

EMPOWERING YOUTH

CAASE PREVENTION PROGRAMS' IMPACT: 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

When Chicago schools reopened for the 2020-2021 academic year in an entirely virtual format, families and students across the city faced many challenges. Yet, our school partners were eager to sign up for our multi-session *Empowering Youth to End Sexual Exploitation* curriculum. We were ready to rise to the occasion.

Despite the barriers of virtual learning and record-low student attendance for Chicago Public Schools, CAASE still reached 2,947 teens.

"I'm more aware of casual acts of rape culture...I'm prepared to stand against it."
- 11th Grader



24%

increase in # of teens who correctly identified examples of rape culture



2,947

teens empowered through our virtual curriculum



92%

of teens showed positive change in attitude, behavior, and/or knowledge

The quality and fidelity of our programs stayed strong. In fact, we received glowing reviews from teachers and students alike. A Lake View High School teacher said we'd provided the best virtual program they've seen in the entirety of their career. Another educator noted, "The lessons were designed in accessible ways for students to participate in their comfort level." The impact on students is evident in their feedback, too.

"You made us feel like we're important and gave us a safe environment...even through a screen." - 11th grader

After completing our program, 90.2% of students agreed that consent is required for every sexual interaction, a 16% increase from pre-program surveys. We also saw a 24% increase in students' ability to identify examples of rape culture. Overall, 92.5% of teens showed positive changes in attitude, behavior, and/or knowledge. After a challenging year, these excellent results are especially rewarding and motivating as another school year begins.

"You've inspired me to educate others about the prevention of sexual assault."
- 12th Grader

Data and student quotes are from CAASE's 2020-2021 post-program participant surveys.

CAASE prevention workshops are available to schools and programs that serve high school aged students. They're free to public and charter schools. Learn more at caase.org/prevention.

