

Freedom to Succeed

Awareness and Understanding of the Laws 2023-2024 School Year

Program includes age-appropriate versions for 7th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade.

7th-12th Grade Outline for a One-Hour Program

Portions of the program will be omitted if less than one hour.

Introduction / Dreams and Goals

Laws are created to protect you and can help you reach your dreams and goals.

Teen Pregnancy and Child Support

Challenges of teen pregnancy are discussed.

What is the only 100% guaranteed way you won't face a teen pregnancy? Waiting.

As suggested by the CDC, and directed by the Texas Education Code, sex is best shared in a long term, mutually monogamous relationship, or marriage.

It's never too late to make a different decision and wait from now on. Focus on the future rather than the past.

How does the law define sex?

Students are given the legal definition of sex which includes any "touching of sexual areas".

Laws are made to protect you. You can protect yourself by being aware of the law.

Criminal Law

Sexual crimes (as defined in your state) are explained including public lewdness, sexual harassment, indecent exposure, indecency with a child, and sexual assault.

Students hear a story demonstrating how serious the legal consequences of sexual crimes can be.

A demonstration shows how difficult it can be to guess someone's age. Individuals or parents can report sex with an underage person as Sexual Assault or even Aggravated Sexual Assault (legal age of consent by state).

Sexual crimes can result in sex offender registration. Even those under the age of 18 could be required to register as a sex offender.

Family Violence / Child Abuse / Sexual Abuse / Teen Dating Violence / Sex Trafficking (Senate Bill 9)

Sexual abuse is never the victim's fault. If you are or have been involved in sexual abuse, tell an adult/seek help.

Teen Dating Violence: Legal definition and "red flags" for unhealthy relationships are discussed.

Peer Pressure

Students learn refusal skills and are given ideas on how to remove themselves from a situation.

Sexting / Pornography

Laws regarding pornography and sexting are discussed.

Students learn the short- and long- term risks of sexting.

Juvenile sexting laws and revenge porn laws are discussed.

Even with apps that allow you to unsend messages, there is always a way the images can be saved and shared.

The Best Protection

Waiting for sexual activity gives you full protection from teen pregnancy, STDs, and legal consequences.

Conclusion / Survey

Our surveys as well as the CDC show that most teens are not having sex.

A voluntary, anonymous survey is offered to students. Compiled results and comments are sent to the school.