

## Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review  
Review Date: November 2007

### *Unequal Partners 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*

*Teaching about Power and Consent in Adult-Teen and Other Relationships (2007)*  
Manual

Target Audience:      Stated audience: Ages 10 -17  
                                 Recommended by panel: Ages 12 -19

Cost: \$30.00

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Highly Recommends** use of this manual for the following reasons and with the following reservations:

#### Review Summary:

*Unequal Partners: Teaching about Power and Consent in Adult-Teen and Other Relationships, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, is designed to help young people (ages 10-17) understand the characteristics of healthy relationships; learn how to avoid, change or end relationships that are unhealthy; and prevent unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and emotional, physical and sexual abuse. Although the focus of **Unequal Partners** is to confront the issue of teen female – adult male relationships, the activities found in **Unequal Partners** help students develop criteria for evaluating **any** relationship. These include teen male – adult female and same sex relationships.

The panel highly recommends *Unequal Partners* for the following reasons:

- Consent is addressed a great deal in manual.
- The language used is inclusive of multiple groups of young people, including GLBTQ youth.
- Facilitator can use pieces of manual.
- It gives participants an opportunity to assess their own relationships.

The panel has concerns about the following elements of *Unequal Partners*:

- Lack of explorations/ discussion of cultural differences in perceptions of adult – teen/child relationships.
- Manual is wordy and text heavy. Materials need to be read more than once for understanding.
- Not enough information is included on teen male – older female relationships.

Panel feels that *Unequal Partners* is an excellent, well priced resource on a much-needed topic.

Overall, the panel **highly recommends** *Unequal Partners: Teaching about Power and Consent in Adult-Teen and Other Relationships, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*.