Abstinence Only vs. Safe Sex Education
A selected bibliography of materials in the University of Oregon Libraries in support of the Community Conversations program in University Housing

History
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ764.D46 C46 1996
A biography of an early pioneer in sex education, who came of age at a time when it was illegal to dispense information about birth control.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ57.6.G7 S49 2004
A cross-cultural and historical look at the varieties of approaches and philosophies regarding sex education for young people.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ57.5.A3 M66 2000
The concept of “adolescent” was conceived in 1904, a special group of people who had reached puberty but were still too young to marry. Victorian values soon collided with the early century crusade for sex education and birth control. The author explores how sex education has evolved over the 20th century, as “teenagers” have become a distinct group with specific needs.

When Sex Goes to School: Warring Views on Sex--And Sex Education--Since the Sixties / by Kristin Luker. New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2006
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ57.5.A3 L84 2006
The author, a professor of sociology, explores the polarizing issues of sex education through interviews with parents in several communities around the United States. Along the way she traces the evolution of sex education over the 20th century.

General Sources
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: LB3432.Z33 1988
A research study that presents data supporting the effectiveness of sex education programs in schools and their relative success in preventing teenage pregnancy.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ56 .L3255 2002
"In America today, it is nearly impossible to publish a book that says children and teenagers can have sexual pleasure and be safe too," argues the author. She looks at the ways abstinence-only sex education leaves “many teens without the information they need to make intelligent choices.”
Location: KNIght
Call #: HQ59 .E65 1989
The author writes from a Catholic perspective, arguing that sex is too sacred to be discussed in the classroom. He likens sex education to a plague that is one more sign of the coming apocalypse.

Sexuality Education: A Descriptive Study of Adolescent Interests and Perceived Needs as Reported by Middle School Students / by Gigi-Terese Sims. Thesis (M.S.)--Oregon State University, 1992
Location: KNIGHT MICROFICHE
Call #: HQ57.3 .S56 1992a f.1-2
A study conducted of middle school students to assess their attitudes toward and perceived needs for sex education in school.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ57.5.A3 178 2002
The author, a sociologist, explores the war of words over sex education, including “battle plans, hand-to-hand combat, gay-bashing, mudslinging, strange bedfellows, data use/misuse, and casualties since the 1960s, all backed by exhaustive research and over 75 interviews with both sides.”

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ57.5.A3 B36 1988
A handbook for educators and youth leaders with practical exercises for teaching aspects of human reproduction and sexuality to teens.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ57.5.O7 M33 2003
A study of sex education in Oregon, its effectiveness and the community’s attitudes about it.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: KTW153.7.A53 H95 2005
A critical report about the abstinence-only HIV prevention programs in Uganda.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: KF4124.5 .S35 2002
A critical report about the Texas abstinence-only program, evaluating the effectiveness of the program in educating teens about sexuality and safe sex.
Government Documents
Location: ONLINE
http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS76464
The Department of Health and Human Services awards grants to organization that promote abstinence-until-marriage education, but it does not review "its grantees‘ education materials for scientific accuracy and does not require grantees of either program to review their own materials for scientific accuracy. This is a study by the Government Accountability Office to assess the scientific accuracy of abstinence-only sex education program.

Location: DOCS-US, ONLINE
Call #: Y 4.AP 6/2:S.HRG.108-385
http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS47963
A transcript of a hearing before the Senate subcommittee responsible for funding ($290 million) abstinence-until-marriage sex education programs. Includes testimony from doctors, representatives from religious organizations that work with youth, and peer educators.

School-Based Sex Education: A New Millennium Update / by Parker, J. Terry. Washington, DC: ERIC Clearinghouse on Teaching and Teacher Education, 2001
Location: ONLINE
http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS31804
A concise overview of the major issues and statistics related to sex education in schools, including abstinence-only programs. Includes a substantial bibliography of further resources.

Videos/DVDs
The Education of Shelby Knox
Location: VIDEO COLLECTION
Call #: VIDEO DVD 00986
Documentary about a 15-year-old high school sophomore in Lubbock, Texas, who becomes an unlikely activist against the abstinence-only sex education policy in her town. Shelby, a politically conservative Southern Baptist who had pledged abstinence until marriage, became the group’s most vocal proponent of comprehensive sex education.