

FUNNELS

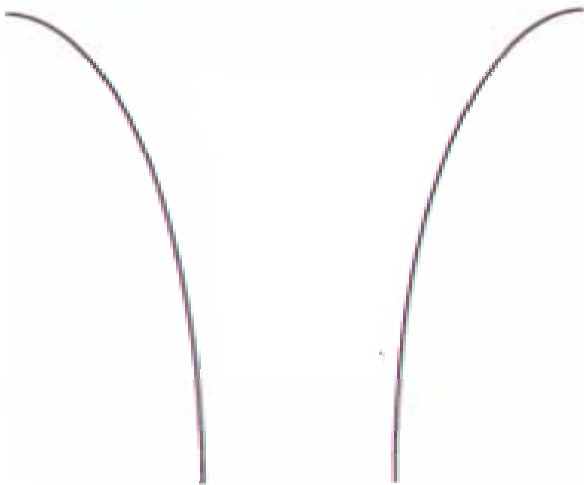
Sexual activity at your age is a _____, and once you get involved in it you have a lot more to _____ than you do to gain.

Show the transparency, "Funnels of Intimacy and Commitment". You may wish to use the following definitions to explain how one step naturally leads to the next. Just as gravity naturally would pull you down a funnel, making it hard to stay near the top and not slip all the way through, our natural desires urge us on through each level to get to the last one.

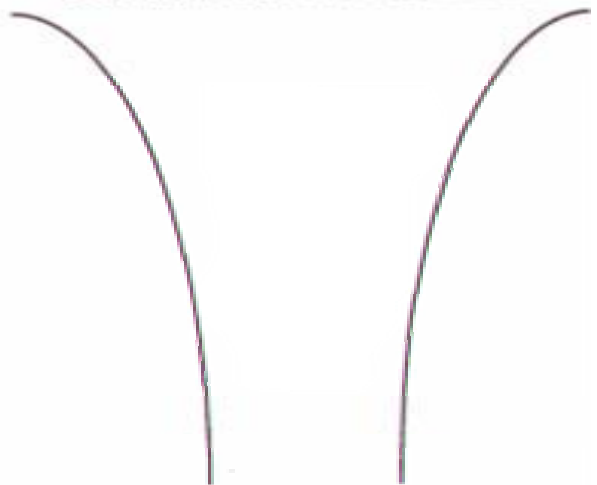
DEFINITIONS:

1. Making Out:
2. Petting:
3. Intercourse
4. Dating:
5. Going steady:
6. Engagement:
7. Fill in the Funnels:

INTIMACY FUNNEL



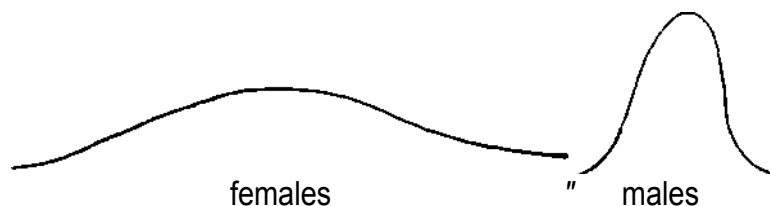
COMMITMENT FUNNEL



In the funnel of commitment, most of us want to belong to someone and have someone belong to us

SLIPPING THROUGH THE FUNNEL OF SEXUAL

1



2.

3.

4.

COMPARE THE TWO FUNNELS:

1. The speed down each funnel varies; it can take years, or it can happen in one night (sex happens in one night more often than marriage in one night).

2. Girls are usually _____
_____.

3. Guys are usually _____
_____.

4. Girls and guys will use one funnel to bargain for the other.

Girls give sex to get _____ Guys give love to get _____.

* How might that backfire for girls?

* How might that backfire for guys?

5. The earlier in age one enters the funnel, _____.
6. The more you date one person, _____.
7. It is easier to break off a relationship than _____.
8. Once you have gone down the funnel, _____.
9. Going down the intimacy funnel gives girls a different reputation than guys.

How?

Why?

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE GIRLS AND GUYS TO HAVE SEX

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.

(Adapted from Young Miss, November, 1988, p. 81-82.)

THE NATURAL BALANCE

For any relationship to grow, there needs to be a balance between_____ and _____ . If this balance gets too far out of line, then it will jeopardize the _____.

INTIMACY
Hold hands
Kiss
Making Out
Petting
Full Intimacy

COMMITMENT
Date
Go Steady
Engagement
Marriage
Marriage

If a couple is dating and kissing, this is probably not too far out of balance. However, if a couple is dating and involved in full intimacy, then there is not enough commitment for that much intimacy. If a couple is about to be married and has never kissed, this is also out of balance and not very good for the relationship.

MAKE A DECISION: Have students complete this following process.

1. Identify the problem:
2. List the choices:
3. List the pros and cons of each option, being sure to include the consequences:
4. Make a choice.
5. Make a plan:
6. Act.
7. Take responsibility for the results of your decision.

If you have decided not to have sex, take credit for saving something important for an important person at an important time. If you have decided to be sexually active, take responsibility for preventing pregnancy, marriages that may result, and for the health of yourself and your partner with regard to diseases.