REFRAMING CONSENT: HOW LANGUAGE DISTORTS PREVENTION EDUCATION

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BACKGROUND FOR PRESENTATIONS

• Evolution of sexual assault education/prevention
• Campus discussions/incidents
• Campus policies
SEXUAL ASSAULT

• Sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. Falling under the definition of sexual assault are sexual activities such as forced sexual intercourse, forcible sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape.

*US Department of Justice website
CONSENT

Sexual activity requires consent, which is defined as voluntary, positive agreement between the participants to engage in a specific sexual activity. (Northwestern University website, 2014)

To give consent for sexual acts, there are 5 elements:

• Informed
• Mutually agreed upon
• Freely given
• Specific act
• Specific time
LEVELS OF PREVENTION

• Primary Prevention: Before the Problem Starts
  • The goal of primary prevention is to intervene before the health or social problem occurs by removing the cause or preventing the development of risk factors associated with the problem.

• Secondary Prevention: Once a Problem has Begun
  • The goal of secondary prevention is to identify a risk factor or problem and take the necessary actions to eliminate the risk factors and potential problem.

• Tertiary Prevention: Responding Afterwards
  • Tertiary prevention occurs after the adverse event or illness has occurred and interventions are designed to minimize the impact and restore health, wellness, and/or safety as soon as possible.

*National Center on Domestic Violence, 2011
CONSENT VS PREVENTION EDUCATION

• Examples of Consent Education
• Examples of Prevention Education
  • Bystander intervention
  • Deconstructing victim-blaming
  • Rape culture
• How are these alike/different?
• What level of prevention is the program?
WHERE DOES CONSENT EDUCATION BELONG?

• Healthy relationships education
• Sexual assault awareness education
• Prevention education
• Bystander education
THE UNDETECTED RAPIST

VIDEO

DR. DAVID LISAK
VIDEO DISCUSSION

- Consent – Yes or No?
- Perpetrator actions
- Victim actions
IT WAS RAPE.

VIDEO

JENNIFER BAUMGARDNER
VIDEO DISCUSSION

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BEST PRACTICES

• Primary prevention
• Secondary prevention
• Tertiary Prevention: Victim services
QUESTIONS?
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