

Update: In response to the expert reviews commissioned by Rep. Waxman, the Senate Appropriations Committee directed HHS to review the website, correct erroneous content, and to include more information about risks associated with alcohol and tobacco use.

Scientific experts say that 4parents.gov, an HHS website that claims to "equip parents to talk with their teens about sex and relationships," is seriously flawed and likely to backfire, providing erroneous and incomplete information about sexually transmitted diseases, the effectiveness of contraceptives, and sexual orientation. **Documents and Links**

- [Review by Dr. King K. Holmes, Director of the University of Washington's Center for AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases](#)
- [Review by Dr. Richard R. Pleak, Education Director for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Schneider Children's Hospital](#)
- [Review of Dr. John S. Santelli, Chair of the Department of Population and Family Health at Columbia University](#)
- [Review by Prof. Laurence Steinberg, President-Elect of Division of Developmental Psychology of American Psychological Assoc.](#)
- [Rep. Waxman's Letter to HHS Secretary Leavitt](#)