

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

### ***Wise Guys: Male Responsibility Curriculum (2001)***

Curriculum

Target audience: Designed for use with small groups of boys 10-19 years old.

Cost: \$150 per curriculum

Available in Spanish

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

The Wise Guys Male Responsibility Curriculum is an eight to ten week program designed to teach young males self-responsibility, primarily in the areas of sexual development and health. The curriculum states that it can be offered in any setting where “young men gather to learn and grow with the guidance of trusted adults.”

The panel found the information in the curriculum technically accurate, up-to date, and presented in a way that used sound educational methodology. They felt that it was teacher friendly, however, recommended that the teacher/leader have strong content knowledge and group leading skills.

The panel felt that although the curriculum presented positive messages about sexuality, there were limited references to GLBT relationships and issues. Midway through the curriculum, the authors do recommend that facilitators use inclusive language in recognition of the fact that there will likely be members in the group who are questioning their sexual identity. The panel felt that although this was well stated, it should be stated earlier and should be better reflected in the language used throughout the curriculum.

The panel expressed concern that the curriculum perpetuated many gender stereotypes and was not racially, ethnically and culturally diverse. They felt that the age of the target audience was too broad and that it would need modifications dependent upon the actual ages of the participants.

The panel commended the fact that the curriculum focused on men. Very few curricula exist that are specifically directed towards adolescent males.

**Review Criteria**

	<b>Mean Score</b>
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	3.6
2. Gender Fair	2.4
3. Sexuality Positive	2.9
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	2.8
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	1.4
6. Sound educational methodology	3.9
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	3.4
8. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	2.4
9. Teacher-friendly	4.1

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 12/05/02.

**Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences**

<b>Assessment Criteria</b>			
<b>Overall Recommendation</b>	<b>Recommend highly</b> 2	<b>Recommend</b> 14	<b>Reject</b> 2
<b>Audience</b> For what audience is this resource appropriate?	<b>Audience targeted by the resource</b> 7	<b>Other audience(s)</b> 7	<b>Not Appropriate for any audience</b> 1
<b>Facilitation Skills Required</b> How knowledgeable and skilled must the facilitator be to use this resource effectively?	<b>Requires leader with strong content knowledge and group skills</b> 11	<b>Requires leader with moderate content knowledge and group skills</b> 7	<b>Requires leader with little content knowledge and group skills</b> 1
<b>Multicultural Perspective</b> Does this resource address the needs of communities of color; and/or issues of sexual orientation, gender, and disability	<b>Resource is culturally specific.</b> 3	<b>Resource is Multicultural/ Inclusive</b> 0	<b>Resource does not address the needs/issues of diverse populations</b> 15