**Parent Poll Checklist**

The following checklist is a summary of recommended steps and can be used as an aid in planning throughout the survey process:

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| Completed  Y/N | SUMMARY OF STEPS |
|  | **Develop parent survey items**  See questionnaire for sample items |
|  | **Decide and plan the logistics of survey administration**  Determine how, where, when and with whom the survey will be administered |
|  | **Format or program the parent survey**  Pilot-test if necessary (e.g. test electronic delivery if emailing surveys) |
|  | **Obtain approval for parent poll**  E.g. Approval may be required from the school district or SHAC |
|  | **Administer parent poll**  Send reminders to non-respondents if applicable |
|  | **Analyze data**  Seek outside assistance if needed to aid with analysis |
|  | **Compile data into a written report and presentation materials**  See examples of how to present results in the instruction section of this tool |
|  | **Present findings to key stakeholders**  See factsheet “Communicating Effectively” for tips on how to communicate your findings |

**POSSIBLE PARENT POLL QUESTIONS**

**Q1. At what grade level should age-appropriate sexual health education begin in schools?**

1. Elementary School (ages 6‐10)

2. Middle School (ages 11‐13)

3. High School (ages 14‐18)

4. None of the above

5. Not sure

**Q2. Which of the following most closely matches your view on sexual health education in public schools?**

1. It should only teach young people to wait to have sex until marriage

2. It should teach young people to wait to have sex but also provide them with medically accurate information on condoms and contraception

3. It should not be taught in schools at all

4. Not sure

**Q3. In addition to teaching students to abstain from sex, at what grade level should sexual health education provide students with medically accurate information on condoms and contraception? (Choose all that apply)**

1. Elementary School (ages 6‐10)

2. Middle School (ages 11‐13)

3. High School (ages 14‐18)

4. All of the above

5. None of the above

6. Not sure

**Q4. Out of the following groups, choose the top 3 that should decide how sexual health education is taught in public schools?**

1. Politicians

2. Religious leaders

3. School Administrators

4. Teachers

5. Students

6. Parents

7. Public Health Professionals

**Q5. At which grade level do you support surveying students to get a better idea of their sexual activity? (Choose all that apply)**

1. Elementary School (ages 6‐10)

2. Middle School (ages 11‐13)

3. High School (ages 14‐18)

4. All of the above

5. None of the above

6. Not sure

**Q6. Do you wish students were getting more information about abstinence, more information about birth control or condoms, or more information about both?**

1. More information about abstinence

2. More information about birth control and condoms

3. More information about both

4. Already get enough information

5. Not Sure

**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about sex education in public schools?**

**Q7. Whether or not young people are sexually active, they should receive sex education so that they can make responsible choices.**

Strongly Agree Disagree Strongly Not Sure Declined to Answer

Agree Disagree

**Q8. Since young people cannot make responsible decisions on their own they need to hear one clear message to remain abstinent until they are married.**

Strongly Agree Disagree Strongly Not Sure Declined to Answer

Agree Disagree

**Q9. Giving young people information about both abstinence and birth control in schools sends a mixed message.**

Strongly Agree Disagree Strongly Not Sure Declined to Answer

Agree Disagree

**Q10. Schools should be doing more to help prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections among students:**

Strongly Agree Disagree Strongly Not Sure Declined to Answer

Agree Disagree

**DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS**

**Q1. What is your gender?**

1. Male 2. Female

**Q2. Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?**

1. Yes 2. No 3. Not sure

**Q3. Which of the following best represents your race or ethnic group?**

1. White

2. African American

3. Asian/Pacific

4. Other/mixed

**Q4. What is the primary language spoken at home?**

1. English
2. Spanish
3. Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q5. Which of the following best describes your highest level of education?**

1. Less than H.S. graduate

2. H.S. graduate

3. Some college

4. College graduate or more

**Q6. Which of the following best represents where you live?**

1. Large city (100,000 or more)

2. Small city (less than 100,000)

3. Suburbs

4. Rural area

5. Not sure

**Q7. Which of the following best describes your occupation?**

1. Managerial

2. Medical

3. Professional/Technical

4. Sales

5. Clerical

6. Service

7. Blue-Collar/Production

8. Student

9. Homemaker

10. Teacher/education

11. Retired

12. Military

13. Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Not sure

**Q8. Which of the following best describes your marital status?**

1. Married

2. Single, never married

3. Divorced/separated

4. Widowed

5. Civil Union

6. Not sure

**Q9. What is your age?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Q10. Which of the following best represents your household income last year before taxes?**

1. Less than $25,000

2. $25,000-$34,999

3. $35,000-$49,999

4. $50,000-$74,999

5. $75,000-$99,999

6. $100,000 or more

7. Declined to answer

**Thank you for taking time to complete the survey.**

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