

Follow-Up Resources: Youth at the Center Panel

Objective: To provide participants with valuable resources mentioned during the "Youth at the Center" panel discussion.

- <u>SIECUS</u> (<u>Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States</u>) is a highly recommended resource for policy change, particularly in the realm of comprehensive sexuality education.
- <u>Community Action Toolkit</u>: This comprehensive toolkit supports advocates in understanding sex education, building support, implementing effective policies, and defending sex education programs.
- <u>Mid-Year Legislative Report</u>: For up-to-date information on sex education legislation, participants can refer to SIECUS's mid-year report from 2023.
- New York State Profile: Learn about policy and legislative efforts in New York State, where advocates are dedicated to advancing comprehensive sex education.
- <u>National Sex Ed Standards:</u> The National Sexuality Education Standards (NSES) provide concise guidance for age-appropriate sex education in grades K-12, facilitating effective communication with educators.
- <u>Advocates for Youth</u>: An organization dedicated to promoting sexual health, rights, and justice for all youth and their allies.
- <u>Racial Justice in Sex Ed Initiative</u>: Offers a free online course designed to educate
 educators on addressing racial justice issues in sex education. Course content
 consists of ten modules covering topics such as race and racism, white privilege,
 reproductive justice, intersectionality, and strategies for dismantling white
 supremacy in sex education. The initiative is a collaboration between Advocates
 for Youth and SisterReach, two organizations focused on promoting the sexual
 health and rights of LGBTQ+ youth and youth of color.
- EducateUS is an organization committed to revolutionizing sex education in the United States for the betterment of all.
 - Speaking Up at School Board Meetings Report: Presents findings from a study testing different messages aimed at motivating individuals to advocate for sex education policy and implementation. Provides insights into effective messages, demographics of sex education supporters, and challenges and opportunities for sex education advocacy. Offers practical tips and examples on how to utilize effective messages in various advocacy contexts.