

## **REVIEW CRITERIA TO ASSESS SPEAKERS, MATERIAL OR CURRICULA:**

Each community, school or agency needs to select materials, speakers or curricula that meet its needs. The following criteria are recommended as helpful to assess the quality of the speaker, material or curricula. These criteria are based on public health principals and qualities of effective interventions to address HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention programs:

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	Criteria	Definition	Scale: 5 =high 1=low
1.	Technically accurate and up-to-date	Information is medically correct, scientifically-based, technically accurate, clear and well-written, and current; reliable sources of information are identified.	Automatic rejection if information is inaccurate or outdated
2.	Gender fair	Equal and appropriate representation of males and females. Demonstrates equality in role/authority, use of referent pronouns.	
3.	Uses a positive approach	Emphasis is on increasing and supporting positive, affirming behavior; affirmation of personal responsibility and decision-making; positive relationships, self-respect, and an understanding of control and power in relationships. Builds on a basic appreciation of sexual orientation and human sexual expression throughout the lifespan.	
4.	Developmentally appropriate for intended age	Language, concepts and tone (emotional message) appropriate for age and audience. Addresses the needs of all learners, including those with physical, cognitive or emotional disabilities.	
5.	Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	Depicts populations of color in materials; recognizes and respects differences in cultural/community norms, language and beliefs. Takes positive steps to create curricula that are relevant to different racial, ethnic and cultural groups.	
6.	Sound educational methodology for the recommended audiences	Focuses on the affirmation of personal responsibility and decision-making. Skills-based, interactive and creative experiences fostered.	
7.	Does not teach or promote religion as a part of the program	Religiously neutral; does not discriminate against nor favor a particular doctrine or affiliation.	

Materials are defined as any written material, computer software, web sites, videos, educational or informational materials.