

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Consent is Sexy Presentation

Office of Wellness Education

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Type of Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessment

Dates of Administration:

September 29, 2013

Audience/Group Assessed:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity members

ASSESSMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Consent is Sexy Presentation aims to increase student understanding of the importance of consent when engaging in sexual activities. This is done by defining consent and non-consent, clarifying when consent needs to be obtained, and addressing issues around consent and coercion. Additionally, the presentation seeks to increase students' comfort level in obtaining consent and discussing intentions and desires with sexual partners.

Learning Outcomes Assessed:

As a result of attending the Consent is Sexy workshop:

- Students will accurately describe consent.
- Students will demonstrate an increased understanding of the role of communication when obtaining consent.
- Students will recognize the differences between verbal and non-verbal consent.
- Students will correctly identify coercion in a sexual situation.

Student Affairs Learning Outcomes:

1. Use critical, reflective and analytical thinking in decision-making and reasoning;
2. Respond thoughtfully to social responsibly and diversity;
5. Develop, enhance, clarify, and communicate one's personal and professional values, ethics, and integrity;
6. Display the ability to integrate and apply knowledge, ideas, and experiences to one's daily life;

SUMMARY OF RESULTS & KEY FINDINGS

- 85.29% of program participants stated they had increased knowledge on the importance of obtaining consent. The themes of what students learned included information about coercion, communication, and needing a yes in order to get consent.

Describing Consent: The majority of students correctly identified key concepts of consent.

- 100% of program participants were able to identify that sex without consent is considered sexual assault.
- 94.12% of program participants agreed that consent is never implied and cannot be assumed, even if you are in a relationship.
- 97.06% of program participants identified that a person who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, asleep, or "out of it" cannot give consent.

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- 88.24% of program participants agreed that "If I want to move to the next step of a sexual encounter, I need to get consent every step of the way."
- 17.65% of program participants stated that if a person says nothing that means they give their consent. *This was a false statement included in the list.

LESSONS LEARNED & ACTION STEPS

Overall, the Consent is Sexy Presentation increased students awareness of issues around obtaining consent. The members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon gained more knowledge about the importance of consent and gained confidence in discussing intentions and desires with sexual partners. However, not all of the learning outcomes were measured on the assessment, as this was the first consent is sexy presentation given this semester.

As a result, the following action steps will be taken:

1. The SAE presentation preceded the regularly scheduled chapter meeting. Future presentations will try to be held separate from fraternity and sorority meetings. This will allow ample time for discussion and also allow the members of the group to continue with the professional nature of their meetings.
2. After the Consent is Sexy presentation, the assessment tool was updated to better measure our learning outcomes.
3. Due to the positive response from the fraternity members, the presentation will be marketed to other fraternities on campus.