

## **Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel**

### **Summary of Panel Review**

#### ***Focus on Kids: Adolescent HIV Risk Prevention (1998)***

Curriculum (198 Pages)

Target audience: Youth ages 9-15

Cost: \$29.95

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**The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Recommends** the use of this curriculum for the following reasons:**

This curriculum uses a good youth development (multi-faceted) model, with a variety of “pick and choose” activities that are generally targeted at high-risk urban heterosexual youth.

The panel felt that use of the curriculum requires an experienced leader who takes the following concerns into consideration. The panel stated that the curriculum addresses HIV/AIDS with very limited content. The curriculum is biased towards heterosexual youth and needs to be more culturally appropriate and inclusive of GLBT youth. Instructions are somewhat confusing and unclear for the inexperienced instructor who may be unfamiliar with the process of several exercises. Many activities are too complicated and include too much information for the suggested age range and so the material needs to be adapted. No time is allotted during the exercises for debriefing and processing of information.

The panel recommends this affordable curriculum for use in well-established small groups or classroom settings with appropriate adaptations. Instructors may want to consider participating in a training workshop for this curriculum.

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**Review Criteria**

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	<b>Mean Score</b>
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	3.2
2. Gender Fair	3.6
3. Sexuality Positive	3.8
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	4.4
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	3.5
6. Sound educational methodology	3.8
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	3.1

(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 05/18/00.)

**Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences**

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<b>Potential Audience</b>	<b>Recommend highly</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Reject</b>	<b>No response</b>
<b>General Audiences</b> (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	4	9	0	1
<b>School Settings</b> (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	7	6	0	1
<b>Individual/Group Counseling</b> (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	5	5	2	2
<b>Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences</b> (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	5	8	1	0
<b>Other</b> (Describe)	3	3	0	8