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Directory of Marriage, Family, and Couples Education Programs

This page allows you to search for couples education programs in your area. Many classes are available to unmarried couples, married couples, engaged couples, and gay, lesbian, or bisexual couples. Instead of offering counseling or therapy, these type of classes believe that relationships succeed and last because the people involved have specific skills, which the classes help you learn.

* Equality
in Marriage Institute

A nonprofit organization whose mission was to educate men and women on the importance of equality in their relationships. Published The Commitment Conversation, a guide designed to help individuals understand the importance of effective communication and decision-making with their partner on challenging topics such as children, finances,

and relationship goals. The organization ceased operations in August 2006 and the website is no longer updated; nonetheless, it is full of practical suggestions of timeless value.

HeartChoice.com

A website of articles and links about relationships, including sections on finding a partner, marriage, divorce, and sexual intimacy.

Requesting

Respect for Unmarrieds by Amy Hayden

Amy Hayden, an "unmarried-but-not-single" mother with children, has something on her mind, and in "Requesting Respect for Unmarrieds" she spills it. Read what Hayden feels her government might do to support unmarried parents with children.

Valentine's

Reflection: True Love and Marriage by Mary Esselman and Elizabeth Velez

Two women counter commercialized "love" with classic poetry.

Ten Ways To Improve Your Chances

for a Good Marriage After Cohabitation, by Dorian Solot and Marshall Miller.

This short article lists some things cohabitators (or future cohabitators) can do to increase the chance of having a strong marriage.

Organizations

aMaze

Provides curricula and books for schools, faith groups, and teachers to use to teach children about family diversity issues.

Unmarried America

Unmarried America is an information service for America's 89 million unmarried adults -- who head up a majority of the nation's households. Its services focus on your interests as employees, consumers, taxpayers, and voters, regardless of

your household size or family structure. The newspaper column, library, and radio show are all functions of Spectrum Institute, a nonprofit corporation with federal tax exempt status.

Council on Contemporary Families

Organization of researchers and theorists explores how the "traditional family" may not meet people's needs today."

Family Diversity Projects

This organization has wonderful photo-text exhibits and books on topics like lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families, multiracial families, mental illness in the family, adoptive and foster families, single parent families, immigrant families, and more.

Institute for 21st Century Relationships

A new organization whose mission is to facilitate the fulfillment of the human potential for relating, and to support the freedom of consenting adults to discover and to practice the intimate relationship structure that best meets their emotional and human needs.

Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing

A network of clergy, religious educators, theologians, and other religious leaders who believe all people have the right and responsibility to lead sexual lives that express love, justice, mutuality, commitment, consent, and pleasure, regardless of sex, gender, color, age, bodily condition, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Support and Discussion Groups

Alternatives to Marriage Live Journal

Messageboards about alternatives to marriage. This site is independent of the Alternatives to Marriage Project, despite the similarity in name.

AtMP-Talk

The Alternatives to Marriage Project's online discussion list, for singles, people in relationships (married and unmarried), and professionals with an interest in the subject of people who choose not to marry or are unable to marry.