Unequal Partners 3rd Edition
Teaching about Power and Consent in Adult-Teen and Other Relationships (2007)
Manual
Target Audience: Stated audience: Ages 10-17
Recommended by panel: Ages 12-19
Cost: $30.00

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel Highly Recommends use of this manual for the following reasons and with the following reservations:

Review Summary:

Unequal Partners: Teaching about Power and Consent in Adult-Teen and Other Relationships, 3rd Edition, is designed to help young people (ages 10-17) understand the characteristics of healthy relationships; learn how to avoid, change or end relationships that are unhealthy; and prevent unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and emotional, physical and sexual abuse. Although the focus of Unequal Partners is to confront the issue of teen female – adult male relationships, the activities found in Unequal Partners help students develop criteria for evaluating any relationship. These include teen male – adult female and same sex relationships.

The panel highly recommends Unequal Partners for the following reasons:
  o Consent is addressed a great deal in manual.
  o The language used is inclusive of multiple groups of young people, including GLBTQ youth.
  o Facilitator can use pieces of manual.
  o It gives participants an opportunity to assess their own relationships.

The panel has concerns about the following elements of Unequal Partners:
  o Lack of explorations/discussion of cultural differences in perceptions of adult – teen/child relationships.
  o Manual is wordy and text heavy. Materials need to be read more than once for understanding.
  o Not enough information is included on teen male – older female relationships.

Panel feels that Unequal Partners is an excellent, well priced resource on a much-needed topic.

Overall, the panel highly recommends Unequal Partners: Teaching about Power and Consent in Adult-Teen and Other Relationships, 3rd Edition.