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Former President of Planned Parenthood

Cecile Richards



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...the President of Planned Parenthood Federation... February 2006 and also serves as its President of Planned Parenthood Action F... Incoming President since 2006. Ms. Richards is a leader in national progressive... years of experience in support of reproductive freedom and social justice. Ms. R... as President of America Votes, a coalition of more than 30 national organizati... Parenthood Action Fund. She served as Deputy Chief of staff for Democratic Lea... played a key role in the Congress member's election as the first woman Democ... Representatives. She has a long history of work in the reproductive rights comm... directed a national pro-choice ID project for the Turner Foundation, where she worke... affiliates and the national staff. She formed and served as president of Pro-Choice Vote, the largest 527 political committee in the 2000 election cycle. She serves as a Trustee of Ford Foundation. Ms. Richards served on the boards of many organizations, including the Planned Parenthood Action fund in the late 1990s and NARAL Pro-Choice America. She is a regular speaker at national and state organizations' conferences. Ms. Richards formed the Texas Freedom Network (TFN) to combat the anti-choice, radical policy agenda of the extreme right in Texas. Ms. Richards began her career organizing low-wage garment workers on the Rio Grande border. Her years as a union organizer included running the nationally recognized "Justice for Janitors" campaign in Los Angeles, CA, a successful effort to increase access to health care and better wages for immigrant janitors.

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TFN SHAC Initiative

GET INVOLVED

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Help Change Sex Ed in Texas Join a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

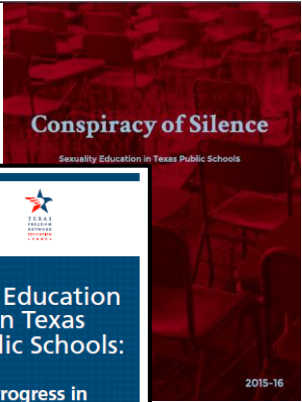
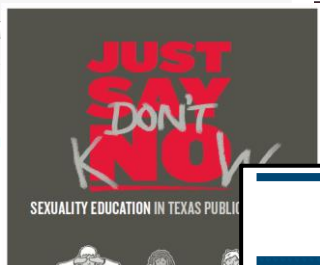
Citizens from across the state are stepping up and joining with TFN to improve sex education in Texas schools. Joining a School Health Advisory Council is one way you can make that change at the local level. Every school district is required by Texas law to have a School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) made up of parents, concerned citizens, students, business owners and other district residents. These councils recommend to school boards and administrators what health education policies -- including policies on sex education -- the district should follow.

Sign up today for TFN's SHAC initiative!

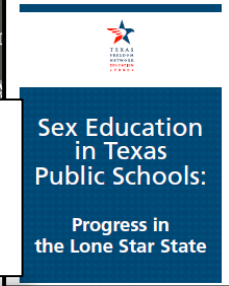
Download the Power Point from our webinar (held January 27, 2011): Help change sex ed in Texas: Adopting and Implementing Evidence-based Sex Education Programs in Texa

If you want more information, you will find tools on this page that will help you be

Feel free to contact Garrett at the Texas Freedom Network at any time for more in



TFN hosts Webinars coaching people to infiltrate SHACs to change sex education



- 2007 - TFN Education Fund requested **Open Records** from all Texas School Districts.
- All data was entered into a Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) **Database**.
- 2009 - TFNEF **White Paper** "Just Say Don't Know" was released with Results and Summaries.
- 2011 - TFNEF requested raw survey data from the **TEA** and wrote Sex Education in Texas Public Schools.
- 2016 - Open Records Request made to 10 large districts and 138 randomly selected districts.
- 2017 - New **White Paper** "Conspiracy of Silence" released.

Types of Sex Education

Sexual Risk Avoidance

Sexual Risk Reduction

Abstinence-Only Education

Abstinence Plus Education

Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE)

No Mention of Contraception

Contraception Education

Advocate for Contraception Use

	Sexual Risk Avoidance Abstinence	Sexual Risk Reduction "Comprehensive"
Emphasis on Abstinence	Devote more than 50% of page content to promoting abstinence	Devote less than 5% of their page content. Allocate sex times more content to the goal of promoting contraception than to the goal of promoting abstinence
Focus	Risk elimination. (abstinence)	Risk reduction. (contraceptive use, especially condoms)
Message	Focused. (Abstinence until marriage is clearly the BEST choice.)	Mixed. (EITHER abstinence OR having sex with a condom are equally good choices; or, abstinence is marginally better than having sex with contraception.)
Philosophy	<p>a) Teen sex and/or casual sex is problematic, even if contraception is used, based on risk of STDs, pregnancy, and negative emotional consequences</p> <p>b) Armed with full information about the risks of teen sex and the benefits of abstinence, teens CAN and DO choose to refrain from having sex. (The majority of teens today – 53% - have not had sex.)</p>	<p>a) As long as contraception is used, teen sex and/or casual sex is unproblematic. There are no potential negative emotional consequences.</p> <p>b) Teen sex is expected, inevitable, and a natural part of healthy sexual development.</p>
Behavioral Goal	Delayed sexual initiation, preferably until marriage, or "renewed abstinence" for the student already sexually experienced.	Increased contraceptive use, especially condom.

Source: Parents School Toolkit, [www. weascend.org](http://www.weascend.org)

District Adolescent Sexual Health Policy

ISD, Updated Date _____

Schools	Curriculum	Instructor	Class/ Peer Group	Dates	Parent Forum
Elementary					
Middle School					
High School					

- District Adolescent Sexual Health Policy.** Complete the table using the following resources:
 - District Website, Handbook, Emails, Trustees, Employees
 - District SHAC Website, SHAC Minutes, SHAC Facilitator, SHAC Members

- District SHAC.** Review SHAC By Laws and Minutes. Attend SHAC Meetings and consider being appointed to the SHAC by the Trustees. Learn to write recommendations.

- Questions.** Seek answers to the following questions by Trustees and SHAC Members:
 - 1) *Are you prolife?*
 - 2) *Do you recognize a conflict of interest with abortion providers or affiliates providing curriculum or instruction in the schools?*
 - 3) *Will you support Sexual Risk Avoidance(SRA) programs rather than Sexual Risk Reduction(SRR), in other words, consistent with how school districts handle all risky behaviors?*

- Board of Trustees.** Call and email Trustees. Speak during Public Testimony at Trustee Meetings. Attend Parent and District Forums.

Need to Escalate?

- Opt-Out
- File Grievance
- FOIMA Requests
- Media/Social Media/Network
- Website/Facebook Group
- State Board of Education
- State Senator and Representative
- Attorney General/Governor’s Office

Media/Social Media/Network

- Email Friends
- Neighborhood Groups
- NextDoor
- Churches
- Flyers/Signs
- Information Sessions
- News/Radio

Definitions consistent with Sexual Risk Avoidance

- A. **Abstinence:** *not participating in any sexual contact inside or outside the clothing that includes any contact between any part of the genitals of one person and the mouth or anus of another person; any touching of the anus, breast, or any part of the genitals of another person with intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person or any penetration of the female sex organ by the male sex organ (sexual intercourse).*
- B. **Age Appropriate:** *topics suitable for a given age group, based on the general developmental and social maturity of the age group. Mere cognitive ability to understand a topic or the atypical development of a small segment of the targeted population will not be deemed as license to present such topic.*
- C. **Currently Sexually Active:** *According to the CDC, this means that an individual has had sex within the past 3 months.*
- D. **Evidence-Based:** *an approach that has a clear theoretical framework integrating research findings with practical implementation relevant to the field; matches the needs and desired outcomes for the intended audience; and if effectively implemented, will demonstrate improved outcomes for the targeted population.*
- E. **Gateway Sexual Activity:** *any activity that increases the likelihood of subsequent sexual behaviors that lead to intercourse; an activity that makes it difficult for teens to avoid the progression toward sexual intercourse of any kinds.*
- F. **Medically Accurate:** *refers to information that is referenced to peer-reviewed research by medical, psychological, scientific, governmental, or public health publications, organizations or agencies.”*
- G. **Primary Prevention:** *any activity designed to prevent disease or injury.*
- H. **Risk Avoidance:** *an approach that encourages primary prevention to eliminate all consequences of risk behaviors, as opposed to risk reduction.*
- I. **Risk Reduction:** *focuses on simply reducing the consequences of risk behaviors, as opposed to risk avoidance.*
- J. **Sexual Activity:** *touching sexual or other intimate parts of a person; including outside of the clothing, also called gateway sexual activity; for the purpose of gratifying the sexual desire of a person, including, but not limited to vaginal sexual intercourse, anal sex, oral sex, touching of the breast or buttocks; touching of the genitals, mutual masturbation. Also called sexual contact.*
- K. **Sexual Risk:** *any sexual activity that exposes oneself to potentially adverse consequences.*
- L. **Sexually Experienced Teens:** *teens that have, at any time in their lives, been sexually active, regardless of their current level of sexual activity.*
- M. **Sexually Explicit Websites:** *internet sites that depict, describe, promote, or condone, actual or simulated sexual acts including sexual intercourse, oral or anal sex, or masturbation.*
- N. **Unhealthy Relationships:** *relationships that risk the emotional, physical, or psychological health of at least one partner.*