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Life Innovations works with professional counselors and clergy to provide premarital counseling and marriage enrichment using the PREPARE/ENRICH program.

Marriage Alive International, Inc.

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National Association for Relationship and Marriage Education (NARME)

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National Marriage Encounter

www.marriage-encounter.org

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Real Relationships

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