

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review

Dawn's Gift (1999)

Video

Part 1: 18 minutes

Part 2: 24 minutes

Target audience: Adults

Cost: \$5.50

L. Schwitters – Dawn's Gift

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Recommends the use of this video for the following reasons and with the following reservations:**

Dawn's Gift is a three part series available on one video. The panel reviewed and recommended Part 1: *AIDS Awareness* and Part 2: *Dawn's Gift*. The panel did not review Part 3: *Crushing the Flower*.

The video series was created by Dawn's father after her death from AIDS in an effort to continue her work to educate about HIV / AIDS. Both segments are of a lecture given by Dawn to a group of business people. No audience is specified for either segment, however, the review panel recommended they both be used with adults, particularly highly educated adults with good English language skills. Panel members felt that this video would be most useful in settings where a "live presenter" is not available. The panel felt that teens would not be engaged in the video since large amounts of information are presented quickly and in a lecture format.

Part 1: AIDS Awareness is an introduction to the facts about HIV and AIDS. It presents basic, straightforward, and technically accurate information about HIV / AIDS. The panel felt the video made the information clear and easy to understand.

Part 2: Dawn's Gift is the true story of Dawn, a young, heterosexual woman living with AIDS. In this segment, she shares her personal experience – how she contracted HIV, its progression to AIDS, and how it affected her life. This portion incorporates hopeful messages about living with AIDS, in a way that is realistic without being too graphic. The panel stated that though they do not think this part is particularly appropriate for youth audiences, it could be used as a supplement to a more complete HIV/AIDS curriculum.

Dawn's Gift – Part 1: AIDS Awareness (1999)

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	4.5
2. Gender Fair	4.0
3. Sexuality Positive	4.4
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	3.9
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.0
6. Sound educational methodology	3.4
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	2.9
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	2.3
9. Teacher-friendly	3.7

Scoring is based on a 5 point Likert scale, from poor (1) to excellent (5). The mean (average) is based on the assessments of the panel members who were present to review the material 12/05/02.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Assessment Criteria			
Overall Recommendation	Recommend highly 2	Recommend 11	Reject 1
Audience For what audience is this resource appropriate?	Audience targeted by the resource 2	Other audience(s) 6	Not Appropriate for any audience 0
Facilitation Skills Required How knowledgeable and skilled must the facilitator be to use this resource effectively?	Requires leader with strong content knowledge and group skills 1	Requires leader with moderate content knowledge and group skills 5	Requires leader with little content knowledge and group skills 6
Multicultural Perspective Does this resource address the needs of communities of color; and/or issues of sexual orientation, gender, and disability	Resource is culturally specific. 1	Resource is Multicultural/ Inclusive 4	Resource does not address the needs/issues of diverse populations 8

Dawn's Gift - Part 2: Dawn's Gift (1999)

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	3.8
2. Gender Fair	3.9
3. Sexuality Positive	3.3
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	3.3
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	2.3
6. Sound educational methodology	3.1
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	3.3
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	2.8
9. Teacher-friendly	3.9

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Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend highly	Recommend	Reject	Not Applicable
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	2	14	0	1
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	0	14	3	0
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	1	9	4	3
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	1	3	8	3