



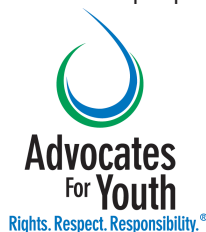
## ***Sex Education: Isn't it time to listen to the pediatricians, not the politicians?***

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that young people receive accurate and honest sex education that includes information about both abstinence and contraception. That's because pediatricians understand knowledge is power in the fight against teen pregnancy, STDs, and HIV.

Yet, politicians have spent over \$1 billion promoting a "Just Say No" approach, which prohibits information about the health benefits of condoms and birth control. This abstinence-only-until-marriage policy runs counter to recommendations from over 100

leading scientific and medical groups in the U.S. Studies show that these programs are ineffective, and a recent Congressional report found 80% of them contain medically false or misleading information.

When making decisions on public health, isn't it time to listen to the experts rather than the politicians? Young people need honest and accurate information to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancy, STDs, and HIV. It is vital we give our young people all the information.



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***Sex Ed: Tell Congress it's just what the doctors ordered.***