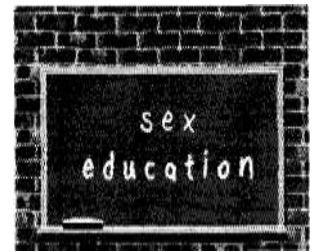




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Adolescent Sexual Health: Looking ahead with 2020...



**Howard Johnson Inn
Fargo, ND
May 4-5, 2011**

This conference presents many opportunities for you to learn and network with other professionals who work with youth. Teachers, counselors, clinicians, and school board members who want to deliver the most effective program for adolescents regarding sexual health should attend. This is a **free** conference where you will be served breakfast and lunch both days. You will walk away from this conference with increased knowledge and **free** materials and resources. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Howard Johnson Inn under "Health Educators." **Graduate Credit will be offered.**

Objectives of the conference: Participants will

- 1) Identify strategies for working in partnership with parents and school districts to strengthen sexual health education programs.
- 2) Identify components of safe, supportive, school environments inclusive of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Questioning students and family members.
- 3) Develop prevention messaging effective for reaching youth.
- 4) Explain the impact of school district sexual health education policy on your work, and vice-versa.
- 5) Identify opportunities for making culturally-appropriate adaptations to sexual health education curricula and materials.
- 6) Learn classroom strategies that enhance motivation and learning.

Nora Gelperin, M.Ed., oversees Answer's Sexuality Education Training Initiative. She is also founder of the organization's annual Training Institute in Sexual Health Education (TISHE), and developed Answer's two online workshops "Sexuality ABCs (Abstinence, Birth Control and Condoms)" and "STD Basics". Ms. Gelperin develops markets and conducts training workshops for teachers and professionals nationwide and has taught undergraduate sexuality classes at Temple University, Montclair State University and most recently at St. Peter's College. Ms. Gelperin earned her Master of Education in School Health from Temple University, is past chair of the Sexuality Council for the American School Health Association and is currently serving on the Executive Council for the Society of State Directors of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. She was awarded the 2008 Mary Jo Young Health Teacher of the Year award from New Jersey AHPERD and the Mary Lee Tatum Award from the Association of Planned Parenthood Leaders in Education in 2010.

Kurt Conklin, MPH, MCHES, is the School Health Project Coordinator at SIECUS (Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.). In his current role, he has provided training, technical assistance, and other capacity-building assistance services to organizations that serve adolescents at highest risk for HIV infection, other STIs, unintended pregnancy, and interpersonal violence such as bullying. Organizations he has assisted include state education departments, local school districts, community-based organizations, county/state health departments, and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The Elton John AIDS Foundation has funded his work to assist community-based organizations in the rural South to engage young men of color who have sex with men (YMSM of color); the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Adolescent and School Health has funded his work to assist state, local, and territorial education agencies to address HIV-related health disparities affecting YMSM of color and other adolescents at elevated risk.

Geri Graham, MS, CDCP, was a health and physical education teacher for 30 years. Her responsibilities at the middle school included coaching and being the substance abuse coordinator. She was also the district health curriculum director for 6 years. The past twelve years she was employed by the Minnesota Department of Education and focused her work on HIV/sexuality education, social emotional learning, learning styles and drug and alcohol prevention. She is a nationally recognized trainer on sexuality curriculum, social and emotional learning and learning styles. She is an avid fisherwoman and enjoys lots of time with her two grandchildren.

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