

EMPOWERING YOUTH

CAASE PREVENTION PROGRAMS' IMPACT: 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

In the 2018-2019 school year, CAASE's prevention education workshops served 4,925 youth. That's more than ever before. We still observed that 100% of students demonstrated improvement across all evaluated areas, including the concept of consent. Last academic year, a new session was added to our curriculum to solely focus on the topic. It was incredibly well-received by both students and school administrations. In fact, many students identified consent as the most important topic discussed, and we had to implement a waitlist for the single-session on consent due to the number of requests we received from schools.

"I learned that there's multiple ways to discuss consent."

"Just because the situation isn't illegal, doesn't mean it is consensual. I know to be more aware of consent so that I don't hurt someone I care about."



11%

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



4,925

Chicago youth empowered through CAASE's Prevention Education Programs



100%

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

When discussing consent and sexual harm last school year, students were interested in current media coverage, such as pieces about R. Kelly and Michael Jackson. We have found that while media can complicate student understanding of sexual assault, it also provides our prevention team with important context and helpful examples to foster engaging dialogue about sexual harm in our society. As we prepare for the next school year, we will continue encouraging students to bring examples from the world around them into the discussion to promote understanding, compassion, and allyship.

"I didn't really pay attention to the sexual objectification of women until now."

Prevention Workshops are available to schools and programs that work with high school aged students. They are free to public and charter schools. Learn more at caase.org/prevention.

Student quotes were pulled from CAASE's 2018-2019 post-program participant surveys.

