

Junior High Curriculum

Lesson Outlines For Community Overview Purposes Only



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Lesson 1 Introduction: My Goals. My Future.

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will review the ground rules for the Check the Facts program. The lesson brings awareness to the fact that, the decisions students are making right now can have an impact on their future. Student will be empowered to take control of their personal health and wellbeing with a discussion and reflection time about wise decision making and SMART goal setting. It is important for students to recognize that they are not alone. The lesson also covers the importance of having trusted adults in their lives and builds awareness about the resources that are available to them.

Objectives:

- 1. Review the ground rules for the Check the Facts program to ensure a safe environment for learning.
- 2. Reinforce awareness that the decisions students are making right now can have an impact on their future.
- 3. Empower students to take control of decisions related to their sexual health.
- 4. Emphasize the importance of communicating with a trusted adult.
- 5. Give students a list of reproductive and sexual health services in our area. In addition, provide national resources that coincide with topics covered in the Check the Facts program.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. Program goals and procedures
- 2. Introduction of adolescence
- Short-term & long-term SMART goals
- 4. The importance of trusted adults
- 5. Locating resources

Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Introduction: Review of Ground Rules
- B. Ages and Stages
- C. Activity: Interactive Discussion Decision Making
- D. Goal Setting: Short-Term vs. Long-Term
- E. The Importance of Trusted Adults
- F. Your Sexual Health Rights & Resources Available to You
- G. Assigning Homework
- H. Activity: Wrap Up-Exit Ticket

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Lesson 1.5 Reproductive Systems Review

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

This lesson explains the reproductive systems of male and female bodies (biological sex.) It is important for teens to understand how their body works as well as the medically accurate definitions for each body part. Upon completion of this lesson students will be able to identify, describe, and summarize the sexual and reproductive parts, function, location, as well as the path of an egg during ovulation and the path of sperm during ejaculation.

Objectives:

- 1. Explain the difference between biological sex and gender.
- 2. Identify parts of the reproductive systems.
- 3. Describe the reproductive systems including body parts and their functions.
- 4. Summarize reproductive systems and their functions, including the path of an egg during ovulation and the path of sperm during ejaculation.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. Biological sex vs. gender
- 2. Anatomy of the Reproductive System
- 3. Menstrual cycle

- A. Introduction
- B. Differences between Biological Sex & Gender
- C. Male Bodies Terminology & Review
- D. Female Bodies Terminology & Review
- E. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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Lesson 2

Anatomy, Conception & Fetal Development

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

This lesson describes the stages of pregnancy through a discussion on fetal development. This lesson covers conception through birth and delivery, as well as all the stages in between. This lesson also discusses the importance of prenatal care for both the biological mother and the developing fetus. Upon completing this lesson students will also be able to identify all legal options for pregnancy.

Objectives:

- Describe the process of human reproduction by identifying the correct order of steps involved in conception.
- 2. Describe the process of fetal development.
- 3. Emphasize the importance of prenatal care.
- 4. Identify all legal options for pregnancy and discuss possible consequences for each option.

Topics Addressed:

1. Fertilization

2. Conception

3. Fetal development

4. Prenatal care

5. Abortion

6. Parenting

7. Safe surrender

8. Adoption

- A. Introduction/Review-Biological Sex and Gender
- **B.** Anatomy Review
- C. Reproductive Cells
- D. Fertilization/Conception

- E. Twins
- F. Menstrual Cycle
- G. Implantation
- H. Fetal Development Timeline: First Trimester
- I. Prenatal Care
- J. Abortion
- K. Pregnancy Options
- L. Activity: Pregnancy Options Discussion
- M. Sexual Health Rights & The Importance of a Trusted Adult
- N. Fetal Development Timeline: Second Trimester
- O. Activity: Fingerprints
- P. Fetal Development Timeline: Third Trimester
- Q. Delivery of the Baby
- R. Aftercare
- S. Activity: Fetal Development Review
- T. Activity Wrap Up-Exit Ticket

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Lesson 3 Identity & Exploring Stereotypes

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will be learning about gender identity, different sexual orientations, as well as the harmful effects of stereotypes. This lesson explains that everyone has a gender identity and that people often hold different values on this subject. Upon completing this lesson students will be able to recognize external influences that shape attitudes about gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. The lesson also emphasizes the importance of being inclusive and respectful of all people as well as an ally in their community.

Objectives:

- 1. Understand the range of gender roles, identity, and expression across cultures.
- 2. Distinguish between biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.
- 3. Recognize external influences that shape attitudes about gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.
- 4. Emphasize the importance of being inclusive and respectful of all people.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. Gender identity
- 2. Gender roles/stereotypes
- 3. Gender expression
- 4. Sexual orientation

- A. Introduction: Review of the Difference between Biological Sex and Gender
- B. Gender Roles and Stereotypes

- C. Activity: Class Brainstorm and Discussion on Stereotypes
- D. LGBTQ and Sexual Orientation
- E. Verbal Harassment & Allyship
- F. How to be an Ally & Stand Up Against Verbal Harassment
- G. Activity: Action Plan
- H. Resources
- I. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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Lesson 4

The Facts: STIs - Sexually Transmitted Infections

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will be learning about STIs/STDs also known as sexually transmitted infections/diseases. This lesson discusses the prevalence, signs, symptoms, transmission, impact, as well as treatment of STIs/HIV. Students will learn protective factors to help them avoid or reduce their risk of infection and transmission.

Objectives:

- 1. Identify what an STI/STD is, their modes of transmission, symptoms, treatment, prevention, as well as their long-term effects.
- 2. Define abstinence and explain why it is the most effective method to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STDs), including HIV.
- 3. Describe personal role/responsibility as well as factors that would contribute to or protect against engaging in risk behaviors.
- Identify medically accurate information and resources about/for contraceptive methods, STDs/HIV, and pregnancy.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. STIs/STDs
- 2. Causes
- 3. Symptoms

- 4. Treatment
- Long-term effects
- 6. Prevention

- A. Activity: True or False- Facts About STI's
- B. Why Study STI/STDs
- C. STIs vs STDs
- D. Teens & STIs/STDs

- E. How People Contract STIs/STDs
- F. Activity -STI/STD Transmission
- G. Most common types of STIs/STDs
 - a. Parasitic STIs
 - b. Bacterial STIs
 - c. Viral STIs
- H. How to Protect Yourself from STIs
- I. Finding Resources
- J. Homework
- K. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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Lesson 5 Contraception

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will have an opportunity to review their goals as a guide to help them with decision making. This lesson will cover all of the FDA approved methods of preventing a pregnancy. Students are encouraged to take responsibility of their sexual and reproductive health by understanding the facts about contraception to protect both themselves and their partner. This lesson also explains the importance of talking with a trusted adult when deciding what is best for them.

Objectives:

- Describe factors that contribute to or protect against engaging in risk behaviors.
- 2. Describe personal role in protecting one's own sexual and reproductive health.
- 3. Identify commonly used methods of birth control, including abstinence.
- 4. Summarize ways to prevent pregnancy and STDs.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. Short Term & Long-Term Goals
- 2. Teen Pregnancy
- 3. Contraception definitions
- 4. Types of contraception

- 5. Contraceptive use
- 6. Contraceptive effectiveness
- 7. Contraceptive possible risks

- A. Short Term & Long-Term Goals -Timeline Activity
- B. What is contraception?
- C. Fertilization Review
- D. Birth Control Methods

- E. Abstinence
- F. Permanent
- G. Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC)
- H. What are Side Effects
- I. Hormonal Methods
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- L. Informed Decision
- M. Community Resources & Your Sexual Health Rights
- N. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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Lesson 6 Making Wise Decisions & Choosing to Avoid Risk

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will learn decision making skills that they can apply toward any decisions they may face, now or in the future, related to their overall optimal health. It is important that students are informed and equipped to make these types of decisions to protect themselves from possible consequences. Being informed with this information will allow students to make an educated decision on what is best for them. In addition, students are reminded that they have trusted adults in their lives that can help them and that they are not alone.

Objectives:

- 1. Identify a decision-making model that can be used to make a health-related decision.
- 2. Define and discuss the benefits of abstinence.
- 3. Medically define oral sex, anal sex, outer sex, and vaginal sex.
- 4. Compare and contrast potential outcomes of risk behaviors and protective factors.
- Describe factors that contribute to or protect against engaging in risk behaviors.
- 6. Identify physical, emotional, and social effects of sexual activity.
- 7. Use a decision-making model to make a health-related decision.
- 8. Understand importance of personal responsibility for sexual decisions.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. All forms of sexual activity
- 2. Abstinence
- 3. Possible consequences or risk involved in sexual activity

- 4. Risk avoidance
- 5. Dealing with peer pressure

Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Decision Making
- B. Types of Sexual Activity
- C. Sex "Now" vs "Not Now/Wait"
- D. Peer Pressure
- E. Possible Consequences of Sexual Contact
- F. Personal Choice
- G. Activity: Self Reflection
- H. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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Lesson 7 Social Media Awareness

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

Sensitive Content Warning!!

This lesson explores the possible risks of the online world. Topics include pros and cons of internet, pornography, posting or sending inappropriate messages, a person's digital footprint, sexting, the laws related to minors sending or posting sexually explicit images, and cyberbullying. This lesson also shines a light on suicide as well as depression. Students learn how the media tends to pair cyberbullying with suicide – (meaning that cyberbullying would be the cause), but students will learn that suicide is multi-faceted and there is no one single reason why someone would choose to die by suicide. Students are encouraged to be kind always because everyone is fighting a battle, they know nothing about!

Objectives:

- 1. Identify positive and negative impacts of social media.
- 2. Identify activities on social media that can damage a person's public image.
- 3. Discuss the importance of maintaining an appropriate public image via social media.
- 4. Understand the dangers and outcomes of taking personal photographs and sharing them online or through text messages or other social media platforms.
- Develop skills to help prevent cyberbullying, and/or how to respond and help if someone they know is being bullied.
- Review challenges teens may face today in mental health as well as where to find support.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. The pros & cons of social media
- 2. Defining risky behavior
- 3. Inappropriate content
- 4. Digital footprints

- 5. Sexting
- 6. Cyberbullying
- 7. Suicide prevention
- 8. Teen depression

Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Introduction
- B. Risk and the Internet
- C. Sharing Inappropriate Messages
- D. Activity: In the News
- E. Digital Footprints
- F. Activity: Digital Footprints Video
- G. Activity: Telephone
- H. Sexting
- I. Cyberbullying
- J. Suicides Prevention and Awareness
- K. Teen Depression
- L. Activity: What Can I Do if I or Someone I Know is Being Bullied?

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Lesson 8 Social Media Safety

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will discover what inappropriate requests are both online and off, define grooming, as well the prevalence and nature, of human trafficking. This lesson also teaches students strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking. Upon completing this lesson students will have a better understanding of how to stay safe online.

Objectives:

- Identify harmful and violent social media content they witness, experience, and post.
- 2. Describe what grooming means and how it might be used.
- 3. Identify the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking.
- 4. Develop ways to stay safe online.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. Inappropriate Request
- 2. Grooming
- 3. Human Trafficking

- 4. Personal Information
- Creating a safe online community

- A. Inappropriate Requests
- B. Grooming
- C. Human Trafficking
- D. Strategies to Protect Yourself
- E. Activity: Meeting Someone Offline

- F. Protecting Personal Information
- G. Activity: Online Etiquette
- H. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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Lesson 9 Healthy Relationships: Part I

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will be learning about healthy relationships. Students are encouraged to set standards for themselves in current or future relationships. Students will discover the difference between what a healthy relationship is and what an unhealthy or abusive relationship is. Statistics state that 1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by someone they are in a relationship with before they become adults, so understanding the characteristics of each type of relationship is important. This lesson also looks at the importance of healthy communication, providing tips as well as an activity to practice how to communicate effectively.

Objectives:

- 1. Discuss how to set standards for yourself and why you should have them.
- 2. Describe characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships.
- 3. Discuss ways to support peers in an abusive or violent relationship.
- Explain how to build and maintain healthy family, peer, and dating relationships.
- 5. Identify ways to communicate effectively in a variety of relationships.
- 6. Demonstrate communication skills that foster healthy relationships.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. Standards
- 2. Types of relational abuse
- 3. Healthy communication

Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. Setting Standards
- B. The Importance of Respect in all Relationship
 - Different Forms of Relationship Abuse
- C. Genuine Vs. Imitation Love
- D. Activity: Healthy Relationship Red Light/Green Light
- E. Healthy Communication
- F. Tips for Communicating Effectively
- G. Activity: Sample Scenarios. Practicing Healthy Communication
- H. How to Communicate When You are Angry
- I. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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Lesson 10 Healthy Relationships: Part II

Teacher Outline

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson students will be building their awareness on sexually violent crimes, as well as understand the importance of affirmative consent. Consent is defined as permission for something to happen, or an agreement to do something. Students learn that consent is words and actions that show that someone really truly wants to do what they are about to do. Students will also recognize that people have the right to their own bodies through a conversation about setting boundaries. This lesson teaches students ways to prevent and protect themselves from this risk. Upon completion of this lesson students will develop a SMART plan to continue to communicate and maintain their personal boundaries and values.

Objectives:

- 1. Discuss boundaries and explain people's rights to their own bodies.
- Define what consent is and identify ways that affirmative consent can be communicated and accepted.
- 3. Build awareness of sexually violent crimes.
- 4. Identify the prevalence, nature, and strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking.
- 5. Develop a SMART plan to communicate and maintain personal boundaries and values.
- 6. Practice applying concepts learned to real-life scenarios.

Topics Addressed:

- 1. Boundaries
- 2. Sexually violent crimes
- 3. Consent

- 4. Applying the think SMART plan to real-life scenarios
- Finding resources and seeking help from a trusted adult

Lesson Plan Outline:

- A. What are Boundaries
- B. Setting Your Boundary Lines
- C. Sexual Assault
- D. Consent
- E. Responsibility and Consent
- F. Activity: Consent
- G. Think SMART
- H. ACTIVITY: Practicing Think Smart
- I. Activity: Wrap Up- Exit Ticket

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