

AWARDS AND REVIEWS

AAUW awarded its prestigious **Eleanor Roosevelt Research and Development Award** to Advocacy Press in 1991 for its Choices Series. Other Advocacy Press titles won the **Ben Franklin Award**, **Friends of American Writers Award** and Honorable mention: Best Children's Book by the Mid-America Publishers Association. In addition, Advocacy Press programs and publications have been reviewed in Working Mother, PTA Today, Career World, the Los Angeles Times, and Family Circle.

TESTIMONIALS CHOICES Life Skills Program

Choices: A Teen Woman's Journal for Self Awareness and Personal Planning

. . . the greatest value of these guides is that the material is presented in a positive, open-ended, nonjudgmental way: Readers are encouraged to look beyond adolescence with flexibility and with confidence in their abilities to make the best decisions for themselves.

- American School Board Journal

Every teenager should have one. You created a masterpiece!

-Career Education News

A superb book worthy of broad dissemination in both homes and schools

-Instructor Magazine

Those who teach, counsel or just care about young women . . . should be glad to know there's help available

-Women's Review of Books, Wellesley College

. . . an invaluable guide to thinking about life for today's young woman. This should be required reading. The young women., cannot fail to become self-aware in the process.

- Jill Ker Conway, Ph.D. Former President, Smith College

Choices really is a major accomplishment; I am sure it will be received with great enthusiasm by the public at large as well as by schools and community groups. Any young girl who seriously goes through all the steps will be strengthened in her ability to make choices and decisions in a rational way.

- Joy G. Dryfoos, Author of Safe Passage: Making It Through Adolescence in a Risky Society

. . . wonderful insights and exercises for today's young women. Realistic challenges in a practical guide . . . must reading.

-Dorothy Jongeward, Ph.D., Coauthor of the bestsellers, Born to Win and Women as Winners

Teenage girls devour this book.

-AAUW

Challenges is an outstanding guide for today's young men. A must for planning realistically for the future. An excellent companion for Choices: A Teen Woman's Journal.

-Bill Cirone, Superintendent of Schools, Santa Barbara County, California

Challenges is a timely workbook that fills many gaps for teenage boys today.
-William Glasser, M.D., Psychiatrist, educator and author of **Schools without Failure**

A real eye opener for any serious young man.
-Sam Adams, retired coach, University of California Santa Barbara, Director,
1984 Olympic Heptathlon and Decathlon Competition

Down-to-earth manual for every young man looking at today, tomorrow and the future.
- Jack Clarke,
Chair Riverside County, California Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Committee

*This is a superb book. It makes a marvelous contribution to the literature which is of such great value
to all young men.*
- John Williams, Noted composer and father of three

Changes: A Woman's Journal for Self-Awareness and Personal Planning

*This book offers women of today, who find themselves often faced with significant change in their lives, an
opportunity to learn strategies for dealing with change and the knowledge that they
are not alone. An excellent book.*

-Mary M. Wiberg, President, National Association of Commissions on the status of Women

*Changes is a long overdue resource designed to help adult women make informed decisions and
choices about career and life planning.*

-Marie Mayor Chief of Planning, Finance and Facilities Division of Vocational-Technical Education,
Maryland Department of Education

*Changes plays a major role in the workshops I facilitate for women in transition. Changes provides stories,
examples, and exercises that are thought-provoking focal points . . . to ponder and discuss in large and small groups.
I appreciate the thought and effort that went into this book to make it so relevant to women.*

- Noreen Dulak, NSE, Counselor, Women's Educational Bureau, Fox Valley Technical College,
Appleton, WI

What mothers and daughters are saying about MOTHER-DAUGHTER CHOICES:

Great program and the girls loved it. -Mother

The group brought my mom and me closer together. -Daughter

It was the best thing we've together for done for a long time. -Mother

My mom and I talk about more things now. -Daughter

MAKING CHOICES: Life Skills for Adolescents Curriculum

*I recommend **MAKING CHOICES**. It provides provocative information and offers exciting and interesting hands-on activities that are relevant, timely, and student-oriented.*

Milton P. Wilson, Ph.D., Coordinator, Parenting Education Curriculum Task Force, Ca. Dept. of Ed.

At last a program for young people to learn the essential skills needed for successful life planning.

Dr. Nishna I. Duffy, Gender Equity Coordinator, New Hampshire, Dept. of Ed.

*I highly recommend **MAKING CHOICES** Curriculum. It provides youth with an opportunity to assess themselves, and engage in a productive, healthy and realistic process of equipping themselves with necessary skills needed for handling their day-to-day issues in life. **MAKING CHOICES** provides a wholesome approach to the student's life.*

Njoki P. Jones, Diversion Counselor, Sonoma County Adult & Youth

*I strongly recommend **MAKING CHOICES** as a life skills curriculum for at-risk youth. It works very well in small groups and encourages students to discuss sensitive topics. The students I work with are referred to me through law enforcement and are not very happy to participate. At the end of the classes they are glad they were in the class and feel that they have learned valuable skills.*

Robert Ruffner MA, Program Coordinator, Social Advocates for Youth, Sonoma, CA

*. . . The teens who attend my classes are referred to me by a diversion project run by the Juvenile Probation Department of Santa Rosa. This is what I like about the **MAKING CHOICES** curriculum.*

*. . . **MAKING CHOICES** cover everything from cultural diversity to personal hygiene. The work book provides a lot of simple exercises for the students that generate interesting and varied discussions. Throughout the curriculum an emphasis is placed on processing ideas in a group, critical thinking, and recognizing individual values.*

Communication skills are both learned and practiced.

Many lessons reinforce the ideas of setting boundaries around sexual behavior, understanding and preventing domestic violence, and recognizing the impact of teen pregnancy. For young people in general it gives an awareness of what it means to be an adolescent, knowledge of the changes to expect, and opportunities to set goals for the future.

Brandon Bannister, Kids' Grant Coordinator, Drug Abuse Alternatives Center, Santa Rosa, CA

***MAKING CHOICES* Author Mary H. Halter**

MAKING CHOICES: Life Skills for Adolescents was designed to help adolescents develop skills which will encourage them to make healthy and positive choices. Equally, important, its design has assisted adults who live and work with adolescents as they guide young people through that process.

*Although originally designed as one-semester curriculum for a traditional school setting, **MAKING CHOICES** was piloted and has been utilized in a variety of settings such as correctional facilities, group homes, and youth-serving agencies. It is easily adapted to diverse ages and populations as well as settings.*

*The design of **MAKING CHOICES** allows learners of all learning styles to comfortably participate in a variety of activities that meet their learning needs. The design also relies heavily on providing learning opportunities throughout the Experiential Learning Cycle.*

***MAKING CHOICES** has proven to be an effective resource in empowering young people to be successful.*