The Effects of Relationship Education on Adolescent Traditional Gender Role Attitudes and Dating Violence Acceptance

This study examined change in adolescents’ traditional gender role attitudes and dating violence acceptance following completion of Relationship Smarts PLUS. A significant decrease in traditional gender role attitudes was found for both boys and girls following relationship education, with a steeper decline in traditional gender role attitudes for boys than girls over time. Although there were no significant changes in dating violence acceptance, change in traditional gender role attitudes was correlated with change in dating violence acceptance, such that moving toward more egalitarian attitudes was associated with a decrease in acceptance of dating aggression/violence.

Just say know: Teens say pregnancy prevention programs are worth keeping
There was a crackle of excitement as their teacher, vivacious in a bright cotton dress with flowers in her hair, handed out scripts for a dramatization of real-life relationships and sexual encounters, starting with the basics. More…

(Ed. Note: Mission West Virginia, the Mary Black Foundation, and Trinity Church in Miami, all of whom use Love Notes Evidence Based Program, are mentioned in this article.)

**The New York Times**  How technology changes teen romance

The topic of teenage romance and sex has always been charged, but today’s pervasive digital technology has succeeded in turning up the wattage. Some parents have an easy and open channel with their adolescent around all things amorous while others find the subject painfully awkward and try to avoid it altogether. Regardless of where you and your teenager sit on this spectrum, the digital world puts a new spin on some of the timeless challenges of coming of age. When you’re ready to talk, here are some points to consider.

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**An In-depth Study of Federally Funded Programs**  Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Programs for Youth

Read a review of two new books explore America’s changing romantic landscape.

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**SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR**

November 8

*Shifting the Field to Prioritize Relationship Education for Youth*

About the webinar:

The field of couple and relationship education is dominated by a focus on helping committed couples strengthen their relationship. In this webinar, we will review several lines of research to argue that the relationship education field should give greater priority to youth relationship education — individually oriented relationship literacy education for adolescents and young adults.
individually oriented youth relationship education provides some reason for optimism. The webinar will conclude by exploring implications of this proposed shift in the field for practice and policy.

For further information, click here.

**Presenter:** Alan J. Hawkins, Ph.D. — Professor, School of Family Life, Brigham Young University.

**When:** Wednesday, **November 8, 2017**, 4:00 pm Eastern/1:00 pm Pacific

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Cost:** Free!

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**FUNDING STREAMS**

*Grants Enhance Quality of Life for Oklahomans*

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addition, the Foundation provides Technical Assistance Grants, as well as Good Neighbor Grants to address critical needs. Grant applications are accepted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation’s [website](#) for more information about the funding guidelines and application process.

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