

**TOPIC:** In Support of Education About Drawbacks to Abstinence Only Education Programs

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WHEREAS, Young people (13-24 years) acquire half of all new STDs and one quarter of sexually active females has an STD. Young adults are at a higher risk of obtaining an STD than older adults (CDC, 2018).

WHEREAS, The rate of reported cases of STIs in both sexes of adolescents and young adults (ages 15-24) has increased from 2012 to 2016. (CDC, 2017)

WHEREAS, Adolescents who have intercourse after intending to remain abstinent frequently fail to use contraception and experience higher rates of pregnancy and human papillomavirus. (Santelli, 2017, p. 4); and

WHEREAS, There is a wide variety of birth control options available to reduce the likelihood of unintended pregnancy and/or contraction of STI, which have 'failure rates,' or rates of unintended pregnancy, as low as 0.05% (CDC, 2016).

WHEREAS, Abstinence-only-education (AOE) programming is ineffective because it has no effect on teen pregnancy or abortion rates. Additionally, these programs have been shown to increase rates of STDs due to ineffective prevention education (Carr and Packham, 2017).

WHEREAS, Among millennials surveyed in 2015, only 12 percent said their sex education classes covered same-sex relationships. (Advocates for Youth, Human Rights Campaign, answer, GLSEN, Planned Parenthood, SIECUS, 2015, p.1); and

WHEREAS, Neither AOE nor comprehensive sex education (CSE) were effective in reducing sexual activity amongst teens; however, those receiving CSE were more likely to consistently use condoms while those receiving AOE had negative views surrounding condoms, leading to more unprotected sex (Shepherd, 2017, p. 60); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ohio Student Nurses' Association (OhSNA) reach out to school districts in Ohio

and suggest a partnership resulting in activities such as OhSNA member visits to local schools to teach children and staff about sex and sex education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that OhSNA include information on social media and their website about CSE and

resources for further CSE information, such as Planned Parenthood; and be it further

RESOLVED, that OhSNA encourage school chapters to reach out to elementary, middle, and high

schools in the area to discuss CSE with the school's instructors and students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the OhSNA send a digital copy of this resolution to American Nurses Association,

Ohio League for Nursing, Ohio Board of Nursing, Ohio Department of Education, school

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districts such as the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Columbus City Schools, Cincinnati Public School District, Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses, Ohio Nurses Association, National Student Nurses Association, Ohio Organization of Nurse Executives, and all others deemed appropriate by the OhSNA Board of Directors.

