

## **DEBORAH M. ROFFMAN**

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**EDUCATION:** BA, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa; Goucher College, Psychology MS, Towson University; Health Education

**EMPLOYMENT:** Baltimore City DDS, caseworker, 1968-70  
Planned Parenthood of MD, educator, 1971-74  
The Bryn Mawr School, teacher, 1978-2009  
The Park School, human sexuality educator, 1975-

### **CONSULTANT SERVICES PROVIDED:**

half, full day, and several day workshops for educators and health and social service professionals on child and adolescent sexual development, comprehensive human sexuality education, HIV/STI education, teenage pregnancy prevention, abstinence education, values and sexuality, sexual harassment, sexual assault prevention, gender and sexuality, gay and lesbian issues in schools, communicating with children and adolescents about sexuality, and parent/child communication; training in sexuality education curriculum development (K-12) and classroom techniques; curriculum review and resource identification; presentations for parents; classroom teaching (lower, middle, and upper levels)

**EDITORSHIPS:** Guest Editor, *Independent School Magazine*, Spring, 1992; Winter, 2001; Summer, 2010 (in press)

Associate Editor for Education, *Journal of Sex Education and Therapy*, 1996-2001

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sexuality*, 2004-2009

**CERTIFICATIONS:** Certified Sexuality Educator (AASECT)

Certified Family Life Educator (National Council on Family Relations)

**AWARDS:** *Vivian Washington Award*, Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy (MD)

*Favorite Teacher Award*, National Federation of Republican Women

*Baltimore's Best Sex Educator*, Baltimore Magazine

*Friend for Life Award, Mothers' Voices* (national AIDS and sexuality education advocacy organization)

*Mary Lee Tatum Apple Award, Planned Parenthood Federation of America*

**APPOINTMENTS:** Member, National Advisory Council on the "Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Sexual Responsibility" (Morehouse School of Medicine, 2003-2004)

Member, Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy (MD, 2001-2006)

Member, Parents' Council of Greater Washington Advisory Board (1998-2005)

Member, Board of Directors, Planned Parenthood of Maryland (1989-1993)

Member, Board of Directors, Jewish Addiction Services (2006-2009)

Member, Prevention Education Council, Jewish Community Services (2008-)

Medical Advisory Board, Answer, Rutgers University

## **CONSULTING/TEACHING/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

### **INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS:**

McDonogh School (MD)  
Boy's Latin School (MD)  
Baltimore Friends School  
St Paul's School for Girls (MD)  
Beth T'filoh School  
St. Paul's School (MD)

Garrison Forest School (MD)  
Gilman School (MD)  
Jemicy School (MD)  
Notre Dame Prep (MD)  
Key School (MD)  
Glenelg Country School (MD)  
Worcester Country School (MD)

Roland Park Country School (MD)  
Calvert School (MD)  
Mother Seton Academy (MD)  
Krieger Schechter Day School  
St. Timothy's School (M)  
Foxcroft School (VA)  
Lawrenceville School (NJ)  
Peddie School (NJ)  
Springside School (PA)  
Mercersburg Academy (PA)  
Berkeley-Carroll (NY)  
Kingswood-Oxford (CT)  
Renbrook School (CT)  
Watkinson School (CT)

Waldorf School (MD)  
Charles E. Smith Jewish Day (MD)  
Washington Episcopal School (MD)  
Harford Day School (MD)  
Grace Episcopal School (MD)  
National Cathedral School (DC)  
St. Andrew's Episcopal (DC)  
Sheridan School (DC)  
Georgetown Day (DC)  
Washington International School (DC)  
New Canaan Country School (CT)  
Lab School (DC)  
Brookwood School (MA)  
Langley School (VA)  
Episcopal High School (VA)  
Washington Waldorf School (MD)  
Green Hedges (MD)  
Newport School (MD)  
St. Stephen's and St. Agnes (VA)  
Valley Academy (MD)  
American School (London, UK)  
Gunston School (MD)  
Mother Seton Academy (MD)  
West Nottingham Academy (MD)  
Ivymount School (MD)  
Lowell School (DC)  
Browne Academy (VA)  
Good Shepard (DC)  
Ruxton Country School (MD)  
Milton Academy (MA)  
Dana Hall School (MA)  
Harpeth Hall School (TN)  
Dawson School (CO)  
Colorado Springs School (CO)  
Severn School (MD)  
Brearley School (NY)  
Sidwell Friends School (DC)  
Riverdale School (NY)  
McLean School (VA)  
Loyola Blakefield (MD)  
Harrisburg Academy (PA)  
Laurel School (OH)  
Colorado Academy (CO)  
St. Anne's Day School (CO)  
Graland School (CO)  
Kent Denver School (CO)  
Greenwich Country Day (CT)  
Westminster School (CT)  
Shore Country Day (MA)  
Palm Beach Day School (FL)  
Catlin Gabel (OR)  
Lakeside School (WA)  
Charles E. Wright (WA)  
Saltus School (Bermuda, UK)  
Rock Creek International School (DC)  
Thornton Friends School (MD)  
William Penn Charter (PA)  
Norwood School (MD)  
Green Acres School (MD)  
Westtown School (PA)  
Columbus Academy (OH)  
Barrie School (MD)  
Meadowbrook School (PA)  
Maret School (MD)  
Haverford Friends (PA)  
Capitol Hill Day School (DC)  
Potomac School (VA)  
Sanford School (DE)  
Flint Hill School (VA)  
St. Albans School (DC)  
Oneness Family School (MD)  
Barnesville School (MD)  
Tiffany Pre-School (MD)  
Collegiate School (VA)  
Country School (MD)  
North Shore Country Day (IL)  
Washington International (DC)  
Harker School (CA)  
Vail Mountain School (CO)  
Greenwich Academy (CT)  
Spence School (NY)  
Chapin School (NY)  
Germantown Academy (PA)  
Germantown Friends School (PA)  
Hawken School (OH)  
St. James School (MD)  
Baltimore Hebrew Day School (MD)  
Alexandria Country Day School (VA)  
Burgundy Farms Day School (VA)  
St Martin's in the Field Episcopal School (MD)  
St Ann's Episcopal School (MD)  
Newton Country Day School (MA)

Lawrence Woodmere Academy (NY)  
Beaver Country Day School (MA)  
Fay School (MA)  
Baltimore Lab School  
Chicago Lab Schools (IL)  
Horace Mann School (NY)  
Edmund Burke School (DC)  
Berwick Academy (ME)  
Metropolitan Montessori (NY)  
Odyssey School (MD)  
Steward School (VA)  
Cardinal Shehan School (MD)  
Phillips Academy at Andover  
(MA)  
Baltimore Lab School  
Cary Academy (NC)  
Lamplighter School (TX)  
Curtis School (CA)  
Bullis School (MD)  
Nueva School (CA)  
Charles Armstrong School (CA)  
Montessori Middle School (CT)  
Grace Church School (NY)  
Sandy Spring Friends School (MD)  
Bentley School (CA)  
Ethical Culture School (NY)  
Bement School (MA)  
Beauvoir School (DC)  
Holton Arms School (DC)  
Darlington School (GA)  
St. Anne's-Belfield School (VA)  
Trevor Day School (NY)  
St. Johns School (TX)  
Polytechnic School (CA)

Wildwood School (CA)  
Prospect Sierra School (CA)  
Westridge School (CA)  
Jewish Primary Day School (MD)  
Chestnut Hill Day School (MA)  
Gerstell Academy (MD)  
ST. Albans (DC)  
Manlius Pebble Hill School (NY)  
Blue Oak School (CA)  
Pingree School (MA)  
Inly School (MA)  
Tower School (MA)  
Steward School (VA)  
Winnetka Community Nursery School (IL)  
Old Orchard School (CA)  
Gordon School (RI)  
St. Patrick's Episcopal (DC)  
Bancroft School (MA)  
San Francisco Day School (CA)  
Calhoun School (NY)  
Duke School (NC)  
Fessenden School (MA)  
Summit Montessori (MA)  
Belmont School (MA)  
Orchard House School (VA)  
St. Mark's School (TX)  
Asheville School (SC)  
Dalton School (NY)  
Brooklyn Heights Montessori School (NY)  
Town School, (NY)  
Fieldston School (NY)  
Episcopal Academy (PA)  
Ramaz (NY)

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Baltimore City (MD)  
Baltimore County (MD)  
Anne Arundel County (MD)  
Howard County (MD)  
Washington County (MD)  
Talbot County (MD)  
Allegany County (MD)  
Dorchester County (MD)  
Frederick County (MD)

State College Area School District (PA)  
Alexandria City (VA)  
Washington County (OH)  
Columbus Public Schools (OH)  
Greenwich Public Schools (CT)  
Springfield Schools (MO)  
Hillcrest Elementary (MD)  
Massachusetts State Department of Education  
South Dakota State Department of Education

**Calvert County (MD)**  
**Greenbriar Elementary (MD)**  
**Falls Church City Schools (VA)**  
**Somerset Elementary (MD)**  
**New Foundations (MD)**  
**Westland Middle School (MD)**  
**Chappaqua School District (NY)**  
**Irvington School District (NY)**  
**Crossroads School (MD)**  
**Thomas Hardy Middle School (DC)**  
**Minnetonka School District (MN)**  
**Baltimore Curriculum Alliance**  
**Hampstead Hill Elementary/ Middle, Baltimore**  
**Oakland Park School (IL)**  
**Pikesville Middle School (MD)**  
**Janney Elementary School (MD)**  
**Nantucket Island Public Schools (MA)**  
**Hillcrest Middle School**  
**Washington, DC Public Schools**

**Tollgate School (MD)**  
**Bethesda Elementary (MD)**  
**Pinewood Elementary (MD)**  
**Stoneleigh Elementary (MD)**  
**West Middle School (CO)**  
**Chevy Chase Elementary (MD)**  
**West Orchard Elementary (NY)**  
**White Plains School District (NY)**  
**Sudbrook Middle School (MD)**  
**Clarksville Elementary (MD)**  
**Arlington County Schools (VA)**  
**Carderock Elementary (MD)**  
**Woodside Elementary (CA)**  
**Corte Madera School (CA)**  
**Ormondale School (CA)**  
**Deal Middle School (DC)**  
**Hereford High School (MD)**  
**Westbrook Elementary (MD)**  
**Lafayette Elementary (MD)**

## **ASSOCIATIONS/CONGREGATIONS:**

**American Association of Sex Educators,  
Counselors, and Therapists**  
**Sex Education Coalition**

**National Association of Episcopal Schools**  
**Association of Independent Maryland Schools**  
**New York State Association of Independent  
Schools**  
**Pacific Northwest Association of Independent  
Schools**

**Independent School Teachers Association (PA)**  
**Association of Independent Schools of Greater  
Washington (DC)**

**National Association for Science, Technology,  
and Society**

**Washington Educational Development  
Association**

**National Association of Social Workers**  
**Ohio Association of Child Care Workers**  
**New Jersey Department of Probation**  
**Villa Maria**

**Associated Catholic Charities**  
**Council on Jewish Education**

**Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy  
(MD)**

**Interagency Committee on Adolescent  
Pregnancy Prevention (MD)**

**Maryland Nurses Association**  
**Maryland School Health Council**  
**Maryland State Board of Education**

**Girl Scouts of Central MD**

**Jewish Big Brothers/Big Sisters (MD)**  
**Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special  
Education Facilities**  
**Parents' Council of Greater Washington, DC**

**Numerous PTA and Child Study Groups**

**Parent Encouragement Program (DC)**  
**Shining Tree Group Home**  
**Maryland State Department of Education**  
**Family Support Center**  
**Virginia Association of Independent Schools**  
**The Girl Scouts of York, PA**

**Columbia Interfaith Center  
Center for Development and Population  
Activities (DC)  
Jewish Family Services of York, PA  
Heard in Rye (NY)  
Jewish Community Center of Reading, PA  
Church of the Holy Comforter (VA)  
Minnesota AIDS Project  
Association of New England Schools  
Society for the Scientific Study of Sex  
American Association of Psychotherapists  
AASECT Northeast Region  
FANS Parent Education (IL)  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy  
Moving Traditions (PA)  
Vincent Club (MA)  
Hope and Home (DC)  
Chizuk Amuno Congregation (MD)  
PEN (Progressive Education Network)  
Hadassah**

**Oheb Shalom Congregation  
Delaware Alliance for Teen Pregnancy  
Prevention  
Jewish Community Center of Harrisburg, PA  
Jewish Community Center of York, PA  
Council for Women in Independent Schools  
New York Interschool Assoc.  
Minnesota Organization for Adolescent  
Pregnancy, Parenting, and Prevention  
Meyerhoff Teen Initiative (MD)  
National Family Planning and Reproductive  
Health Assn.  
St. Albans Episcopal Church  
Metuchen-Edison YMCA (NJ)  
Independent Schools Association of  
Independent Schools of the Central States  
B'nai Tzedek Congregation  
Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning (MD)  
SWELL Coalition (MD)  
Golden Gate Mothers' Group (CA)**

## **HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Health and Education Council  
Resource Applications  
American Healthcare Institute  
Training 3  
HiTops (NJ)  
Regional Institute for Children and  
Adolescents  
Alexandria Women's Clinic (VA)  
Maryland Association of Physical Health,  
Education, and Recreation  
Healthy Teens and Young Adults Project  
Greene County Memorial Hospital (PA)  
Hamot Medical Center (PA)  
Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital (PA)  
Family Planning Council of Central PA**

**Family Born (NJ)  
Advocates for Youth (DC)  
SIECUS  
Mothers' Voices (FL)  
Danya International  
Garrett County HD (MD)  
Vincent Club (MA)**

**Planned Parenthood (DE, MD,  
Cleveland, Central Ohio, Central Pennsylvania,  
South- eastern Pennsylvania, Bergen  
County (NJ), San Bernadino County (CA),  
Pasadena (CA)  
Talbot County Health Department (MD)**

**March of Dimes  
Stop AIDS Coalition  
New Jersey Network for Family Life Education  
Washington County Hospital (MD)  
Sinai Hospital (MD)  
Mercy Hospital (MD)  
Grant Family Practice Center (OH)  
Consortium for Health Education in Appalachia  
Ohio  
National Coalition to Support Comprehensive  
Sexuality Education**

**National Institutes of Health  
Research Triangle Institute  
Pfizer Foundation**

**COLLEGES:** Goucher College; Towson State University; Cecil Community College (MD); University of Maryland Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Medicine; Baltimore Hebrew University; Johns Hopkins University; Howard University; Penn State University; Morehouse School of Medicine; Knight School of Journalism, University of Maryland; Kent State University

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Roffman, DM. "Maryland Pharmacists Ready for Family Planning Initiative." *Family Planning Perspectives*. Fall, 1973.

Roffman, DM. "What is a Sex Educator?" *Sex Education Coalition News*. September, 1980.

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Roffman, DM. "Learning and Unlearning: Flip Sides of Training." *Sex Education Coalition News*. October, 1985.

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Roffman, DM. "Perspectives on an AIDS Curriculum." *Educator's Newsletter D*. Spring/Fall, 1988.

Roffman, DM. "Magnel Makes Learning Fun." *Journal for International Cooperation in Family Planning* (Tokyo, Japan). November, 1988.

Roffman, DM. "Sexuality Education in the Independent School Setting." In, *Sexuality Education: A Resource Book* (Carol Cassell and Pamela Wilson, Eds.). Garland Publishing: New York, 1989.

Roffman, DM. "Continuum of Probabilities." In *Teaching Safer Sex* (Peggy Brick, et. al., Eds.). Center for Family Life Education, 1989.

Roffman, DM. "The Power of Language: Sexual Baseball as a Metaphor in American Culture." *SIECUS Report*. July/August, 1991.

- Roffman, DM. "AIDS Education: Whose Needs Are We Meeting Anyway?" *Middle School Journal*. September, 1991.
- Roffman, DM. "Common Sense and Nonsense about Sex Education." *Family Life Matters*, Spring, 1992.
- "Sexuality Education in the Age of AIDS." In, *Independent School*. Spring, 1992. (Catherine O'Neill and Deborah M. Roffman, Eds.).
- Roffman, DM. "Teaching about Sexuality Education in Independent Schools." *Independent School*. Spring, 1992.
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- Roffman, DM. "Agreeing to Agree about Teenagers and Sex." *Evening Sun*, October 21, 1993.
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- Roffman, DM. "Helping Your Children Grow Up Sexually Healthy and Safe." In *The Maryland Parents' Home Companion*. Parents Anonymous of Maryland, 1994.
- Roffman, DM. "Defining--and Reclaiming--The Moral High Ground." *SIECUS Report*. July/August, 1994.
- Roffman, DM. "Using the News--and the "M" Word." *Education Week*. February 8, 1995.
- Roffman, DM, Durel Shannon, and Chris Dwyer. "Adolescents, Sexual Health, and the Internet." *Journal of Sex Education and Therapy*. Spring, 1997.
- Roffman, DM. "The Invisible Wheelchair." *Education Week*. October 29, 1997.
- Roffman, DM. "Body Openings: A Professional Development Program in Sexuality Education for Early Childhood Educators." *Journal of Sex Education and Therapy*. Spring, 1998.
- Roffman, DM. "What is Sex?" *The Washington Post*. November 3, 1998.
- Roffman, DM. "Defining Sex Not Just Problem for Scientists." *The Baltimore Sun*. February 5, 1999.
- Roffman, DM. "Talk to Middle Schoolers about Oral Sex." *The Baltimore Sun*, July 19, 1999.
- Roffman, DM. "A Model for Helping Schools Address Policy Options Regarding Gay and Lesbian Students." *Journal of Sex Education and Therapy*. Fall, 2000.



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**Roffman, DM. "Sex and Sensibility: Lessons from Three Decades of Sexuality Education." *Independent School*. Winter, 2001.**

**Roffman, DM. "Dangerous Games." *The Washington Post*, April 15, 2001.**

**Roffman, DM. "Abstain Yes, But With Eyes Wide Open," *The Washington Post*, September 2, 2001.**

**Roffman, DM. *But How'd I Get in There in the First Place?: The Talking to Your Young Child about Sex*. Boston: Perseus Publishing, 2002.**

**Roffman, DM. "What Our Children Know about Sex: All Mechanics, No Meaning," *The Washington Post*, June 9, 2002.**

**Roffman, DM. "Way Too Much Fantasy in That Dream House," *The Washington Post*, December 22, 2002.**

**Roffman, DM. "Separation of Church and School." *Education Week*, February 25, 2004.**

**Roffman, DM. "They'll Abstain If They're Given Good Reasons." *The Washington Post*, December 12, 2004.**

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**Roffman, DM and David Tracey. "The Art of Connection: Creating A Neighborhood School in Your School," *Independent School Magazine*, Fall, 2007.**

**Roffman, DM. "Pedagogically Speaking: Teaching Outside Pandora's Box." *Independent School Magazine*, Summer 2010, in press.**

**SELECTED PRINT AND OTHER MEDIA FEATURING MS. ROFFMAN'S  
WORK:**

**Television:** *Nightline* with Ted Koppel; *The Early Show* with Bryant Gumble; *The O'Reilly Factor*; HBO; CNN; WJZ TV; WBAL; KYW TV (Philadelphia); WHDH (Boston); Voice of America.

**Radio:** The Parent Connection; The Diane Rehm Show; Talk of the Nation; Kojo Nambe Show; The Todd Mundt Show; The Mark Steiner Show.

**Newspapers:** *USA Today*; *Washington Post*; *Washington Times*; *New York Times*; *Boston Globe*; *Chicago Tribune*; *Los Angeles Times*; *San Francisco Chronicle*; *Miami Herald*; *Baltimore Sun*; *Toronto Sun*; *Christian Science Monitor*, *Wall Street Journal*

**Magazines:** *US News and World Report*; *Parents Magazine*; *Parenting Magazine*; *Ladies Home Journal*; *Psychology Today*; *Long Island Parent*; *Newsday*; *Time Magazine*; *Education Week*; *Teacher Magazine*, *Baltimore's Child*; *Maryland Parent*; *Baltimore Messenger*; *Style Magazine*; *Jewish Woman*; *Baltimore Jewish Times*