



Sexual Health Education Instructional Materials Review

Curriculum Title: radKids

Year Published: 2013

Publisher: RadKids Inc.

Website: <https://www.radkids.org/>

Full or Supplemental: Supplemental

Grade Level: K-6

Student Population: General

Duration/Number of Lessons: 8 hrs. total can be divided into flexible blocks

Format and Features: 2 story books, 2 family safety manual books

Evidence-based/informed: Yes

National Standards Alignment: Not evident

Healthy Youth Act Compliance: No (see reviewer comments)

AIDS Omnibus Act Compliance: N/A

Bias Free Materials: No (see reviewer comments)

Primary Topical Areas (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> Identity/Orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstinence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy & Reproduction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology | <input type="checkbox"/> Puberty/Adolescent Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication/Decision-making | <input type="checkbox"/> Refusal Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condom Use | <input type="checkbox"/> STD Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Personal Safety) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contraception | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy relationships | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Prevention | |

Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer 109

This curriculum is a little dated. The section about strangers is a little confusing and could be taken out of the curriculum or pull pieces out of the section to talk about instead of reading it verbatim. Most perpetrators of children are people the child knows.

Reviewer 202

radKIDS proclaims to be a comprehensive safety curriculum that meets health standards for every state. While it does provide a very thorough safety manual that I am sure parents will find comprehensive, albeit overwhelming, it does very little to actually address the root causes of Child Sexual Abuse.

The most positive thing about radKIDS is its insistence that it is "Not Your Fault," and it urges adult and parents to reinforce this concept when hearing a disclosure; however, the practices that radKIDS promotes goes directly against this sentiment. It spends almost the entirety of its 35 page "Family Safety Manual" discussing how to create safety plans, how to say "no", and how to ward off an attacker or potential perpetrator (which they almost exclusively categorize as a "stranger"). Additionally, it spends a good deal of time focusing on "Bad Touch" vs. "Good Touch." Both of these strategies have been proven to be ineffective in preventing sexual violence, and that they actually reinforce harmful stereotypes that perpetuate victim-blaming; essentially, putting the onus of stopping the abuse on the child.

While there are materials for parent involvement and teacher trainings, the curriculum is otherwise limited in its variance of delivery. Ultimately, this curriculum does NOT address the root causes of sexual abuse and at the same time perpetuates harmful stereotypes and cultural norms that have been proven to cause harm.

Reviewer 101

I would not use this material or recommend it. This is outdated, poorly designed and not engaging for modern students. Content is not horrible, but it could not be presented in a less appealing way.

Reviewer 104

This was intended for middle school and much of the material seems immature for that age group. Little or no diversity except in line drawing pictures. No non-traditional family units are seen. Sam's Secret has all Caucasians and again not age appropriate for middle schoolers.