

# EMPOWERING YOUTH

CAASE PREVENTION PROGRAMS' IMPACT: 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

CAASE Prevention Educators felt the effects of rising attacks on sex education during the 2022-2023 school year. A sense of fear and apprehension from teachers, administrators, and parents persisted. While the current climate around education may be unsettling, it demonstrates the ongoing importance of CAASE's prevention workshops. We did not waver in our efforts to empower young people to end sexual harm.

Teens are surrounded by ideas and expectations about sex and sexual harm but they rarely have the opportunity to speak openly with experts who can correct misconceptions and offer judgment-free answers to their questions. Growing hostility toward sex education, which often stems from misinformation about what's happening in the classroom, will not keep CAASE from being part of the solution. We're guiding conversations on how to prevent sexual harm with students who are eager to learn. We delivered workshops to over 3,000 teens across the Chicagoland area during the past academic year.

***"Something I can do to end rape culture is...keep in mind that it can happen to anyone."** - 9<sup>th</sup> Grader*

85% of those students could explain what it means to practice consent and nearly 75% of students could identify at least one thing they could do to end rape culture. Both metrics show an 84% improvement from pre-workshop survey responses. Whether they commit to practicing consent in their own lives, being compassionate towards survivors of sexual violence, or changing the language they use, students leave CAASE workshops ready to help end sexual harm. We know more challenges will arise, but CAASE's prevention programming works! Our educators will continue having the crucial conversations students are seeking.

*Data and student quotes are from CAASE's 2022-2023 post-program participant surveys. Review more highlights on [caase.org](https://caase.org).*

***"To end rape culture, adopt enthusiastic consent in your life and talk about it."***

*- 9<sup>th</sup> Grader*



The number of students who could explain **how to practice consent** nearly doubled.



Participant survey responses improved **84%** after CAASE's workshops.



33% more teens named something they can do **to end rape culture.**

***"I will practice consent more in my everyday life and teach it to others around me."***

*- 9<sup>th</sup> Grader*



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CAASE prevention workshops are available to schools and programs that serve high school aged students. They're free to public and charter schools. Visit [caase.org/prevention](https://caase.org/prevention) for details.