



Love, Sex, & Choices

Announcing *Love, Sex, & Choices*: A 12-episode HIV prevention soap opera web series now available for viewing! Simply go to <https://lovesexandchoices.org/> to access on mobile devices or computers

Organizations can make *Love, Sex, & Choices* available for viewing at their institution. Or simply make the link available for clients, patients, or members of the community to access and watch *Love, Sex, & Choices*.

Introducing *Love, Sex, & Choices*

Loving, needing, or wanting a man- and satisfying those wants by unprotected sex, is not an easy idea to change, even when women sense their partner may be messing around. But change it must. We know how important the connection to a man can be, and how some women may put that need first. The 12-episode video web series, *Love, Sex, & Choices* applies the wisdom of women to model paths to change.

What is *Love, Sex, & Choices* about?

Love, Sex, & Choices is a 12-episode soap opera web video series that follows four women as they navigate complex relationships with male partners. The web series depicts the stories of the choices lead characters make toward sexual self-determination and as they negotiate healthier sexual practices.

How was *Love, Sex, & Choices* developed?

The stories in *Love, Sex, & Choices* were developed after content analysis of a series of focus groups with young adult urban women, and filmed by a professional filmmaker, with cast and crew. The creative team sought to present real-life dilemmas faced by women.

An underlying theme in *Love, Sex, & Choices* is to cultivate women's awareness of what they really seek in a relationship with a male partner. If they seek an authentic connection, then, they will not get what they seek when choosing a partner whom cannot offer such connection.

Love, Sex, & Choices unfolds a story of women who eventually come to make meaningful choices in sexual partnerships. The *Love, Sex, & Choices* video series was

recently tested in the Women2Women clinical trial for its effect on reducing HIV sexual risk behavior among young urban women of color.

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How can I connect women to *Love, Sex, & Choices*?

View the series online

Community members, organizations, leaders, clinicians and staff members who encounter women at risk can offer them the flyers on *Love, Sex, & Choices* and refer them to the website, <https://lovesexandchoices.org/>.

The flyer can also be distributed at fairs, community programs, or health promotion events.

Promote interest in *Love, Sex, & Choices* on your website and social media networks

Please share *Love, Sex, & Choices* on your social networks where your visitors will be able to view the video series. In an effort to promote viewership among women who may be at risk, please post and/or pass out informational flyers.

We welcome your comments and feedback about the *Love, Sex, & Choices* video series.

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