STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES FOR

TEACHING PUBERTY & SEX EDUCATION

STRATEGY

EXAMPLE TOPICS

Social Narratives & Scripting*

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explaining social situations & expected behavior

*Most effective when used with other strategies, such as modeling

- Social interaction in dating
- Choosing appropriate times to engage in specific behaviors

Social Skills Training

structured adult/provider-led training on targeted social skills

- Reading social cues
- Communicating health needs

Task Analysis

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breaking down the steps of a multi-step task or routine

- Hygiene or self-care routines
- Steps on how to engage in a novel social situation

<u>Modeling/ Video</u> <u>Modeling</u> & Role Play

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viewing a model or acting out a situation or task

- Any of the above mentioned topics
- Can be combined with other strategies listed

Visual Supports

Visual representation that supports a learner in engaging in skills without person-delivered prompts

- Any of the above mentioned topics
- Can be combined with other strategies listed

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING

BOOKS, CURRICULA, & PROGRAMS FOR TEACHING PUBERTY & SEX EDUCATION

RESOURCE

TOPIC (S)

<u>Sex Ed for Self-</u> <u>Advocates</u>

Organization for Autism Research

Public vs. private, puberty, healthy relationships, consent, dating 101, sexual orientation & identity, sexual activity, online relationships & safety

<u>A Guide to Safety</u>

Organization for Autism Research Relationship & sexual safety, bullying, internet & workplace safety, safety for adult self-advocates

<u>Alaska Friendships</u> <u>& Dating Program</u>

UAA Center for Human Development Relationships, boundaries, communication, personal safety, sexual health, etc.

What's Happening to Tom & Ellie

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Book Series

Puberty, using the bathroom safely, personal sexuality, private vs. public

Attainment <u>Personal</u> <u>Care/Personal Success</u> Curriculum* Hygiene, personal care, routines, menstrual care, dressing, etc.

<u>Circles Curriculum</u> (multiple levels)* Relationship levels & appropriate behavior, boundaries, preventing exploitative relationships