

# EMPOWERING YOUTH

CAASE PREVENTION PROGRAMS' IMPACT: 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

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In the 2017-2018 school year, CAASE partnered with seventeen schools to educate and empower 4,550 students to end sexual exploitation in their communities. For 1,143 students who participated in our signature four-session curricula, the outcomes were measurable and overwhelmingly positive: student knowledge and attitudes improved in every surveyed area. Exemplifying their peer's learning, one student wrote that women are harmed because words like 'slut' "diminish their humanity" which leads everyone to "think the females are at fault and we don't help them when they need it."

*"Prostitution exists because of men who purchase sex."*

*"[CAASE] broadened my view of the everyday things that I have become desensitized to because of society."*



**22%**

increase in total number of participants in CAASE's four-session curricula



**4,550**

Chicago youth empowered through CAASE's Prevention Education Programs



**100%**

pre and post-surveys suggest participants in CAASE's four-session curricula improved across all surveyed areas

It's critical to note the impact the #MeToo movement had on conversations taking place during CAASE prevention programs in the 2017-2018 school year. Students were emboldened to participate in difficult discussions and quick to recognize that under the surface of sexual violation, whether it involves harassment, assault or commercial exploitation, is the issue of consent. Thanks to student demand for more guidance on how "no" can be both hard to say and hard to hear, we're adding an additional session about consent to all of our Empowering Youth programs for the 2018-2019 school year. CAASE will proudly continue creating space in which students can have safe, informed discussions.

*"From now on I will stand up to my guy friends when they bad mouth girls."*

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Prevention Workshops are available, at no cost, to schools and programs that work with high school aged students. To learn more, visit [caase.org/prevention](http://caase.org/prevention).

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*Student quotes were pulled from CAASE's 2017-2018 post-program participant surveys.*

