

Who are Advocates for Youth?

Advocates for Youth is the organization in which the new proposed sex-education for Washoe County School District is derived from.

Advocates for Youth looks to change Sex Education from a scientific explanation of reproductive organs and sexual risk avoidance to a subjective explanation and exploration of sexuality and gender fluidity.*

Advocates for Youth designed “A K-12 Sexuality Education Curriculum,” which goes outside the scope of sex education standards for Nevada, and emphasizes “gender fluidity, and sexual orientation” as early as the 5th grade. (2)

Nevada’s children are not a priority to Advocates for Youth, their agenda is. “Advocates for Youth strives to build an active, mobilized, and powerful network of young activists to create change on a local, state, national, and international level.” Their goal is to “instigate progressive shifts in sexual health policy and practice at the federal level and in at least eight states, 10 national organizations, and four developing countries.” (1,4)

Advocates for Youth are a politically-charged activist group

Looking to push forward their progressive political agenda using America’s youth by sending and providing scholarships for youth “to attend an *intensive youth activist training institute.*” As well as providing information on how to recruit and maintain youth “activists.”(1,2,5)

Advocates for Youth wants to cut parents out of their children’s medical decisions

“[Advocates for youth] works to ensure that as youth enter adolescence they have access to youth-friendly, affordable, consensual, and confidential *sexual health services* (including family planning/contraception; HIV/STI screening, treatment, and care; and *abortion care*)” (1)

Advocates for Youth does not value parental views or beliefs

Stating that “many adults are uncomfortable with the idea of teen sexuality, and prefer to *remain in ignorance or denial.*” (3)

*Gender fluidity: The belief that social constructions of gender identity and gender roles lie along a spectrum and cannot be limited to two genders; a feeling that one's gender varies from societal notions of two genders (6)

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