



## *Empowering Young Men To End Sexual Exploitation*

A four session curriculum

This program engages young men in high school in reducing and eliminating sexual exploitation and violence. During the four 45-minute sessions, participants will have a safe environment in which to discuss healthy relationships, violence prevention, and both social and personal responsibility. By the program's conclusion, students will be able to explain sexual exploitation as a form of gender-based violence, discuss social perceptions of masculinity as described by peers and the media, and act as allies against sexual exploitation by identifying practical ways to end gender-based violence.

The program meets a number of ISBE learning standards including:

- **Social and Emotional Learning** State Goal 3: Demonstrate decision-making and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts.
- **English Language Arts** State Goal 4.A and B: Listening and speaking effectively in formal and informal situations.
- **Social Science** 18.B: Understand the roles and interactions of individuals and groups in society.
- **Physical Development/Health** State Goal 22: Understand principles of health promotion and the prevention and treatment of illness and injury.
- **Physical Development/Health** State Goal 24: Promote and enhance health and well-being through the use of effective communication and decision-making skills.

The breadth of this program allows for interdisciplinary instructions with a variety of classes including health, social studies, or language arts. Some schools have created small groups of young men with leadership potential to participate in the program during lunch-time round-tables. While the program is designed to engage young men, CAASE partners with Rape Victim Advocates who provide a similar program for young women.

To ensure the success of the program, CAASE provides an experienced facilitator to work with the students and all requisite materials at no cost to schools. CAASE asks that the school provide a classroom with audio and DVD capabilities.

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