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Chairman Oelslager, and members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony today. My name is Denise Leipold, and I am the executive director of Right to Life of Northeast Ohio. I am here today to speak primarily about the **Prioritizing of Family Planning Funding, Ohio Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, and Abortion Facility Regulations.**

The intent of prioritizing family planning funding is to correctly distribute federal grant money for a range of family planning services and critical preventive health services to clinics who service millions of low income or uninsured individuals so that access to these funds would be available to a **greater** number of women across the state. By federal law, these funds may NOT be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning. **By denying funds to any programs who DO utilize abortion as a method, this money can be re-distributed to hundreds of qualifying locations to greatly increase access to legitimate women's health care and more.**

Planned Parenthood currently receives the majority of this federal grant money in Ohio. In testimony before the legislature last December, the president of Planned Parenthood Ohio stated that Ohio grant money amounted only to 7% of their annual budget, which clearly indicates that redistribution of the funds with the possibility that they do not receive any of the money would not severely impede their operations. They currently have a huge marketing program going on which is implying that putting Planned Parenthood on the bottom tier to receive these funds will severely cripple the availability of health care to women, and that is obviously not true. This initiative is not about Planned Parenthood...it is about increasing access to women's healthcare. However, their current news releases and marketing state just the opposite. They clearly state that the prioritizing of family planning

funds would DECREASE access to women's health care because they would no longer be the primary recipient of the federal funds. In Ohio, we have over 130 health care districts and community health care centers in addition to hospitals, university health centers, faith based organizations and more that can qualify for these federal funds and who do not use abortion as a method of family planning.

While federal funds received by clinics who promote abortions may not be used for abortion procedures, the funds indirectly support abortions by covering operating costs and other related expenses, allowing them to focus on the abortion business. In the case of Planned Parenthood, information from their 2011 annual report indicates that 92% of all pregnant clients coming through their doors have an abortion.¹ This is a clear indicator that abortion is indeed the easiest method of birth control. You should also realize that Planned Parenthood affiliates also receive millions of dollars in federal funding directly through the federal government Health and Human Services (HHS) department, in addition to the federal funding distributed by the individual states.

Planned Parenthood is an abortion driven business. Their government subsidies have reached an all time high, and so has the number of innocent lives ended by this profit-driven business. As Planned Parenthood's funding goes up, statistics show that the numbers of abortions increase and real health services for women go down. Their latest annual report indicated that they performed a record-high 333,964 abortions during 2011. Up to 92% of Planned Parenthood's pregnant clients received abortions. In contrast, prenatal care patients accounted for only 7%, and adoption referrals were less than 1%. For every adoption referral, they performed 145 abortions. This rise in abortions was coupled with a continued decrease in non-abortive services. Since 2009, the total number of contraceptive services has dropped by 12%, and cancer screening and prevention services have dropped by 29%.¹

Abortion is NOT health care. Planned Parenthood's marketing again is misleading the public by stating that pro-life advocates are not concerned with women's health care, which is exactly the opposite. It is because of the health of the women AND the protection of the life that pregnant women are carrying that we are so passionate about our opposition to their tactics. Their opposition to the Ohio Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program which would provide funding for agencies that provide alternatives to abortion infers that supporting the birth of a child is "anti women's healthcare" Many crisis pregnancy centers would benefit for the support program. They are not "pretending" to be

medical facilities, as Planned Parenthood infers. This support program is separate from the prioritization of funds for women's health care. They provide counseling and material support to help a women through a crisis pregnancy in order to help a women keep her child or give it up for adoption. I realize that we are not here to debate the legality of abortion, however, it is fact that is a woman becomes pregnant, the outcome is supposed to be a living child. I have attached a printout of a page from Planned Parenthood's own website where it states many lies about crisis pregnancy centers, including that CPC's will not give you all your options, which include abortion, adoption and parenting.² How ironic!

I personally work to support the initiatives of at least 7 crisis pregnancy centers in the Akron/Canton area of northeast Ohio. Most of these centers are Christian based, but they do not deny services to women based on their faith beliefs. Their primary purpose is to save the life of both the mother and the child. No, they do not provide contraceptive services and referrals, which is NOT a bad thing. What they do provide is information on family planning based on personal responsibility, chastity and abstinence which is not in Planned Parenthood's vocabulary.

Planned Parenthood is also currently the number one provider of sex education in our schools. They call it responsible sex education, but their idea of responsible sex education is that when, NOT IF, you have sex, you should use birth control. If the birth control fails, then they can have an abortion...no mention of abstinence or chastity until marriage. This more or less says: "If you can't be good, be careful"! I have attached some copies of the pages from the textbook they use in teaching 10 year old students.³ Some of these pages were presented in April by American Life League as an ad to the New York Times to show the public that Planned Parenthood uses pornography to indoctrinate children and teens into a sick culture of sex. The ad was rejected as pornography, yet this book is still used.

The answer is clear. Whether it is Planned Parenthood or any other facility engaged in family planning, if abortion is used as a method of birth control, then they should NOT receive our hard earned tax dollars. If we have to pay taxes, then it should be given for the purposes of greater access to legitimate family planning and health care services by providing funds to a larger number of clinics who provide them, and to the crisis pregnancy centers that take care of the women and their children after learning irresponsible sex education. In addition, since it is apparent that it will be quite some time

before America comes to its senses to make abortion illegal, then in Ohio we should be responsible enough to have strict laws regarding standards of operation for abortion facilities to operate. It is sad that pet clinics receive more inspections and are held to higher standards than abortion facilities are. If we enforced what little regulations DO exist, along with preventative steps to forestall horrors like the one that occurred in Philadelphia and received little media coverage, then we wouldn't have had the filthy and illegal operations that were recently closed down in Toledo, or in my hometown of Cuyahoga Falls.

I urge to keep the Reprioritization of Family Planning Funding, the Ohio Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, and stronger abortion facility regulations within the state budget bill and pass it now.

ALL REFERENCES ATTACHED

¹ *Susan B. Anthony List Fact Sheet: Planned Parenthood's 2011-2012 Annual Report.*

² <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-topics/pregnancy/standard-21507.htm> (Planned Parenthood Website page about crisis pregnancy centers)

³ Harris, Robie H and Emberley, Michael, It's Perfectly Normal, Candelwick Press, 1994. Excerpts taken from preview viewing available on Amazon. Com.



FACT SHEET:

Planned Parenthood's 2011-2012 Annual Report¹

- During fiscal year 2011-2012, Planned Parenthood reported receiving a record **\$542 million in taxpayer funding**² in the form of government grants, contracts, and Medicaid reimbursements. **Taxpayer funding consists of 45%**³ of Planned Parenthood's annual revenue.
- In 2011, Planned Parenthood **performed a record high 333,964 abortions**.⁴
- Over the past three reported years (2009-2011), **Planned Parenthood has performed nearly one million abortions** (995,687).⁵
- Planned Parenthood reported a total of three million clients in 2011, meaning that **11% of all Planned Parenthood clients received an abortion**.⁶
- In 2011, **abortions made up 92% of Planned Parenthood's pregnancy services**, while prenatal care and adoption referrals accounted for only 7% (28,674) and 0.6% (2,300), respectively. For every adoption referral, Planned Parenthood performed 145 abortions.⁷
- **Cancer screening & prevention services and contraceptive services provided by Planned Parenthood continue to drop**. Contraceptive services have dropped by 12% since 2009, and cancer screening & prevention services have dropped by 29%.⁸
- Planned Parenthood reported **\$87.4 million in excess revenue**, and **more than \$1.2 billion in net assets**.⁹

¹ Planned Parenthood 2011-2012 Annual Report, <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/annual-report-4661.htm>

² Planned Parenthood 2011-2012 Annual Report, p. 8

³ Planned Parenthood 2011-2012 Annual Report, p. 7

⁴ Planned Parenthood 2011-2012 Annual Report, p. 5

⁵ According to annual reports, abortions performed by Planned Parenthood 332,278 in 2009; 329,445 in 2010; 333,964 in 2011

⁶ Planned Parenthood reports 3 million patients in 2011 in citation at bottom of p. 4 of annual report

⁷ Planned Parenthood 2011-2012 Annual Report, p. 5

⁸ According to annual reports, in 2009 Planned Parenthood's contraceptive services numbered 3,868,901, this decreased to 3,436,813 in 2011. Likewise, in 2009 Planned Parenthood's cancer screenings & prevention services numbered 1,830,811, this decreased to 1,307,570 in 2011

⁹ Planned Parenthood 2011-2012 Annual Report, p. 9



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Deciding [what to do about an unplanned pregnancy](#) can be very difficult. It may be made even more difficult by so-called "crisis pregnancy centers." These are fake clinics run by people who are anti-abortion. They have a history of giving women wrong, biased information to scare them into not having abortions.

These centers

may not give you complete and correct information about all your options — abortion, adoption, and parenting

may try to frighten you with misleading films and pictures to keep you from choosing abortion

may lie to you about the medical and emotional effects of abortion

may tell you that you are not pregnant even if you are. This may fool you into continuing your pregnancy without knowing it. If your decision is delayed, it could make abortion more risky. It could also keep you from getting early prenatal care.

may discourage you from using certain methods of birth control that are very safe and effective

Crisis pregnancy centers often pretend to be real health care providers — but many are not. These fake clinics often trick women with false advertising. They may make women think they will be offered unbiased information and a full range of health services.

Crisis pregnancy centers also sometimes try to trick women by using names that are similar to the names of real reproductive health centers in the neighborhood. Many times, the crisis pregnancy centers are located very close to real reproductive health centers. This makes it easy for women to go to the crisis pregnancy center by mistake.

How do you avoid a crisis pregnancy center?

Don't schedule an appointment unless you are sure it's a legitimate place.

Ask friends, other health care providers, counselors, or other people you trust for the name of a real health center.

If you are considering abortion, you can find a list of abortion providers on the [National Abortion Federation website](#).

No health care provider should pressure you into a decision about your pregnancy. All real family planning clinics will give you information about all your options.

Staff at [your local Planned Parenthood health center](#) can help. They can give you information on all of your options — abortion, adoption, and

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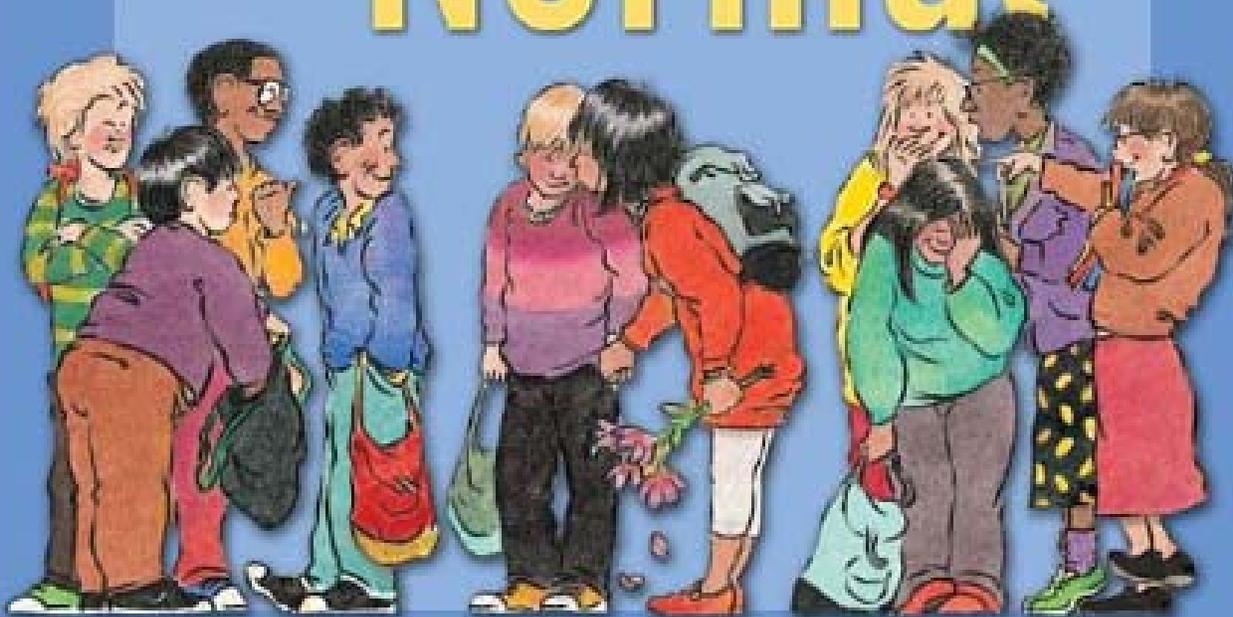
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Making Love

Sexual Intercourse

The dictionary tells us one more thing about sex. It says, a: *Sexual intercourse.*

Sex also means sexual intercourse. Some people call sexual intercourse “having sex.”



Sexual intercourse happens when a female and a male feel very sexy and very attracted to each other. They want to be very close to each other in a sexual way, so close that the male's penis goes inside the female's vagina. And the vagina stretches open in a way that fits around the penis.

When this happens, it is possible for a female and a male —

once their reproductive organs have grown up—to make a baby.

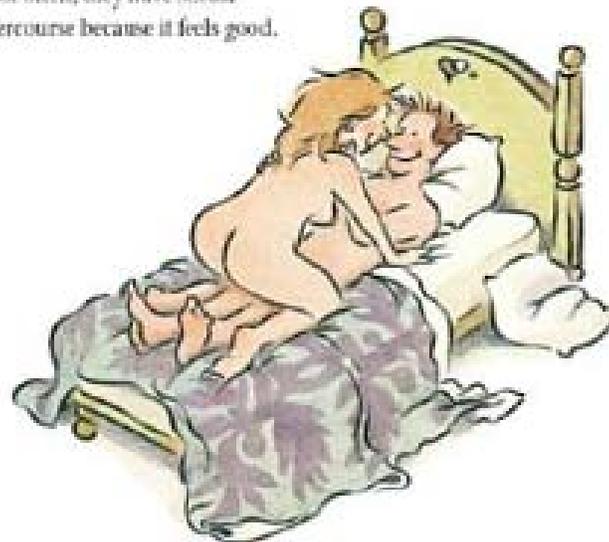


But most people don't have sexual intercourse only when they want to make a baby. Most often, they have sexual intercourse because it feels good.

People have sexual intercourse well into old age.

People also call sexual intercourse “making love” or “lovmaking” because it's a way of expressing love. But sexual intercourse is only one way of expressing love.

Hugging, cuddling, holding hands, kissing, and touching are other ways of expressing love. So is just being with someone you like a lot and telling that person, “I love you.”



Straight and Gay

Heterosexuality and Homosexuality



Straight and gay are two words that have to do with sexual desire and sex.

A straight or heterosexual person is someone who is sexually attracted to people of the other or opposite sex. *Heteros* is the ancient Greek word for *other*.

I like those Greek words.



I like pictures. I think a picture's worth a thousand words.

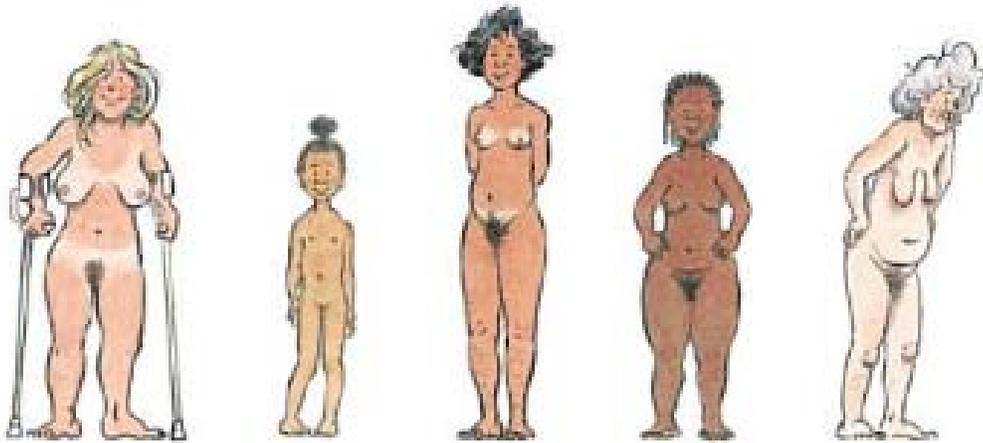
In a heterosexual relationship, two people of opposite sexes—a male and a female—may be attracted to, may fall in love with, or may have a sexual relationship with each other.

A gay or homosexual person is someone who is sexually attracted to people of the same sex. *Homos* is the ancient Greek word for *same*. In a homosexual relationship, two people of the same sex—a male and a male, or a female and a female—may be attracted to, may fall in love with, and may have a sexual relationship with each other.

A homosexual relationship between two females is also called a lesbian relationship. The word *lesbian* began to be used in the late nineteenth century. It refers to the time, about 600 B.C., when the great female poet Sappho lived on the Greek island of Lesbos. Sappho wrote about friendship and love between women.



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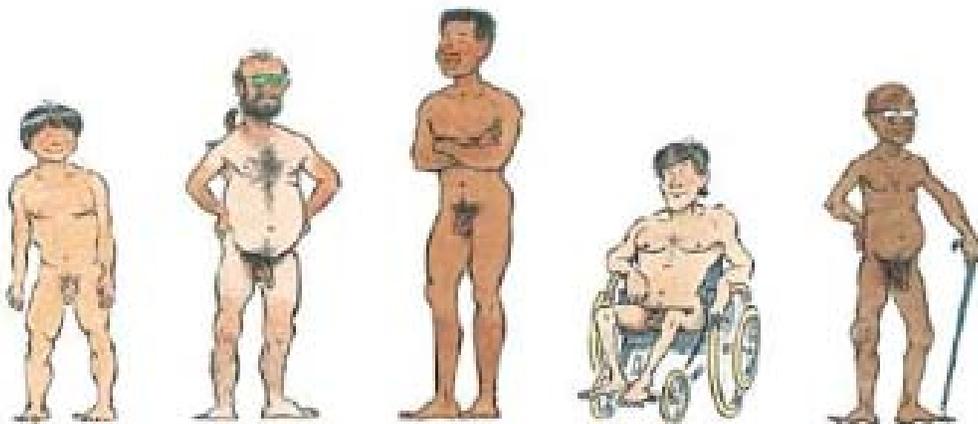


Have you noticed that human bodies come in all different sizes ... shapes ... and shades? People's bodies look so different.

Most human bodies look pretty much the same to me.

They do?

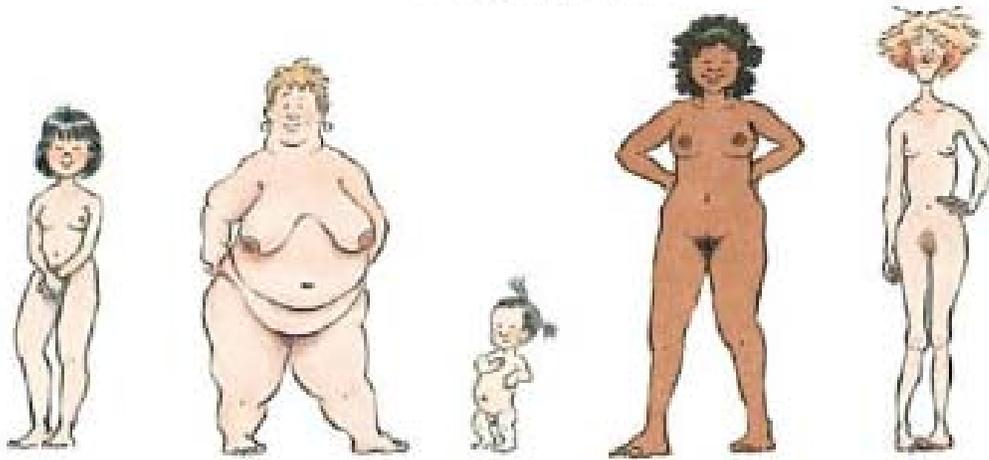
They do.



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Oh, come on! You do know that male and female bodies look different from one another!



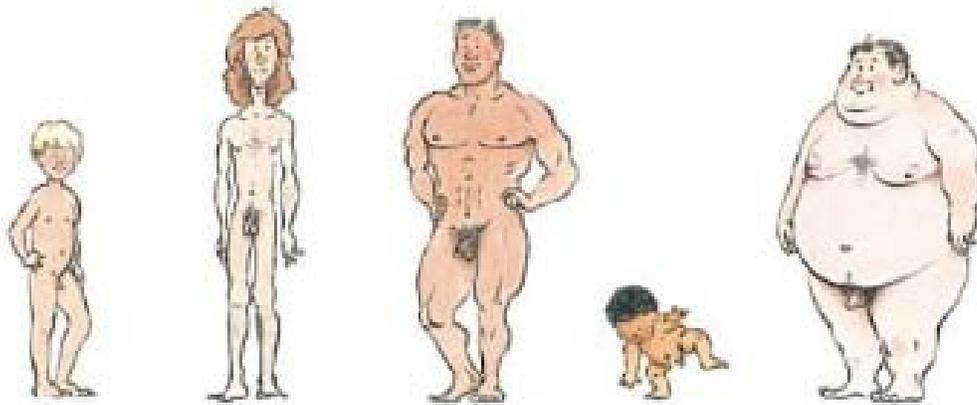
Do we have to talk about this—now—here—or anytime?



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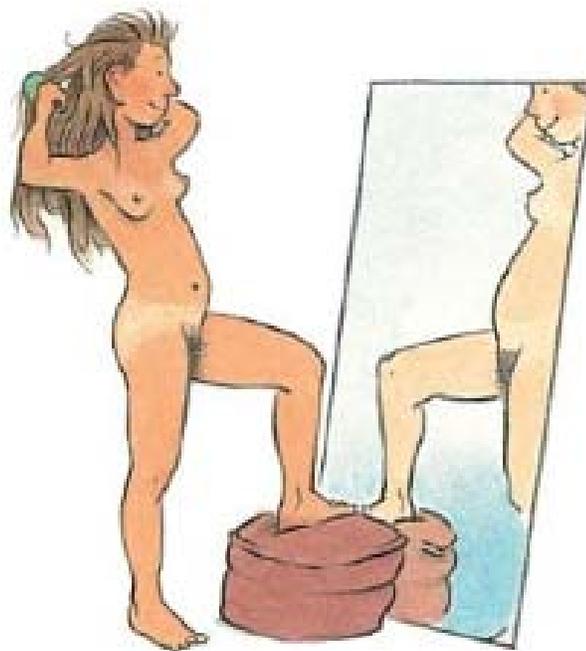
Let's just forget we ever had this conversation. Okay?



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Outside and Inside

The Female Sex Organs



A female's outer sex organs, the clitoris and the opening to the vagina, are hard to see because they are located between her legs.

The Vulva

The whole area of soft skin between a female's legs is called the vulva. The word *vulva* comes

from the Latin word *vulva*, which means *covering*. The vulva covers the clitoris, the opening to the vagina, the opening to the urethra, and the labia.

The Labia

The labia are two sets of soft folds of skin inside the vulva—the

clitoris, the opening to the urethra, and the opening to the vagina. *Labia* is the Latin word for *lips*.

The Clitoris

The clitoris is a small mound of skin about the size of a pea. When the clitoris is touched and rubbed, a female's body feels

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good both outside and inside. It feels kind of tingly, kind of warm and nice. It feels sexy.

The Opening to the Urethra

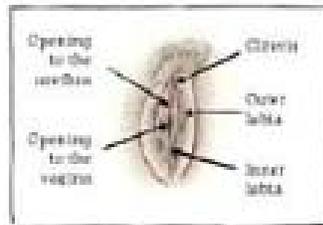
The opening to the urethra is quite small. The urethra is not one of the female's sex organs. It is a tube through which urine — liquid waste — leaves the body.

NOTE FACT: Urine is liquid waste from the body, liquid left over from food and drink that is not used by the body. Urine is the only fluid that travels through a female's urethra.

The Opening to the Vagina

The vagina is a passageway between the uterus — a sex organ inside the female body — and the outside of the female body. The opening to the vagina is bigger than the opening to the urethra.

NOTE FACT: A thin piece of skin, called the hymen, covers part of the opening to the vagina. While a girl is growing — or when she is very active while exercising or playing a sport, or sometimes when she first uses a tampon, or during the first time she has sexual intercourse — the hymen stretches and may tear a bit, and the opening becomes somewhat larger.



Vulva

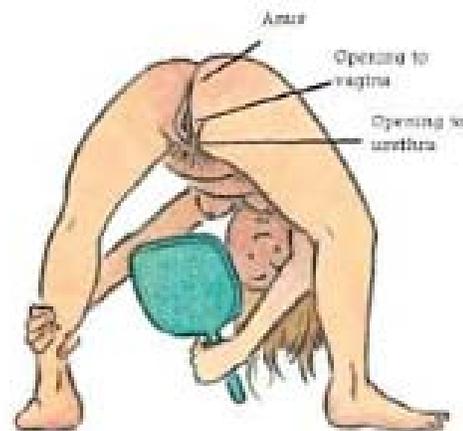


The Anus

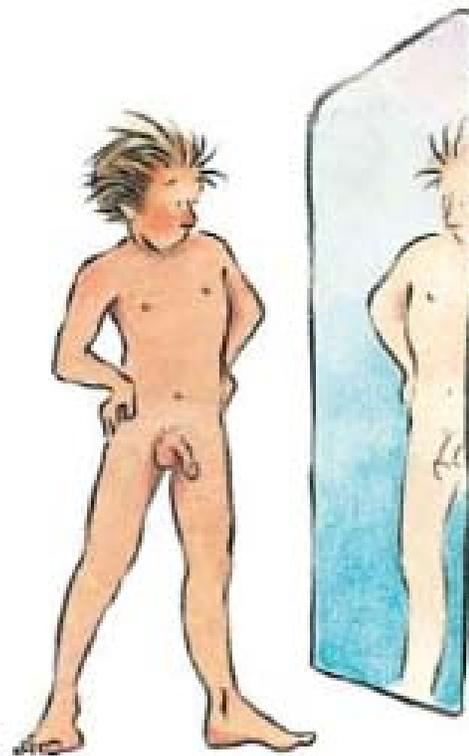
The anus is a small opening through which feces — solid waste — leave a female's body.

NOTE FACT: Solid waste is the solid material that is left over from food that is not used by the body. It leaves the female body in the same way that it leaves the male body. Solid waste is stored in the bowel before it leaves the body through the anus.

In all, from front to back, there are three openings between a female's legs: the opening to her urethra, the opening to her vagina, and her anus. If a girl or woman is curious about what these openings look like, she can hold a mirror between her legs and take a look.



Outside and Inside The Male Sex Organs



A male's outer sex organs, the penis and the scrotum—which contains the two testicles—are easy to see when a boy or man is naked because they hang between his legs.

The Scrotum

The scrotum is the soft sac of

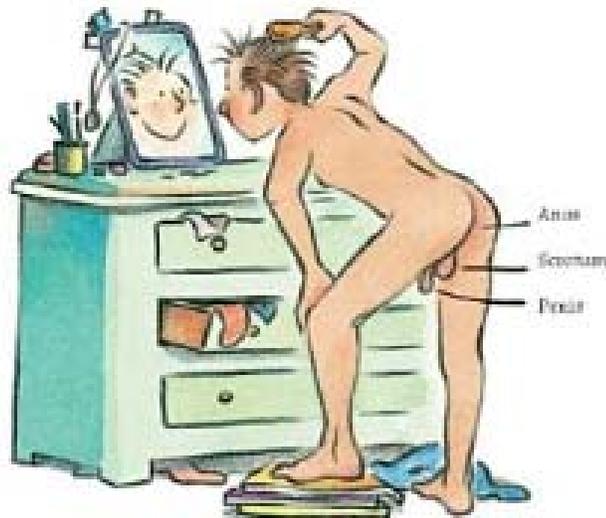
wrinkly skin that covers, holds, and protects the two plum-shaped testicles.

The Penis

The penis is made of soft, spongy tissue and blood vessels. Urine—liquid waste—leaves a male's

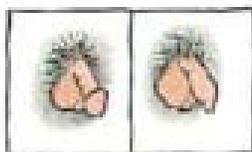
body through a small opening at the tip of his penis.

The end of the penis is called the glans. When the penis is touched and rubbed, a male's body feels good both outside and inside—kind of tingly, kind of warm and nice. It feels sexy.



BODY FACT: Generally, the penis is soft and hangs down over the scrotum. Sometimes, it becomes stiff and hard, and larger and longer, and stands out from the body. This is called an erection.

BODY FACT: All males are born with some loose skin covering the end of the penis, called the foreskin. Some male babies have their foreskins removed a few days after they are born, by a doctor or a specially trained religious person. This is called circumcision. Although a circumcised penis looks different from an uncircumcised penis, both work in the same way and equally well.



Circumcised penis Uncircumcised penis

The Anus

The anus is a small opening through which feces—solid waste—leave a male's body.

BODY FACT: Solid waste is the solid material left over from food that is not used by the body. It leaves the male body in the same way that it leaves the female body—through the anus. Solid waste is stored in the bowel before it leaves the body through the anus.

In all, from front to back, there are two openings between a male's legs: the small opening at the tip of his penis and his anus.

If you could actually look inside the male body and see the male's inner sex organs, you would see two testicles and a series of tubes and glands that are connected to each other.



The Testicles

The two testicles are soft and squishy and are covered and protected by the scrotum. Usually one testicle hangs lower than the other. Before puberty each testicle is about the size of a marble. During puberty, each testicle grows to about the size of a walnut or a very small ball. That's why they are often called "nuts" or "balls."



Testicles

BODY FACT: A male's sex cells are produced in the testicles. Unlike female sex cells, which exist at birth, male sex cells are not made until a boy begins to go through puberty. Male puberty—the time when a boy's body starts to grow into a young man's body—can begin anytime from about the age of ten to about fifteen. At that time, a boy begins to produce sex cells. Male sex cells are called sperm, and males continue to make them into old age.