# **Relationships Under Construction for 8th Grade Students**

#### Goal:

To provide medically accurate education that addresses the whole person including the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical dimensions and develops positive character and relationship skills.

## **Eighth Grade Lesson One**

- 1. The student will discuss their goals for the future.
- 2. The student will examine the effects of multiple partners on future relationships.
- 3. The student will view the Check It Out video/DVD (if time permits) and define the difference between bacterial and viral STDs.
- 4. The student will experience the feasibility of delayed gratification.

## **Eighth Grade Lesson Two**

- 1. The student will define terms of abstinence education.
- 2. The student will name seven STDs, chart their primary characteristics and determine effectiveness of abstinence.
- 3. The student will examine transmission patterns of STDs with multiple partners.
- 4. Assigned worksheet: STI/STD Worksheet

## **Eighth Grade Lesson Three**

- 1. The student will examine various parenting choices for pregnant teens.
- 2. The student will analyze the roles and importance of mothers and fathers in the lives of children.
- 3. Assigned worksheets: Condoms vs. Abstinence, Teen Pregnancy and Adoption.

## **Eighth Grade Lesson Four**

- 1. The student will explore the role of parents in setting guidelines for dating.
- 2. The student will place in sequence the building blocks of healthy marriage.
- 3. The student will be familiar with the twelve steps of "pair bonding," if time permits.

## **Eighth Grade Lesson Five**

- 1. Collect and discuss the assigned worksheet: Rebuilding a Country
- 2. The student will create positive slogans for abstinence. (if time permits)
- 3. The student will compare and contrast responses to adversity between persons of integrity and persons lacking integrity.
- 4. The student will commit to healthy behavior and abstain from risky behavior.
- 5. A short post-survey is administered.