

Background Readings: Prevention Research and Policies

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(<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/publications/stateevaluations/index.htm>). New review by Advocates for Youth of the evaluation by ten states of programs funded by the federal government's first large abstinence-

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only education program funded by Congress in 1996. The conclusion states: "Abstinence-only programs show little evidence of sustained (long-term) impact on attitudes and intentions. Worse, they show some negative impacts on youth's willingness to use contraception, including condoms, to prevent negative sexual health outcomes related to sexual intercourse. Importantly, only in one state did any program demonstrate short-term success in delaying the initiation of sex; none of these programs demonstrates evidence of long-term success in delaying sexual initiation among youth exposed to the programs or any evidence of success in reducing other sexual risk-taking behaviors among participants."

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Recommendations based on published evidence and a consensus panel about incorporating HIV prevention interventions into the primary medical care of HIV positive people, by training doctors and nurses to deliver brief interventions, by having other specially trained staff or peers do so and/or be referring to specific, linked community programs.
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