

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review

Review Date: May 2001

***the QUIET storm* (2000)**

Format: Curriculum and Video (50 min) – did not review survivor and perpetrator videos

Target audience: high school students

Cost: \$ 300.00

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Recommends the use of this curriculum and 50 minute video for the following reasons and with the following reservations:**

Review Summary:

The Quiet storm addresses domestic violence prevention through a set of written materials, a 50-minute video portraying teen relationship violence, and videotaped interviews with survivors and perpetrators of abuse. The panel did not review the survivor and perpetrator videos.

The panel was impressed with the quality of the video dramatizing a violent relationship between a teenaged boy and girl. It is a profound and realistic portrayal of teen relationship violence and the subtle path of abuse. It is bound to provoke intense discussion, strong emotions and many questions. Given the complexity and intensity of the subject matter, **the panel strongly recommends that a trained, domestic violence counselor/advocate be present to facilitate the discussion and answer questions.**

The panel raised a few concerns about the content and logistics related to the video. They felt that it is limited by the fact that it only deals with heterosexual relationships, with the man as the perpetrator. The panel recommends that the video be enhanced by materials and discussion about same-sex abuse, female perpetrated abuse, and different cultural and ethnic responses to abuse. The length of the video poses a logistical problem for the teacher. It would be difficult to fit the video and discussion into one class period and so would either have to be spaced out between multiple periods or viewed in a special screening.

The panel found the written materials rather weak. They require editing and inclusion of additional information (e.g., same-sex abuse, clear description of warning signs, etc.).

Overall, the panel felt that this was an exceptional video about a very important topic. The panel **recommends** the use of *the QUIET storm*, as long as there is a trained group facilitator present and enough time to explore the issues/questions that emerge.

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	4.4
2. Gender Fair	3.2
3. Sexuality Positive	3.5
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	4.1
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.2
6. Sound educational methodology	3.7
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	3.9
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	2.8
9. Teacher-friendly	2.9

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 05/17/01.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend	Reject
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	16	1
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	20	1
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	20	0
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	15	2
Other (Describe)	3	0