



# UNEQUAL PARTNERS

## Expanded 3rd Edition!

“The new edition of *Unequal Partners* makes an already important educational resource even more accessible by integrating new technologies and media that are at the heart of today’s youth culture. This revised edition explicitly acknowledges people of all sexual orientations and recognizes that the difficulties found within unequal relationships are not gender-specific. This manual is an essential tool for anyone working with young people on issues of *honesty, equality, responsibility, and respect* in relationships.”

*Eva S. Goldfarb, Ph.D.*  
 Professor of Health Education, Montclair State University  
 Co-Author of *Our Whole Lives, Grades 4-6 and 10-12*

*Unequal Partners helps teachers, counselors, nurses, and other professionals educate young people to make healthy decisions about relationships, especially those involving the power imbalances that can occur when there are significant age differences.*

### 30 INTERACTIVE LESSONS HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, AGES 10-17

- Identify characteristics of relationships which are honest, equal, responsible, and respectful
- Rehearse skills for asserting their relationship rights
- Practice responding to a variety of situations regarding unhealthy relationships
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# More Praise for Unequal Partners!

“The revised and expanded edition of *Unequal Partners* makes this valuable resource even more compelling and useful. The lessons on same-gender relationships, media influences, Internet relationships, and age disparities in high school enrich this manual and make it an even more important tool for sexuality educators.”

**Michael McGee, CST, Sexuality Education Specialist**  
*Planned Parenthood Federation of America*

“Reading *Unequal Partners* was like playing anthropologist and discovering the missing link to helping young people avoid sexual exploitation: awareness, analysis, and skills practice.”

**Anne Terrell, M.S.W., Sexuality Education Consultant**

“*Unequal Partners* grew out of an extraordinary collaboration between research and pedagogy. The result is a resource that will change the way students think about power and consent.”

**Sharon Thompson**

**Author, *Going All the Way: Teenage Girls' Tales of Sex, Romance, and Pregnancy***

“The topics are timely, important to all teenagers and young adults in this time of sexual confusion and angst. I would recommend the manual be used in every middle school and high school, as well as in agency settings. It is that important!”

**William E. Prendergast, Ph.D., Author, Diplomate-Certified Sex Therapist**

“This is fabulous! It systematically breaks down the issues surrounding adult-teen relationships. Information like this helps empower teens to make responsible decisions for healthy relationships. A ‘must have’ in every family life education curriculum.”

**Barbara Hopkins, Former Comprehensive Health Education Coordinator**  
*Juvenile Justice Commission, NJ Dept. of Law & Public Safety*

“The student lesson worksheets are excellent. They are attractive, easy to read, and interesting to the students and staff.”

**Claire Scholz, MA, Former K-12 Supervisor of Family Life Education, Irvington Public Schools**

“*Unequal Partners* should be a required course for every eighth grade girl in the country. Students can gain 20-20 vision about power in relationships rather than experiencing the pain of 20-20 hindsight.”

**Linda A. Berne, Ed.D., Professor of Health Promotion and Kinesiology**  
*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

“Underlying this material is an understanding of human sexuality, motivation, strengths, frailties, and best of all, teens. I wish it had been available when I taught junior high school.”

**Evelyn Lerman**

**Author, *Teen Moms: The Pain and the Promise***

“As a former teacher who has been eager to discover effective approaches to helping young people learn about sexuality and relationships, I believe *Unequal Partners* fills an important vacuum. The lessons address a critical and often overlooked issue and they do so with a focus on the centrality of communication. How people relate sexually is but one aspect of their overall human relationships, and both are dependent upon the quality of the communication—as this manual admirably repeats, again and again, ‘with **honesty, equality, responsibility and respect.**’”

**Robert Selverstone, Ph.D., Psychologist**

