

Oregon's Planned Parenthood Announces it is the Largest Provider of Sex Education to Teens

Planned Parenthood (PP), an organization currently under intense public scrutiny regarding its involvement with selling baby parts, is in many Oregon public schools. [Planned Parenthood](#) was on the steering committee of the controversial Oregon Adolescent Sexuality Conference which, despite the conference organizers claims of "best practices" around teaching comprehensive K-12 human sexuality and "healthy relationships", was faced with undeniable evidence of their involvement in exposing minors to pornography and other developmentally inappropriate sexual content.

Many Oregon school districts adopt sex education policies which are recommended by the Oregon Department of Education, as well as sex education curriculum from PP. This was recently confirmed in an [August 26, 2015 email](#) from Camelia Hison, Vice President of Education for PP of Columbia-Willamette, where she announced that "[PP Columbia Willamette](#) is the largest provider of sex education in Oregon and Southwest Washington".

In this email, Ms. Hison highlighted the "[Teen Counsel](#)" program which she states is a "peer education program where teens learn accurate sexual health information and teach their friends and classmates. Participants gain leadership skills by organizing events in their schools and in their communities to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy, and LGBTQI issues."

Oregon law states that parents/guardians and students have the constitutional and statutory right to opt out of objectionable human sexuality or HIV/AIDS curriculum, including for accommodation of religious beliefs (ORS 336.035(2)), have the right to inspect the instructional materials to be used before or during the time the course is taught (See ORS 336.035(2)), and have the right to be notified in advance of any instruction on human sexuality or HIV/AIDS (See ORS 336.035(2)).

Planned Parenthood obtains extraordinary access during the school day to Oregon students through referrals from school-based health centers and through their sex education programs. These are students which are under the supervision of educators and school officials during the school day.

Oregon school boards and superintendents are required by statute (ORS 322.072) to serve the residents of their district. Are they prepared to defend PPs involvement on their school premises (including School-Based Health Centers), and to define PPs concept of "sexual health" and "healthy relationship", and to provide concrete evidence that their association with PP does not and will not infringe upon the rights and values of the families they serve?

Parents and guardians expect school district leaders to justify the use of PPs sex education curriculum, substantiate how it is developmentally appropriate and that it provides excellence in education.