sex Ed Law Is Both Ludicrous And Harmful”

<https://theestablishment.co/alaskas-new-sex-ed-law-is-both-ludicrous-and-harmful-4f79e03e981d>

July 28, 2016 – “Law adds Restrictions to Sex Ed”

http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/law-adds-restrictions-to-sex-ed/article_c38fb0ac-5526-11e6-80d6-a3f500962c8b.html

July 28, 2016 - “Alaska Parents Gain Rights Over Sex Education in Schools”

<http://www.catholicanchor.org/alaska-news/alaska-parents-gain-rights-over-sex-education-in-schools/>



VII. OPT-OUT FORM

By signing a parental non-consent form, also known as an opt-out form, parents can protect their children from being subjected to harmful CSE programs. Download and print the provided form and modify it as needed (see included instructions). Sign it and take it to your child’s school, and ask that it be put on file as part of your child’s permanent record and that all teachers and instructors be notified.

A sample opt-out form, provided by Liberty Counsel, along with instructions for use, can be found at: stopcse.org/alaska



VIII. GET INVOLVED TO STOP CSE

You can get involved to stop CSE and protect the health and innocence of children across the U.S. and in countries around the world:

1. Sign the Stop CSE petition at stopcse.org/petition/
2. Watch the “War Against Children” documentary and share this link to the documentary with your friends and neighbors at stopcse.org/film/
3. Connect with others in your state who are working to Stop CSE in your schools to see how you can get involved. Go to stopcse.org/Alaska to connect.



IX. RESOURCES

- Alaska Government/Legislative page – <http://akleg.gov/>
- Bills and Laws - <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws>
- Title 14 Education - <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.020>
- List of Common Abbreviations and Acronyms - <http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/abbracro.pdf>
- HB 156 - <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/29?Hsid=HB0156Z>
- Alaska Department of Education – <https://education.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Department of Education Adolescent Health Program through Department of Health and Social Services - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/adolescent/default.aspx>

- The Alaska Safe Children’s Act on DOE website - <https://education.alaska.gov/schoolhealth/safechildact>
- Alaska DOE Strategic plan/programs used for children’s health - http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Documents/DPH_StrategicPlan_1pager.pdf
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/adolescent/sexual-activity.aspx>
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/adolescent/RISHE.aspx>
<https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/adolescent-development/reproductive-health-and-teen-pregnancy/index.html>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Resource TPPP funding page - <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/grant-programs/teen-pregnancy-prevention-program-tpp/current-grantees/index.html>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Resource other state funding - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/resource-library/search#?area%5B1981%5D=1981&type%5B5168%5D=5168&sort=recent&ajax=1>

Additional Resources:

- DOCUMENTARY: *The War on Children: The Comprehensive Sexuality Education Agenda* (FWI Documentary) – <https://stopcse.org>
- STUDY: Re-Examining the Evidence: School-based Comprehensive Sex Education in the United States (IRE Study) – www.sexedreport.org
- REPORT: An Evidence-Based Response to a Critique of Abstinence Education (IRE Report) - https://www.comprehensivesexualityeducation.org/wp-content/uploads/IRE_Response_To_Santelli_Article_4-20-18.pdf



X. CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Let us put you in contact with other people and organizations who are actively involved in helping to protect the health and innocence of children.

Fill out the contact form on <http://www.stopcse.org/alaska> or email us your name, city, state, school district, and any questions or concerns you may have and we will put you in contact with people from your state or one of our national representatives.

Email Address: StopCSE@familywatch.org

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ⁱ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/resource-library/search#?area%5B1981%5D=1981&type%5B5168%5D=5168&sort=recent&ajax=1>

ⁱⁱ Title 14 Education <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.020>

ⁱⁱⁱ HB 156F <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/29?Hsid=HB0156Z>

^{iv} <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#14.03.016>

^v **Note:** “sexual matters” does not include sexual abuse, sexual assault, dating violence/abuse and prevention

^{vi} Sex education/human reproductive education laws <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#14.30.361>

^{vii} Age of Majority by state - <https://statelaws.findlaw.com/family-laws/legal-ages.html>

^{viii} Age of Consent by state - <https://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/age-of-consent-by-state.html?intakeredesigned=1>