



Dear Colleague,

Thank you for taking the time to consider membership with the Michigan Association for Sexual Health (MASH). It is our desire to facilitate unity among those professionals, parents, and other community advocates working to promote sexual health in our state. Together we will work to change how our culture views sexuality; facilitating healthier futures for children and families in Michigan.

As an organizational member you will receive all of the benefits listed on the following pages which include promotion of your abstinence program on the MASH website, www.MiSexualHealth.org ("my sexual health"). This will give your sexual health-related program and events exposure 24 hours a day and will provide a link to your organization website. Not only does this give those seeking your program's services another avenue to find you, it also provides valuable networking opportunities with colleagues. The result – our industry will gain strength and credibility through collaboration.

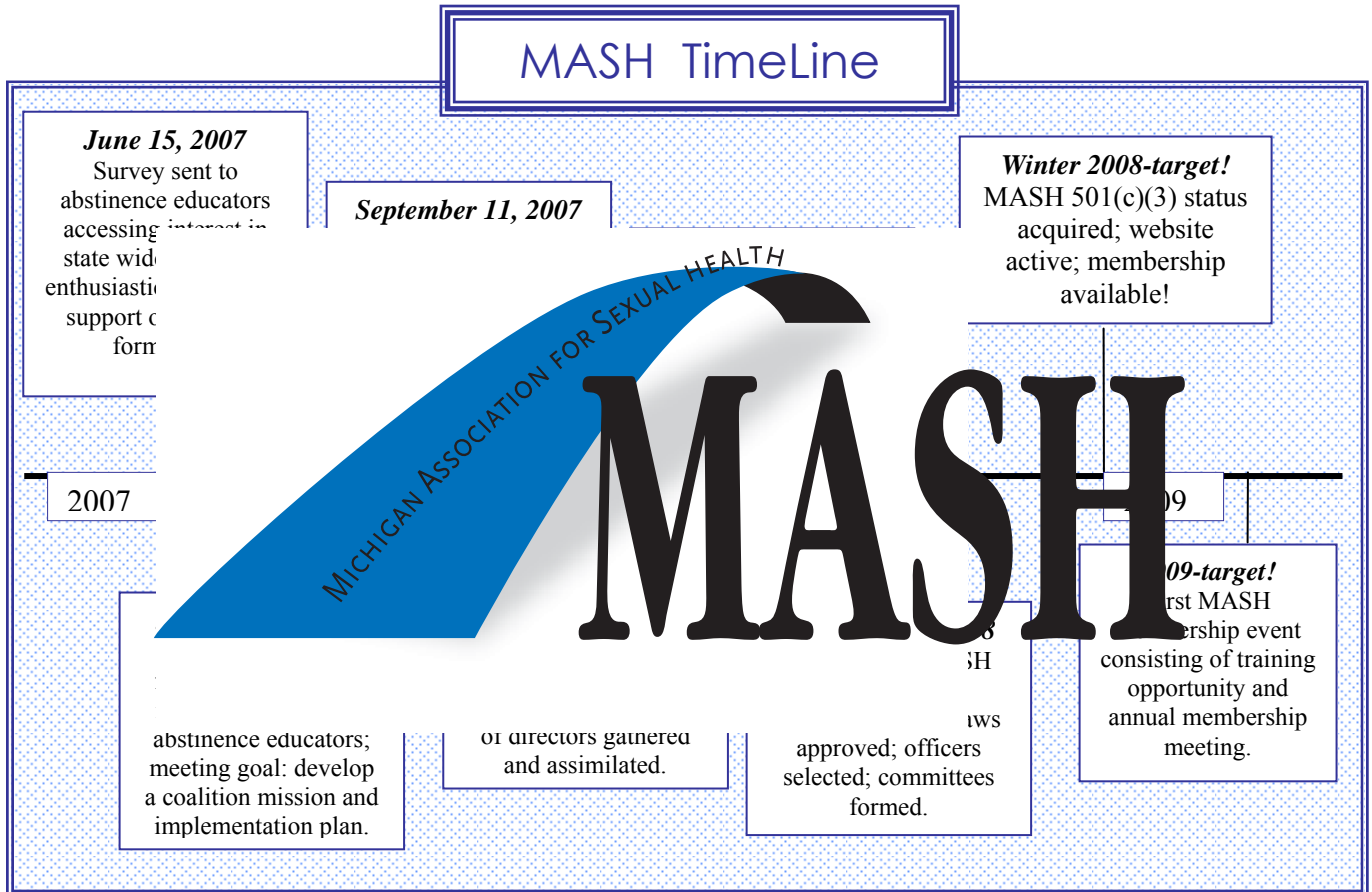
If you share these goals, and find yourself in agreement with our *Mission* and *Statement of Beliefs*, please consider partnering with us through Association membership.

Sincerely,

Michigan Association for Sexual Health
Board of Directors

Mission

“To unify and empower individuals and organizations that promote youth sexual health and the prevention of risky behaviors.”



www.MiSexualHealth.org

1-877-330-MASH

Member Benefits

Professional Affiliation

- ◆Networking – annual membership meeting, special events, and access to sexual health advocates throughout the state.
- ◆Advocacy/Public Relations – raising awareness of important issues in our communities, including issue advocacy, and Michigan sexual health legislative efforts.
- ◆Credibility – our message gains strength and visibility as we unite.

MASH Website

- ◆Program Marketing – information & link to your sexual health program.
- ◆Program Locator – ability to find and refer others to MASH members.
- ◆Training & Networking Opportunities – through conferences/events.
- ◆E-Library – sexual health education materials.
- ◆Online Community – bulletin board / blog.
- ◆Advertising Opportunities .

Quarterly E-Newsletter

- ◆Current issues facing our industry and other related topics.
- ◆Links to applicable reports, research and policy updates.
- ◆Upcoming Events.



Board of Directors

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Michigan Association for Sexual Health Statement of Beliefs

We Believe:

1. That sexual abstinence is the only 100% effective way to prevent sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancy.
2. That sexual abstinence outside of marriage is a positive and healthy lifestyle.
3. That abstinence is appropriate for every unmarried person and diverse methods and messengers are required to meet diverse audiences.
4. That advocates of abstinence must evaluate the abstinence message to ensure its relevance and effectiveness for its intended audience.
5. That medically accurate research and best practices are essential to effectively deliver the abstinence message.
6. That harmful risky behaviors are frequently interconnected and should be uniformly discouraged.
7. That parents should be the primary sex educator and source of values in their child's life.
8. That children do best with a married mother and father in the home.
9. That the abstinence community needs a united voice as well as the voice of individuals and organizations in local communities.
10. That partnering with individuals and organizations within local communities is an effective way to meet the unique needs of each community.



Membership Application

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

Website Address: _____

Primary Purpose of your Organization: _____

How did you hear about MASH? _____

Type of Annual Membership:

Student - \$25

Individual - \$50

Organization - \$100

I would also like to donate
an additional \$_____ as a
tax deductible contribution.

Please sign this form and either fax it to: (517) 374-6112

or mail it along with payment to:

MASH

P.O. Box 80224

Lansing, MI 48908

By signing, the membership applicant indicates their full support of the Michigan Association for Sexual Health (MASH) Mission Statement and Statement of Beliefs.

Signature: _____ Date: _____