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Topic 6-2 Developing Friendships

- In this topic, you will learn about the influence of friendships and dating relationships, as well as
 - ***** Friendships
 - ***** Dating
 - ***** What is love?
 - * Responsible relationships

Developing Friendships

Objectives for Topic 6-2

After studying this topic, you will be able to

- name three types of friends
- describe factors that lead people to form friendships
- explain three types of dating
- explain the difference between love and infatuation
- analyze factors involved in a responsible relationship

Topic 6-2 Terms

- multicultural society
- group dating
- random dating

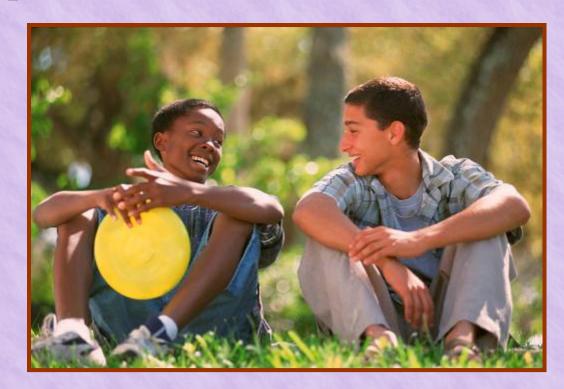
- steady dating
- infatuation
- * abstinence

Friendships

■ *Friends* are people who know, like, and trust one another

Friendship is the bond that forms between

friends

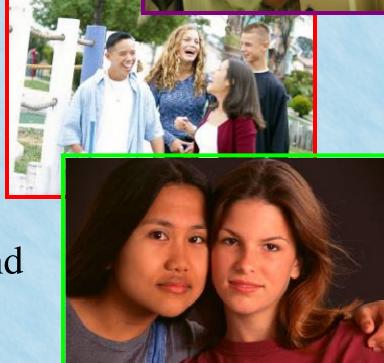


Types of Friends

Acquaintances are people you know, but who are not close friends

■ Good friends are people with whom you share common interests

■ **Best friends** are friends with whom you share your deepest thoughts and feelings



Meeting New People

- Meeting people is the first step in making friends
- Don't overlook opportunities to meet people of different ages, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds
 - ❖ In a multicultural society, people from different cultures live in the same community

Forming Friendships

- Friendships are likely to develop between people who have similar
 - personalities
 - interests
 - values



How to Make Friends

- People are more likely to strike up a conversation with you if you
 - show you are interested in them
 - focus on what they are saying
 - provide feedback to keep the conversation moving
 - * are open-minded



Dating

- The factors that attract people to friends also attracts them to dating partners
- Dating relationships help people learn more about themselves
- Dating helps people learn lessons that will help them in a marriage relationship
- Through dating, people learn how to give and take in personal relationships
- Dating helps people learn about the opposite sex

Group Dating

■ *Group dating* is when a number of people of both sexes go out together



- Each person is free to get to know all members of the group
- People can interact without pressure

Random Dating

- Random dating, or casual dating, allows people to date more than one person at the same time
 - ❖ A person who is random dating may have the chance to socialize with many different people
 - Everyone grows socially, but no one feels disloyal or jealous

Steady Dating



- Steady dating is when two people agree to date only
 each other
 - Steady dating provides some security for both partners
 - The commitment involved in steady dating encourages the couple to resolve conflicts

What Is Love?

- Love is an unselfish feeling that involves caring more about your mate than yourself
 - Love is often confused with infatuation

Is It Love or Infatuation?

- *Infatuation* is an intense feeling of admiration
- You can be infatuated with
 - someone you have never met
 - * a fantasized image of someone you know
- Infatuation is usually shortlived
- A person who is infatuated is concerned only with his or her own feelings and desires



Responsible Relationships

- Teens should consider how they feel about a sexual relationship before they get in a situation where they feel pressured
- Teens must consider the emotional and physical consequences of having a sexual relationship before marriage, such as
 - * possible feelings of guilt and shame
 - danger of contracting an STD
 - risk of pregnancy

Facing Sexual Decisions

- *Abstinence* is refraining from sexual intercourse until marriage
- Reasons for choosing abstinence include
 - morality
 - values, goals, and standards
 - health and safety
 - personal integrity
 - risk of pregnancy

Dealing with Sexual Pressures

- Be prepared to follow through with your decision when you decide not to have sex
- Know your limits and make sure your date knows them too
- Practicing saying no
- Avoid difficult situations

Showing Affection in Other Ways

- Let your partner know that you really care about him or her without being sexually involved
- Concentrate on communication in your relationship



Did You Know...

- Each year, approximately 750,000 to 850,000 teenage women in the United States become pregnant
- 74% to 95% of teen pregnancies are unintended

Source: Advocates for Youth

Summary for Topic 6-2

- Many of your positive relationships will be with
 - acquaintances
 - good friends
 - best friends
 - dating partners

Summary for Topic 6-2

- You will find partners with whom you want a steady relationship through
 - group dating
 - random dating
- You will build a more mature, lasting relationship as you learn
 - * the difference between love and infatuation
 - * how to have a responsible relationship