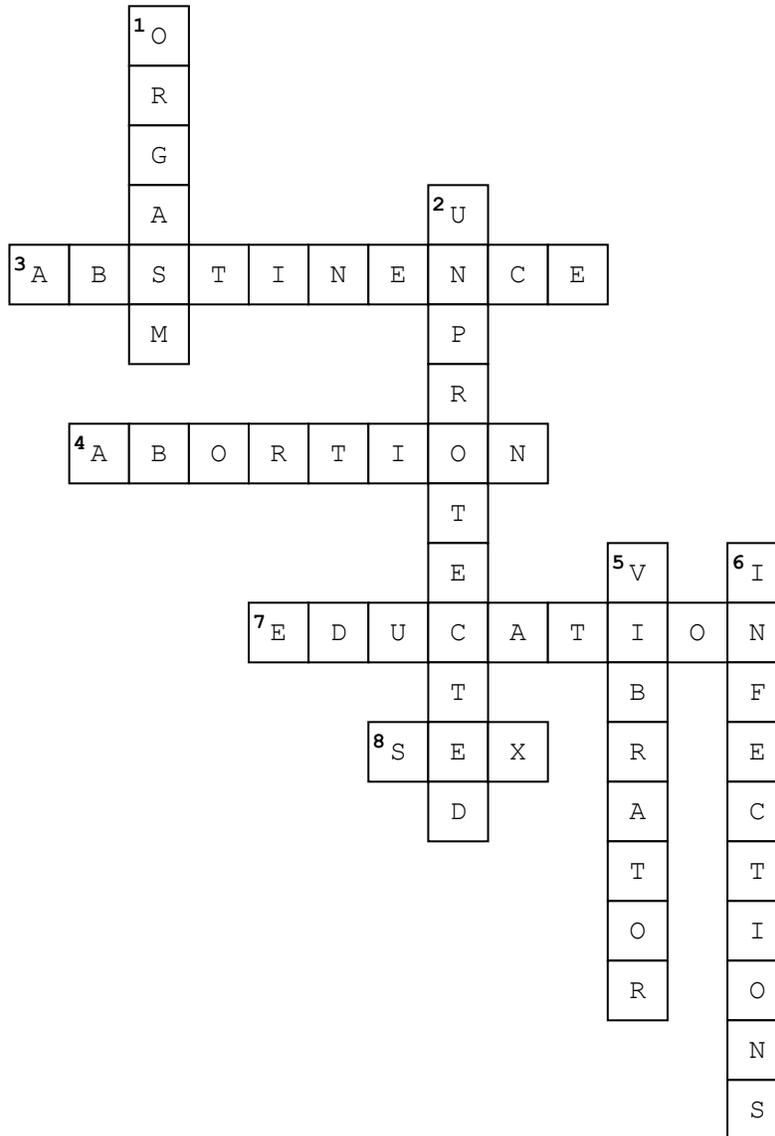


# 05/16/22 Sex Ed for All Month



### Across

3. Taxpayer money has been funding \_\_\_\_\_ - only-until-marriage education since the Reagan era. In 1981, Congress passed the Adolescent Family Life Act (AFLA) without hearings or floor votes. It was tacked on to another health bill, and the language outlined its mission: to "promote chastity and self-discipline." AFLA received the most funding of any sexual health program — \$200 million in all — before the Obama administration ended it in 2010.
4. In some states, teachers aren't even allowed to mention the word "\_\_\_\_\_." States have the leeway to develop their own scripts for teaching sex education, and it's often a way to spread bias.

### Down

1. The average male \_\_\_\_\_ lasts six seconds; the average female \_\_\_\_\_ lasts twenty seconds. \_\_\_\_\_s can lower a woman's risk of heart disease, stroke, breast cancer, and depression.
2. Contrary to popular belief, you can still get pregnant on your period. "This was a common belief because it wasn't well explained during school that while technically you are shedding your uterine lining and the egg is going along with it, there is still the possibility for sperm to meet egg," says sex and relationship expert Megan Stubbs, EdD, ACS. There is no safe time for \_\_\_\_\_ sex without the risk of pregnancy.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ was invented in 1869 as a treatment

Michigan does not require sex education, but for school districts that do decide to teach it, the focus on abstinence is the mandate, and instruction about contraceptives is not required. In addition, it is illegal to mention \_\_\_\_\_ as "a method of reproductive health" in any context.

7. Get involved in local state politics, if you're able; and vote in the school board election. School board members are major decision makers determining what is offered in school curriculums, including sexual \_\_\_\_\_. Advocating for a comprehensive sexual health \_\_\_\_\_ in schools is a great place to start! Comprehensive sex-ed programs focus on healthy relationships and consent practices, and can start teaching students as young as kindergarten.
8. Only 22 states and the District of Columbia require that public schools teach \_\_\_\_\_ education.

for "hysteria" or mysterious "female disorders,". Whenever a woman reported being mentally or emotionally upset (which was quite common, unsurprisingly), it was considered an illness. The cure? Using a large, steam-powered massager (yikes!) to massage the genitals with the goal of inducing "hysterical paroxysm," the Victorian term for orgasm.

6. Although condoms are highly effective at preventing Sexually Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_ that are transmitted through bodily fluids, other STIs are spread by just skin-to-skin contact, according to the FDA. This means you can still get STIs like the human papillomavirus (genital warts), genital herpes, and syphilis, even if you wear protection.