

# NEVADA STATE PROFILE

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

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## I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX EDUCATION IN NEVADA

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO	N/A	LEGISLATIVE CODE
Sex Education Required		X		389.018
Sex Education Optional			X	
<b>If/When Provided, Sexual Education Must:</b>				
Be Medically Accurate*	X			389.036(1a)
Be Age Appropriate			X	389.036(2.b)
Be Evidence-based			X	
Be Culturally Appropriate and Unbiased			X	
Reference/Stress Abstinence**			X	
Include HIV Education	X			389.036(1a&b)
Be LGBTQ Inclusive			X	
Include safety against sexual abuse			X	
<b>Parental Role in Sexual Education:</b>				
Parents must be notified	X			389.036(4)
Access to review curriculum	X			389.036(5)
Opt-In			X	
Opt-Out Option	X			389.036(4)

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



## II. NEVADA SEX EDUCATION FEDERAL FUNDING PROFILE

### Federal Government Programs and Grants Awarded for Nevada

**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.

- Nevada received DASH funds totaling \$65,000 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.”

- Nevada received PREP funds totaling \$417,330 in fiscal year 2017.<sup>i</sup>

**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.

- Nevada 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.**

- Nevada received a Title V award totaling \$618,719 in fiscal year 2017.<sup>ii</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))

- Nevada received \$1,321,586 in funding for years 2015-2019.<sup>iii</sup>



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

**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 Nevada

FUNDING SOURCE	PROGRAM OR CURRICULUM	FUNDING RECIPIENT
TPPP	Families Talking Together	Southern Nevada Health District
TPPP	<b>Be Proud! Be Responsible!</b>	Southern Nevada Health District
TPPP	Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention (SHARP)	Southern Nevada Health District
PREP	Promoting Health Among Teens! - Abstinence Only (PHAT-AO)	Carson City Health and Human Services, Family Resource Center of Northeastern Nevada
PREP	<b>Making Proud Choices!</b>	Carson City Health and Human Services, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, The Center
PREP	<b>iCuidate!</b>	Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
PREP	Teen Success	Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
PREP	Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention (SHARP)	Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
PREP	<b>Reducing the Risk</b>	The Center
TITLE V	Promoting Health Among Teens! (PHAT) – Abstinence-Only Intervention	The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health
TITLE V	Teen Outreach Program (TOP)	The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

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 NEVADA SEX EDUCATION LEGISLATION & GUIDELINES

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

### According to (effective 2016) Nevada Education Title 34<sup>iv</sup> (as of July 2, 2018)

- A pupil is not required to enroll in the courses of study and credits required by this subsection if the pupil, the parent or legal guardian of the pupil and an administrator or a counselor at the school in which the pupil is enrolled mutually agree to a modified course of study for the pupil and that modified course of study satisfies at least the requirements for a standard high school diploma or an adjusted diploma, as applicable.<sup>v</sup>

### NRS 389.036<sup>vi</sup>

- The board of trustees of a school district shall establish a course or unit of a course of:
  - Factual instruction concerning acquired immune deficiency syndrome; and
  - Instruction on the human reproductive system, related communicable diseases and sexual responsibility.

### Parental Rights

- Each board of trustees shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of: Five parents of children who attend schools in the district; and Four representatives, one from each of four of the following professions or occupations: Medicine or nursing; Counseling; Religion; Pupils who attend schools in the district; or Teaching.
- This committee shall advise the district concerning the content of and materials to be used in a course of instruction
- The subjects of the courses may be taught only by a teacher or school nurse whose qualifications have been previously approved by the board of trustees.
- The parent or guardian of each pupil to whom a course is offered must first be furnished written notice that the course will be offered, and must contain a form for the signature of the parent or guardian of the pupil consenting to the pupil's attendance. If the written consent of the parent or guardian is not received, the pupil must be excused from such attendance without any penalty as to credits or academic standing. Any course offered pursuant to this section is not a requirement for graduation.
- All instructional materials to be used in a course must be available for inspection by parents or guardians of pupils at reasonable times and locations before the course is taught, and appropriate written notice of the availability of the material must be furnished to all parents and guardians

### Age of Majority =

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

### Age of Consent =

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



## V. PARENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK IN NEVADA

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 Nevada, may consent to and receive:

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

In Nevada, parental notice is required for:

- Abortion services (This policy is currently not in effect as enforcement has been permanently or temporarily enjoined by a court order.)



## VI. NEWS HEADLINES FROM NEVADA

**August 2018, “Victory for Nevada Parents Who Fought Against Progressive Gender Identity Bill in Schools”** <https://activistmommy.com/victory-nevada-parents-fought-progressive-gender-identity-bill-schools/>

**August 9, 2018 – “CCSD board passes transgender policy on split vote”**  
<https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/education/ccsd-board-passes-transgender-policy-on-split-vote/>

**April 5, 2017 - “Bill would require families to 'opt out' of sex ed in high school”**  
<https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/education/bill-would-require-families-to-opt-out-of-sex-ed-in-high-school/>

**June 27, 2017 - “No Changes to be Made to WCSD Sex Education”**  
<http://www.ktvn.com/story/35765506/no-changes-to-be-made-to-wcsd-sex-education>



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



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



## IX. RESOURCES

- Nevada Health Education Guidelines - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-389.html#NRS389Sec036> ,
- Nevada Statute Title 34 Education Chap. 385-400 - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/>
- Nevada Titles and Chapters - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/>
- Nevada Legislation - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/>
- 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/nevada](http://www.stopcse.org/nevada) 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>

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

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-389.html#NRS389Sec018>

<sup>vi</sup> <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-389.html#NRS389Sec036>

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

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