

Pre-marital sex and its menace among In-School Youth.

A case of Secondary School Students in Atiba
Local Government Oyo, Oyo state.

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the meaning, causes of Pre-Marital Sex and its menace among in School youths in Atiba Local government Oyo, Oyo state. The objectives were; to identify the factors that can prompt the youth to engage in premarital sex. The study utilizes an empirical survey design. The sample population consists of one hundred and fifty students randomly drawn from the four selected secondary schools in oyo town. The instrument used to elicit information from the respondents was a questionnaires designed by the researcher. *Data was collected and analyzed with simple percentage while the hypotheses stated were tested with percentage.* The study revealed that consumption of alcohol and use of drug was considered as an activity which influenced by peers. Drinking alcohol was a significant predicator for youths to engage in premarital sex. This could be high risk factors for early initiation of sexual behaviour because of a specific reasoning process due to which young people cannot control themselves. Pre-marital sex among in school characterized with numerous factors. Majority of youths do not use a contraceptive during pre-marital sex, a good number of youths are defiled, leading to premarital sex, and that youths after pre-marital sex tend to have sex with anybody. In conclusion, sex education should be part of school curriculum in order to educate youths. Parents should develop effective communication skill with their children, be their friends and have positive attitudes. Vocational training, strict laws among others are the measures that can help to reduce the way youths engage in pre-marital sex. It was concluded that pre-marital sex was rampant among the youths which could be speeding up the spread of HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancy. Hence, require immediate responses.