

ILLINOIS STATE PROFILE

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

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I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO	N/A	LEGISLATIVE CODE
Sex Education Required		X		
Sex Education Optional	X			105 ILCS-27-9.1
If/When Provided, Sexual Education Must:				
Be Medically Accurate*	X			27-9.1 (c.1)
Be Age Appropriate	X			27-9.1 (c.1)
Be Evidence-based	X			27-9.1 (c.1.5)
Be Culturally Appropriate and Unbiased			X	
Reference/Stress Abstinence**	X			27-9.1 (a, b), 27-9.1 (c.3)
Include HIV Education	X			27-9.1 (a, b), 27-9.1 (c.3 ,5), 27-9.2
Be LGBTQ Inclusive		X		27-9.1 (c.2)
Include Safety against Sexual Abuse	X			27-9.1 (c.7-8), 27-13.2
Parental Role in Sexual Education:				
Parents Must be Notified	X			27-9.1(d)
Access to review curriculum	X			27-9.1(d)
Opt-In			X	
Opt-Out Option	X			27-9.1.a, 27-11
Other:				
Abortion References - ...instruction shall include the teaching of the alternatives to abortion. 27.9.2				

*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/illinois or by emailing StopCSE@FamilyWatch.org.



II. ILLINOIS SEX EDUCATION FEDERAL FUNDING PROFILE

Federal Government Programs and Grants Awarded for Illinois

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.

- Illinois received DASH funds totaling \$780,817 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.”

- Illinois received PREP funds totaling \$1,937,467 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.

- Illinois 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.**

- Illinois received a Title V award totaling \$2,555,444 in fiscal year 2017. ⁱ

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)

- Illinois received \$3,000,000ⁱⁱ in funding for years 2015-2019.ⁱⁱⁱ



III. FEDERALLY FUNDED SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

Note: Programs in **red** text have been analyzed and found to contain harmful content for children. Programs not in red may or may not have harmful content.

See examples exposing harmful content in various CSE curricula and materials at www.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 Illinois

Funding Source	Program or Curriculum	Funding Recipient
TPPP	Love Notes	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
TPPP	Be Proud! Be Responsible!	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
TPPP	Making a Difference!	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
TPPP	Draw the Line/Respect the Line	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
TPPP	Positive Prevention PLUS	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
PREP	Becoming a Responsible Teen (BART)	The Illinois PREP state-grant program
PREP	Be Proud! Be Responsible!	The Illinois PREP state-grant program
PREP	¡Cuidate!	The Illinois PREP state-grant program
PREP	Draw the Line/Respect the Line	The Illinois PREP state-grant program
PREP	Making a Difference!	The Illinois PREP state-grant program
PREP	All4You!	The Illinois PREP state-grant program
PREP	Making Proud Choices!	The Illinois PREP state-grant program

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 ILLINOIS SEX EDUCATION LEGISLATION & GUIDELINES

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

According to Illinois 105 ILCS^{iv} (In effect as of 2014) (up to date 2018)

1. Sexual Education^v is not required
2. All classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall satisfy the following criteria:
 - Course material and instruction shall
 - be developmentally and age appropriate, medically accurate, and complete.
 - replicate evidence-based programs or substantially incorporate elements of evidence-based programs.
 - teach honor and respect for monogamous heterosexual marriage.
 - place substantial emphasis on both abstinence, including abstinence until marriage, and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases among youth and shall stress that abstinence is the ensured method of avoiding unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS.
 - include discussion of the possible emotional and psychological consequences of preadolescent and adolescent sexual intercourse and the consequences of unwanted adolescent pregnancy.
 - stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards of sexual intercourse. Pupils shall be provided with statistics based on the latest medical information citing the failure and success rates of condoms in preventing AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.
 - advise pupils of the circumstances under which it is unlawful for males to have sexual relations with females under the age of 18 to whom they are not married pursuant to Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 2012.
 - teach pupils to not make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances and how to say no to unwanted sexual advances. Pupils shall be taught that it is wrong to take advantage of or to exploit another person. The material and instruction shall also encourage youth to resist negative peer pressure.
 - An opportunity shall be afforded to individuals, including parents or guardians, to examine the instructional materials to be used in such class or course.
 - No pupil shall be required to take or participate in any class or course in comprehensive sex education if his parent or guardian submits written objection thereto, and refusal to take or participate in such course or program shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of such pupil.
 - Each class or course in comprehensive sex education offered in any of grades 6 through 12 shall include instruction on both abstinence and contraception for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.
 - All public school classes that teach sex education and discuss sexual intercourse in grades 6 through 12 shall emphasize that abstinence from sexual intercourse is a responsible and positive decision and is the only protection that is 100% effective against unwanted teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually.

3. Family Life classes. If any school district provides courses of instruction designed to promote wholesome and comprehensive understanding of the emotional, psychological, physiological, hygienic and social responsibility aspects of family life, then such courses of instruction shall include the teaching of the alternatives to abortion, appropriate to the various grade levels; and whenever such courses of instruction are provided in any of grades 6 through 12, then such courses also shall include instruction on the prevention, transmission and spread of AIDS. However, no pupil shall be required to take or participate in any family life class or course on AIDS instruction if his parent or guardian submits written objection thereto, and refusal to take or participate in such course or program shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of such pupil.

4. The State Board of Education shall make available resource materials educating children regarding sex education and may take into consideration the curriculum on this subject developed by other states, as well as any other curricular materials suggested by education experts and other groups that work on sex education issues. Materials may include without limitation model sex education curriculums and sexual health education programs. The State Board of Education shall make these resource materials available on its Internet website. **Illinois has a School Health Center.** *All students in the school under the age of 18 are eligible for services if they have obtained written parental consent or if they are otherwise permitted under Illinois law to consent on their own behalf to such care. The school health center shall provide a list of the health care services available. The form shall enumerate the provided services using either a check off or other means. The consent form shall state that a parent, legal guardian, or student who is permitted under Illinois law to consent on his or her own behalf has a right to refuse any health care services.*

Age of Majority =

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

Age of Consent =

In Illinois, the age when children can legally consent or agree to sex is 17.^{vii}



V. PARENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK IN ILLINOIS

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 Illinois may consent to and receive:

- Some contraceptive services
- All STI (sexually transmitted infection) services (Health care providers are not required to, but may inform the minors' parents)
- All prenatal care services

In Illinois, parental notice is required for: Abortion services



VI. NEWS HEADLINES FROM ILLINOIS

June 21, 2018 – “Sex Ed Success in Illinois,” U.S. News and World Report, <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/articles/2018-06-21/sex-ed-teacher-gets-credit-for-countys-teen-pregnancy-drop>

June 27, 2018 – “Oceanside Unified School District suspends sex ed programs for grades K-6,” Catholic Citizens of Illinois, <https://catholiccitizens.org/news/79694/oceanside-unified-school-district-suspends-sex-ed-program-grades-k-6/>

April 28, 2018 - “Illinois students facing radical LGBT sex ed indoctrination” <https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/illinois-students-facing-radical-lgbt-sex-ed-indoctrination>



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/illinois



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/illinois to connect.



IX. RESOURCES

- Illinois Chapter 105 Education - <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs2.asp?ChapterID=17>
- Illinois Sexual Education Chapter 105 5/27-9.1 - <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=010500050HArt%2E+27&ActID=1005&ChapterID=17&SeqStart=161800000&SeqEnd=169000000>
- Illinois Statute for Education 105 ILCS 5/ - <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1005&ChapterID=17>
- School Health Care Act (2007) - <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=2935&ChapterID=17>
- Public Act 098-0441 HB2675 (2014) - <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=098-0441&GA=98>
- Illinois State Board of Education Sex Education Learning Standards - <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/CollegeCareerSexEducationLearningStandards.aspx>
- Legislation websites by state - <https://www.congress.gov/state-legislature-websites>
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Resource TPPP 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>
- TPPP Funding - <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/grant-programs/teen-pregnancy-prevention-program-tpp/about/index.html>
- Abstinence Education Grant Program Medical Accuracy Guide https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fysb/medical_accuracy_aegp.pdf

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 www.stopcse.org/illinois 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 <https://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/grant-programs/teen-pregnancy-prevention-program-tpp/about/index.html>

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^{iv} <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1005&ChapterID=17>

^v <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=010500050HArt%2E+27&ActID=1005&ChapterID=17&SeqStart=161800000&SeqEnd=169000000>

^{vi} <http://statelaws.findlaw.com/family-laws/legal-ages.html>

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