

## FACT SHEET

# THE NATIONAL COALITION TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION

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**T**he National Coalition to Support Sexuality Education consists of over 127 national nonprofit organizations which are role models in promoting health, education, and social concerns for American youth. The Coalition is committed to assuring comprehensive sexuality education for all children and youth in the United States.

These organizations represent a broad constituency of child development specialists, educators, health care professionals, parents, physicians, religious leaders, and social workers reaching more than 30 million young people.

The Coalition's goals are to:

- Advocate for sexuality education policies and programs at the national and state level
- Develop strategies for implementing sexuality education initiatives at the local, state, and national level
- Assist national organizations concerned with youth to establish policies and programs on sexuality education
- Provide an opportunity for networking, resource sharing, and collaborating among national organizations supporting sexuality education
- Develop strategies to address the activities of those who oppose providing children with comprehensive sexuality education
- Host seminars on key issues in sexuality education
- Identify the latest research, data analysis, and program evaluation materials in the field of sexuality education
- Strive to improve the cultural competency of materials and messages within the field of sexuality education.

Sexuality education is a lifelong process of acquiring information and forming attitudes, beliefs, and values about identity, relationships, and intimacy. It encompasses sexual development, reproductive health, interpersonal relationships, affection, intimacy, body image, and gender roles.

Sexuality education seeks to assist children in understanding a positive view of sexuality, provide them with information and skills about taking care of their sexual health, and help them acquire skills to make decisions now and in the future.

Comprehensive school-based sexuality education underscores and supplements the role of parents in the sexuality

education of their children and reinforces the notion that responsibility and obligation for sexuality education are shared on a community-wide basis.

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### COALITION MEMBERS

Advocates for Youth

AIDS Action Council

The Alan Guttmacher Institute

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association for Health Education

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

American Association of School Administrators

American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists

American Association on Mental Retardation

American Civil Liberties Union, Reproductive Freedom Project

American College of Nurses-Midwives

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Counseling Association

American Jewish Congress

American Library Association

American Medical Association

American Medical Student Association

American Medical Women's Association

American Nurses Association

American Orthopsychiatric Association

American Psychiatric Association

American Psychological Association

American Public Health Association

American School Health Association

American Social Health Association

Association for Sexuality Education and Training

Association of Reproductive Health Professionals

Association of State and Territorial Directors

of Public Health Education

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
 ASTRAEA National Lesbian Action Foundation  
 AVSC International  
 Balm in Gilead  
 Blacks Educating Blacks About Sexual Health Issues  
 Boston Women's Health Book Collective  
 Campaign for Access and Reproductive Equity  
 Catholics for a Free Choice  
 Center for Law and Social Policy  
 Center for Policy Alternatives  
 Center for Reproductive Health Policy Research  
 Center for Reproductive Law and Policy  
 Center for Sexuality and Religion  
 Center for Women Policy Studies  
 Child Welfare League of America  
 Children's Defense Fund  
 Choice, USA  
 Coalition on Sexuality and Disability  
 Education Development Center, Inc.  
 Equal Partners in Faith  
 ETR Associates  
 Exodus Trust Archives of Erotology  
 Federation of Behavioral Psychological and Cognitive Sciences  
 Feminist Majority Foundation  
 Gay and Lesbian Medical Association  
 Girls Incorporated  
 Hetrick-Martin Institute  
 Human Rights Campaign  
 Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality Alumni Association  
 Jewish Women International  
 Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction  
 The Latina Roundtable on Health & Reproductive Rights  
 Midwest School Social Work Council  
 Mothers' Voices  
 National Abortion Federation  
 National Abortion & Reproductive Rights Action League  
 National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors  
 National Asian Women's Health Organization  
 National Assembly on School-Based Health Care  
 National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education  
 National Association of Counties  
 National Association of County and City Health Officials  
 National Association of People with AIDS  
 National Association of School Psychologists  
 National Black Women's Health Project  
 National Center for Health Education  
 National Coalition of Abortion Providers  
 National Coalition of Advocates for Students  
 National Coalition of STD Directors  
 National Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty  
 National Council of La Raza  
 National Council of Negro Women  
 National Council of State Consultants  
     for School Social Work Services  
 National Council on Family Relations  
 National Education Association Health Information Network  
 National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association  
 National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
 National Information Center for Children & Youth with Disabilities  
 National Latina Health Organization  
 National Latina(o) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization  
 National League for Nursing  
 National Lesbian and Gay Health Association  
 National Medical Association  
 National Mental Health Association  
 National Minority AIDS Council  
 National Native American AIDS Prevention Center  
 National Network for Youth  
 National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting,  
     and Prevention  
 National Resource Center for Youth Services  
 National School Boards Association  
 National Urban League  
 National Women's Health Network  
 National Women's Law Center  
 Network for Family Life Education  
 New York State Department of Health: Bureau of STD Control  
 Office of Family Ministries & Human Sexuality,  
     National Council of Churches  
 Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays  
 People for the American Way  
 Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
 Population Communications International  
 Presbyterians Affirming Reproductive Health Options  
 Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice  
 Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States  
 Shield Institute  
 Society for Adolescent Medicine  
 Society for Public Health Education  
 Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
 Unitarian Universalist Association  
 United Church Board for Homeland Ministries  
 United Church of Christ, Justice Ministry Unit  
 United States Conference of Mayors  
 United States Student Association  
 University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education  
 YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities  
 The Young Women's Project  
 YWCA of the U.S.A.  
 Zero Population Growth, Inc.

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*The Coalition's breadth reflects the widespread public support for sexuality education for the nation's youth. If your national organization is interested in joining, please contact SIECUS.*