

PUBLISHER CERTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE-CENTERED SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE APPROACH

Love Notes 4.2 AO - GD-SRAE Marriage-Centered Edition

The Dibble Institute®, publisher of **Love Notes 4.2 Abstinence Only Adaptation (AO)**, certifies that the GD-SRAE Marriage-Centered Edition distributed under **HHS-2026-ACF-ACYF-SR-0012** meets the curriculum requirements of **42 U.S.C. § 710(b)(1)-(4)** and documents the lesson-level alignment required for the NOFO's marriage-centered bonus points.

ABSTINENCE-UNTIL-MARRIAGE-ONLY CERTIFICATION

Love Notes 4.2 AO contains no contraception, condom, emergency-contraception, or contraceptive-risk-reduction language or instruction in any instructor content, participant materials, slides, handouts, activity cards, or embedded or linked media. The unambiguous and primary emphasis for each topic normalizes avoiding nonmarital sexual activity; no contraceptive or family planning instruction is included.

REQUIREMENT	CERTIFIED CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT
§ 710(b)(1) General Legislative Purpose	Love Notes 4.2 AO exclusively teaches sexual risk avoidance — voluntarily refraining from nonmarital sexual activity. Lessons 11-12 make abstinence until marriage the behavioral standard through deciding rather than sliding, setting a personal line, and refusal and assertiveness skills; each participant develops a personal plan for waiting until marriage.
§ 710(b)(2) Required Components	Love Notes 4.2 AO is medically accurate and complete, age appropriate, and grounded in adolescent learning and developmental theory. As certified above, the unambiguous and primary emphasis for each § 710(b)(3) topic normalizes avoiding nonmarital sexual activity. Implementation with youth from diverse communities and settings supports culturally appropriate delivery.
§ 710(b)(3) Required Topic A	Lessons 1-3 build a future relationship vision, examine family-of-origin patterns, and clarify expectations. Lessons 4, 8, 9, and 11 teach self-regulation and pacing that protect future goals; Lessons 11-13 integrate abstinence, goal setting, future family plans, and responsible parenthood.
§ 710(b)(3) Required Topic B	Lessons 4, 8, 11, and 12 explore the physical, mental, and emotional benefits of refraining from nonmarital sexual activity — messaging woven throughout the curriculum.
§ 710(b)(3) Required Topic C	Lesson 8 teaches Decide, Don't Slide and the Success Sequence — complete education, obtain full-time work, marry before having children — linking intentional sequencing to self-sufficiency and reduced poverty; Lesson 13 ties emotional maturity and self-sufficiency to avoiding poverty.
§ 710(b)(3) Required Topic D	Lessons 4-5 teach healthy-relationship building blocks — patient love, shared values, choosing a good match, commitment, respect, and sexual boundaries — foundations for healthy marriages.
§ 710(b)(3) Required Topic E	Lessons 3, 5, and 12 address alcohol and drug-related sexual risk.
§ 710(b)(3) Required Topic F	Lessons 6-7 teach recognizing abuse, warning signs, safe exit, consent, coercion prevention, dating-violence help-seeking, and sex-trafficking prevention; Lessons 11-12 build boundary-setting, refusal, and pressure-situation skills to protect the decision to wait until marriage.
§ 710(b)(4) Contraception	Love Notes 4.2 AO contains no contraception information or instruction of any kind: § 710(b)(4)(A) is satisfied because no contraception information is provided, and § 710(b)(4)(B) because the curriculum includes no demonstrations, simulations, or distribution of contraceptive devices.
Evidence and national experience	In a federally funded cluster randomized controlled trial, Love Notes participants were 46% less likely to experience pregnancy and showed higher abstinence and less recent and frequent sexual activity (Barbee et al., 2016). Since 2016, approximately 80% of federally funded SRAE organizations have used the program across schools, community organizations, child welfare, and juvenile justice settings.
Promoting Healthy Marriage and Family Formation 10 bonus points	The full instructional arc is marriage and family centered: relationship vision (Lesson 1); healthier intergenerational patterns (Lesson 2); expectations about commitment, marriage, and parenting (Lesson 3); wise partner selection (Lessons 4-5); leaving unsafe relationships (Lessons 6-7); marriage before childbearing and the Success Sequence (Lesson 8); communication skills that sustain marriage (Lessons 9-10); reserving sex for marriage and a personal abstinence plan (Lessons 11-12); and the benefits of committed marriage and stable family formation (Lesson 13) — supporting 7 points for exclusive abstinence education and 3 points for marriage and family-formation alignment.

Publisher certification. This certification accompanies an applicant's implementation plan as supporting documentation for NOFO bonus-point review. Applicants remain responsible for fidelity and for ensuring that local materials and supplemental activities likewise contain no contraception, condom, or contraceptive-risk-reduction language or instruction.

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