

Overview

At a time when we need honest and comprehensive information about the risks of sexual activity -- and how to responsibly handle those risks -- the federal government instead continues to provide massive funding for domestic and international programs that preach abstinence-only until (heterosexual) marriage. These programs are particularly harmful to women and girls because they promote dangerous and outdated gender stereotypes.

For more information about abstinence-only policies:

www.legalmomentum.org

E-mail us with your story about abstinence-only programs at:
abstinence@legalmomentum.org

www.siecus.org

www.genderhealth.org/index.php

Download the Waxman Report on the content of abstinence-only programs at:

www.democrats.reform.house.gov/Documents/20041201102153-50247.pdf

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SEX, LIES AND SILENCE:

The Harm of U.S. Abstinence-Only
Policies at Home and Abroad



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Legal Momentum advances the rights of women and girls by using the power of the law and creating innovative public policy.



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Sex, Lies, and Silence: The Harm of U.S. Abstinence-Only Policies At Home and Abroad

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Abstinence-Only Programs: Harmful to Women and Girls
Presented By: Julie F. Kay
Staff Attorney, Sexuality and Family Rights Program
Legal Momentum - Advancing Women's Rights

Exporting the US Abstinence-Only Agenda
Presented By: Jodi Jacobson
Executive Director
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)

The Evidence v. the Politics of Abstinence-Only
Presented By: Naomi Seiler
Committee on Government Reform - Minority Staff
Office of Representative Henry A. Waxman

Challenges and Successes in Opposing Abstinence-Only
Presented By: William Smith
Vice President for Public Policy
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)

Question & Answer session

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