

# INDIANA STATE PROFILE

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

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## I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX EDUCATION IN INDIANA

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO	N/A	LEGISLATIVE CODE
Sex Education Required		X		
Sex Education Optional	X			20-30-5-13
<b>If/When Provided, Sexual Education Must:</b>				
Be Medically Accurate*			X	
Be Age Appropriate			X	
Be Evidenced-based			X	
Be Culturally Appropriate and Unbiased			X	
Reference/Stress Abstinence**	X			20-30-5-13 (1&2), 20-34-3-17
Include HIV Education			X	20-34-3-17
Be LGBTQ Inclusive		X		20-30-5-13 (3)
Include Safety Against Sexual buse			X	
<b>Parental Role in Sexual Education:</b>				
Parents must be notified	X			SB 65
Parental Involvement			X	
Access to Review Curriculum	X			SB 65
Opt-In	X			SB 65
Opt-Out Option	X			SB 65

\*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/indiana](http://StopCSE.org/indiana) or by emailing [StopCSE@FamilyWatch.org](mailto:StopCSE@FamilyWatch.org).



## II. INDIANA SEX EDUCATION FEDERAL FUNDING PROFILE

### Federal Government Programs and Grants Awarded for Indiana

**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](http://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.

- Indiana received DASH funds totaling \$80,000 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.”

- Indiana received NO PREP funds 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.

- Indiana received \$828,672 in 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.**

- Indiana received a Title V award totaling \$1,436,062 in fiscal year 2017.<sup>i</sup>

**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](http://SexEdReport.org))

- Indiana received \$749,999<sup>ii</sup> in funding for years 2015-2019.<sup>iii</sup>



### III. FEDERALLY FUNDED SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN INDIANA

**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/](http://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 Indiana

Funding Source	Program or Curriculum	Funding Recipient
TPPP	Raising Healthy Children	Health Care Education and Training, Inc. (HCET)
TPPP	Teen Outreach Program (TOP)	HCET
TPPP	<b>Reducing the Risk</b>	HCET
TPPP	Families Talking Together	HCET
PREP	Power Through Choices	HCET
PREP	Teen Outreach Program (TOP)	HCET
PREP	<b>Be Proud! Be Responsible!</b>	HCET
PREP	Positive Potential	Positive Approach To Teen Health, Inc. (PATH)
PREP	Horizon	PATH
PREP	Liv.True	PATH
PREP	Love Notes	PATH
PREP	Promoting Health Among Teens	PATH
TITLE V	BrdsNBz-Indy	HCET
TITLE V	Talk2Protect	HCET
TITLE V	<b>Making a Difference!</b>	HCET
TITLE V	Promoting Health Among Teens! Abstinence-Only (PHAT-AO)	HCET
SRAE	STAR (Strong Teens Acting Responsibly) Project	HCET
SRAE	<b>Making a Difference!</b>	HCET, Indiana Family Health Council, Inc. (IFHC)
SRAE	Guiding Good Choices	HCET
SRAE	<b>Making Proud Choices!</b>	IFHC

See [stopcse.org/cse-materials-index/](http://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 INDIANA SEX EDUCATION LEGISLATION & GUIDELINES

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

According to Indiana Code Title 20<sup>iv</sup>

Human Sexuality IC 20-30-5-13<sup>v</sup> is mandatory and shall:

- require a teacher to teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school age children;
- include in the instruction that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems; and
- include in the instruction that the best way to avoid sexually transmitted diseases and other associated health problems is to establish a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the context of marriage

Also, each school corporation shall:

- include in the school corporation's curriculum instruction concerning the disease acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); and
- integrate this effort to the extent possible with instruction on other dangerous communicable diseases.
  - Literature that is distributed to school children and young adults under this section must include information required by IC 20-34-3-17.<sup>vi</sup>
    - The state board shall provide information stressing the moral aspects of abstinence from sexual activity in any literature that it distributes to students and young adults concerning available methods for the prevention of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). The literature must state that the best way to avoid AIDS is for young people to refrain from sexual activity until they are ready as adults to establish, in the context of marriage, a mutually faithful monogamous relationship.
    - The state board may not distribute AIDS literature described in subsection (a) to students without the consent of the governing body of the school corporation the students attend.
  - The department, in consultation with the state department of health, shall develop AIDS educational materials. The department shall make the materials developed under this section available to school corporations.

**UPDATE** for 2018: According to SB 65<sup>vii</sup>

Instruction on human sexuality. Requires each school corporation to make available for inspection to a parent of a student instructional material use in connection with instruction on human sexuality. Provides that, before a school may provide a student with instruction on human sexuality, the school must provide the parent of the student or the student, if the student is an adult or an emancipated minor, with a written request for consent of instruction.

Provides that a consent form provided to a parent of a student or a student must accurately summarize the contents and nature of the instruction on human sexuality that will be provided to the student and indicate that a parent of a student or an adult or emancipated minor student has the right to review and inspect all materials related to the instruction on human sexuality. Provides that the parent of the student or the student, if the student is an adult or an emancipated minor, may return the consent form indicating that the parent of the student or the adult or emancipated student: (1) consents to the instruction; or (2) declines instruction. Provides that, if the parent of the student or the student, if the student is an adult or an emancipated minor, does not respond to the written request provided by the school within 21 calendar days of receiving the request, the school shall provide the parent of the student, or the adult or emancipated minor student, a written notice requesting that the parent of the student, or the student, if the student is an adult or an emancipated minor, indicate whether the parent of the student or the adult or emancipated student: (1) consents to the instruction; or (2) declines instruction. Provides that the parent or the adult or emancipated student may subsequently opt out of the instruction.

### **Age of Majority =**

Based on Indiana law, anyone under the age of 18 is considered a minor, while those 18 years old and older are considered adults.<sup>viii</sup>

### **Age of Consent =**

In Indiana, the age when children can legally consent or agree to sex is 16.<sup>ix</sup>



## **V. PARENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK IN INDIANA**

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 Indiana may consent to and receive:

- Some contraceptive services
- All STI (sexually transmitted infection) services

In Indiana, parental consent is required for: Abortion services



## VI. NEWS HEADLINES FROM INDIANA

**June 28, 2018 - “New Indiana law aims to draw the line on sex education, making parents decide”** <https://www.wthr.com/article/new-indiana-law-aims-draw-line-sex-education-making-parents-decide>

**March 14, 2018 - “Indiana lawmakers pass bill allowing parents to opt kids out of sex ed”** <https://fox59.com/2018/03/14/indiana-lawmakers-pass-bill-allowing-parents-to-opt-kids-out-of-sex-ed/>

**February 8, 2018 - “Indiana's regressive sex-ed bill requires parental consent for lessons on orientation, gender identity”** <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/opinion/ct-ptb-davich-sex-ed-senate-bill-st-0209-20180208-story.html>



## 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/indiana](http://stopcse.org/indiana)



## 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/](http://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/](http://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/Indiana](http://stopcse.org/Indiana) to connect.



## IX. RESOURCES

- Indiana Legislation for Instruction on Human Sexuality - <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2017/ic/titles/020#20-30-5>
- Indiana Department of Education Health Science Guidelines - <https://www.doe.in.gov/standards/cte-health-science>
- Indiana Title 20 Education - <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2017/ic/titles/020>
- Indiana State Bill 497 - <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2015/bills/senate/497>
- Indiana Senate Bill 65 - <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/senate/65#digest-heading>
- Indiana Legislation - <https://iga.in.gov/>
- U.S. 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](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](http://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](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/indiana](http://www.stopcse.org/indiana) 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](mailto:StopCSE@familywatch.org)

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<sup>i</sup> 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>

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

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

<sup>iv</sup> <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2017/ic/titles/020>

<sup>v</sup> <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2017/ic/titles/020#20-30-5-13>

<sup>vi</sup> <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2017/ic/titles/020#20-34-3-17>

<sup>vii</sup> <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/senate/65#digest-heading>

<sup>viii</sup> <http://statelaws.findlaw.com/family-laws/legal-ages.html>

<sup>ix</sup> <https://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/age-of-consent-by-state.html?intakeredesigned=1>