

OKLAHOMA STATE PROFILE

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

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I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO	N/A	LEGISLATIVE CODE
Sex Education Required		X		
Sex Education Optional			X	
If/When Provided, Sexual Education Must:				
Be Medically Accurate*	X			70-11-103.3(C)
Be Age Appropriate			X	
Be Evidence-based			X	
Be Culturally Appropriate and Unbiased			X	
Reference/Stress Abstinence**	X			70-11-103.3(E), 70-11-105.1(A)
Include HIV/AIDS Education	X			70-11-103.3(A, B)
Be LGBTQ Inclusive		X		70-11-103.3(D.1, 2)
Include safety against sexual abuse			X	
Parental Role in Sexual Education:				
Parents must be notified	X			70-11-103.3(C), 70-11-105.1(A)
Parent Involvement	X			70-11-103.3(C)
Opt-In			X	
Opt-Out Option	X			70-11-103.3(C), 70-11-105.1(A)

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



II. OKLAHOMA SEX EDUCATION FEDERAL FUNDING PROFILE

Federal Government Programs and Grants Awarded for Oklahoma

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.

- Oklahoma 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.”

- Oklahoma received PREP funds totaling \$601,146 in fiscal year 2017.ⁱ

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.

- Oklahoma 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.**

- Oklahoma received a Title V award totaling \$897,399 in fiscal year 2017.ⁱⁱ

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)

- Oklahoma received \$3,874,000 in funding for years 2015-2019.ⁱⁱⁱ



III. FEDERALLY FUNDED SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN OKLAHOMA

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 Oklahoma

Funding Source	Program or Curriculum	Funding Recipient
TPPP	Draw the Line/Respect the Line	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
TPPP	Safer Choices	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
TPPP	All4You!	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
TPPP	Sisters Saving Sisters	Oklahoma City Council Health Department
TPPP	Cuidate!	Oklahoma City Council Health Department
TPPP	Draw the Line/Respect the Line	Oklahoma City Council Health Department
TPPP	Making Proud Choices!	Oklahoma City Council Health Department, Youth Services of Tulsa
TPPP	Making a Difference!	Oklahoma City Council Health Department, Youth Services of Tulsa
TPPP	Be Proud! Be Responsible	Oklahoma City Council Health Department
TPPP	CAS-Carrera	Youth Services of Tulsa
TPPP	Sexual Health and Adolescent Risk Prevention (SHARP)	Youth Services of Tulsa
PREP	Making a Difference!	The Oklahoma State Department of Health Maternal and Child Health Service
PREP	Making Proud Choices!	The Oklahoma State Department of Health Maternal and Child Health Service
PREP	Power Through Choices	The Oklahoma State Department of Health Maternal and Child Health Service
Title V	Choosing the Best!	The Oklahoma Department of Health
Title V	Raising Healthy Children	The Oklahoma Department of Health
Title V	The Big Talk Book	The Oklahoma Department of Health

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 OKLAHOMA SEX EDUCATION LEGISLATION & GUIDELINES

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

According to 2017 Oklahoma Title 70^{iv} (as of July 2, 2018)

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) prevention education 70-11-103.3^v shall:

- be taught in the public schools of this state. AIDS prevention education shall be limited to the discussion of the disease AIDS and its spread and prevention.
- The State Department of Education shall develop curriculum and materials for AIDS prevention education in conjunction with the State Department of Health. A school district may also develop its own AIDS prevention education curriculum and materials.
- Any curriculum and materials developed for use in the public schools shall be approved for medical accuracy by the State Department of Health.
- School districts shall make the curriculum and materials that will be used to teach AIDS prevention education available for inspection by the parents and guardians of the students that will be involved with the curriculum and materials. Furthermore, the curriculum must be limited in time frame to deal only with factual medical information for AIDS prevention.
- The school districts shall conduct for the parents and guardians of the students at least one presentation concerning the curriculum and materials that will be used for such education.
- No student shall be required to participate in AIDS prevention education if a parent or guardian of the student objects in writing to such participation.

AIDS prevention education shall specifically:

- teach that engaging in homosexual activity, promiscuous sexual activity, intravenous drug use is now known to be primarily responsible for contact with the AIDS virus;
- teach that *avoiding* homosexual activity, promiscuous sexual activity is the only method of preventing the spread of the virus
- sexual intercourse, with or without condoms, with any person testing positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) antibodies, or any other person infected with HIV, places that individual in a high risk category for developing AIDS.
- teach that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means for the prevention of the spread or contraction of the AIDS virus through sexual contact.
- teach that artificial means of birth control are not a certain means of preventing the spread of the AIDS virus and reliance on such methods puts a person at risk for exposure to the disease.
- update AIDS education curriculum material as newly discovered medical facts make it necessary
- Be approved by the superintendent including all curriculum and materials, surveys, questionnaires which will be used for sexual education

Curriculum^{vi}

All curriculum and materials including supplementary materials which will be used to teach a sex education class or program discussing sexual behavior or attitudes, or any test, survey or questionnaire eliciting responses on sexual behavior or attitudes shall

- be available for inspection by parents and guardians of the student who will be involved.

- have as one of its primary purposes the teaching of or informing students about the practice of abstinence.

Parental/Student Rights

- The superintendent or a designee of the school district shall provide prior written notification to the parents or guardians of the students involved of their right to inspect the curriculum and material and of their obligation to notify the school in writing if they do not want their child to participate.
- No student shall be required to participate if a parent or guardian of the student objects in writing to such participation. If the type of program referred to in this section is a part of or is taught during a credit course, a student may be required to enroll in the course but shall not be required to receive instruction in or participate in the program if a parent or guardian objects in writing.

Age of Majority^{vii} =

Based on Oklahoma law, anyone under the age of 18 is considered a minor, while those 18 years old and older are considered adults.

Age of Consent^{viii} =

In Oklahoma, the age when children can legally consent or agree to sex is 16.



V. PARENTAL RIGHTS AT RISK IN OKLAHOMA

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 Oklahoma may consent to and receive:

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

*Health care providers may inform the minor's parents, but are not required to do so.

**Applies to minors 14 and older

In Oklahoma, parental consent and notice is required for:

- Abortion services



VI. NEWS HEADLINES FROM OKLAHOMA

April 14, 2018 - “This Ain’t Right, Oklahoma: Abstinence Only Sex Ed”

<https://www.thelostogle.com/2018/04/14/this-aint-right-oklahoma-abstinence-only-sex-ed/>

April 11, 2018 - “Teaching Consent: Could Oklahoma Lead a New Wave in Sex Education?”

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/teaching-consent-could-oklahoma-lead-a-new-wave-in-sex-education-629220/>

July 19, 2017 - “Sex-education programs in metro schools to be eliminated due to funding cut”

<http://www.koco.com/article/sex-education-programs-in-metro-schools-to-be-cut-because-of-funding-cuts/10332419>



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/Oklahoma



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/Oklahoma to connect.



IX. RESOURCES

- Oklahoma Title 70 Schools - http://www.oklegislature.gov/tsrs_os_oc.aspx
- Oklahoma Statutes 2017 - http://www.oklegislature.gov/tsrs_os_oc.aspx
- Other Source for Statutes - <https://law.justia.com/codes/oklahoma/2016/title-70/>
- Oklahoma Department of Education Health Standards - <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/physical-education-and-health>
<http://sde.ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/documents/files/AIDS%20Prevention%20Education%20LAW.pdf>
- Oklahoma Legislation - <http://www.oklegislature.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

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/oklahoma 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 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>

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

^{iv} http://www.oklegislature.gov/tsrs_os_oc.aspx

^v <https://law.justia.com/codes/oklahoma/2016/title-70/section-70-11-103.3/>

^{vi} <https://law.justia.com/codes/oklahoma/2016/title-70/section-70-11-105.1/>

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

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