Ahead of the Curve: Aligning Sex Education with National Trends

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As a result of this presentation, participants will be able to...

- **Identify four large themes** that frame the cultural and political context of sex education nationally.

- Describe ways to implement sex education in a way that **incorporates national sex education trends and issues**.

- Create **action steps** to address the current national trends and issues within local or regional sex education programming and policies.
1. Cultural and Political Context of Sex Education
Sex Education as Social Justice

- Intersectional focus
- Microaggressions
- Inclusivity
- Trauma Informed
Communication Strategies that Work

- Integration of technology
- Communication to find common ground
Audience Considerations

Female centered sex ed

Engaging boys and young men

Gender segregated classrooms

Perspectives on pleasure
Different Perspectives
Changing Perspectives on Consent

CONSENT is:
1. Active
2. Equal Power
3. Choice
4. Process

Just because a partner didn’t say "no" doesn’t mean they have given consent. Ask, because only "YES" means "YES."

If someone is underage, drunk, asleep or in another vulnerable position, they cannot consent.

We must make sure our partners feel free to say "yes" or "no" without pressure. If we aren't willing to take "no" for an answer, consent cannot happen.

Consent requires ongoing conversations with lots of trust. Just because someone says yes to making out doesn’t mean they want to do anything else. You can change your mind at any time.
2. Application:
Identify one or two trends or issues to work on

I Want To ...
3. New Resources and Content