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Interim Written Question and Response Document

Round 1: Written Questions and Responses for questions submitted through August 30, 2013
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Q1. Is there an abstinence only curriculum that could be offered as an alternate to the POWER Through Choices curriculum when grantees are approached by providers seeking programming for at-risk youth meeting the eligibility criteria but who do not want to provide the comprehensive curriculum?

A1. No, the RFP specifies which curriculum contractors may apply to use (page 14-15). Each curriculum does contain information about abstinence. Evidence-based or promising practice curriculums for provision of abstinence based education services focus on risk avoidance strategies and provide youth with the tools and resources necessary to abstain from or delay the initiation of sexual activity.

Q2. During year 1, we have been approached with requests to provide the POWER Through Choices in settings with at-risk youth who are older than 19 years of age but have not been able to schedule sessions as the population did not meet the defined target population (e.g., teens 13 to 19 years). Is there the potential for grantees to serve youth that meet the at-risk youth priority population criteria and who have demonstrated high-risk behaviors but who are older than 19 years of age?

A2. The Abstinence Education Grant funds can only be used for programming for youth who are between the ages of 10-19. The definition of youth per the Title V State Abstinence FOA: Youth - An individual who has attained age 10, but has not attained age 20. The contractor may choose to provide services to youth aged 20 and older, as long as they are using other funds and are not included in data collection for the IDPH Abstinence Education program.