

## Review Criteria

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has as one of its major goals “controlling the spread of HIV infection and AIDS.” To achieve this, it expects:

“Messages must be provided to the public that emphasize the ways by which individuals can fully protect themselves from acquiring the virus. These methods include abstinence from the illegal use of IV drugs and from sexual intercourse except in a mutually monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner. For those individuals who do not or cannot cease risky behavior, methods of reducing their risk of acquiring or spreading the virus must also be communicated. Such messages can be controversial.”

Therefore, the CDC requires that all material and messages presented must be reviewed by the HIV Materials Review Committee to insure the following.

- **CONTENTS OF PROGRAMS.** All programs of education and information receiving funds under this title shall include information about the harmful effects of promiscuous sexual activity and intravenous substance abuse and the benefits of abstaining from such activities.
- **LIMITATION.** None of the funds appropriated to carry out this title may be used to provide education or information designed to promote or encourage, directly, homosexual or heterosexual sexual activity or intravenous substance abuse.
- **CONSTRUCTION.** Subsection (c) may not be construed to restrict the ability of an education program that includes the information required in subsection (b) “to provide... accurate information about various means to reduce an individual's risk of exposure to, or to transmission of, the etiologic agent for acquired immune deficiency syndrome, provided that any informational materials used are not obscene”  
Educational sessions should not include activities in which attendees participate in sexually suggestive physical contact or actual sexual practices.

**The HIV Materials Review Committee Member reviews materials based on the above criteria. If an item meets all the criteria, then it is complete. If the material does not meet one or more of those criteria, then it is incomplete.**

Materials reviewed are intended as resources for adult educators or those adults preparing to become educators and should be used at the discretion of the educator. The NH Department of Education and HIV Materials Review Committee members are **not** endorsing or recommending the use of any educational or informational materials without additional local review for appropriateness of their use for any purpose.

The HIV Materials Review Committee does not have the authority to determine or recommend what should be used or should not be used in schools or districts. Material is **not** reviewed for educational merit; it is **not** reviewed for effectiveness, or for use with any particular grade or age audience, or for suitability for classroom use. These materials **are** reviewed for compliance with CDC guidelines.

Please see the Materials Review Form for information gathered during a review.