



Promoting a Culture of Consent

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Key Considerations

- Child development & differing needs
- Power dynamics
- Safety & liability
- Legal ages of consent
- Mandated reporting

When Consent is Important

- Sharing Personal information
- Consent to Engage in Activities and Take Breaks
- Taking or Posting Photos & Video
- Physical Touch
- Mental & Emotional boundaries

Expanding from Individual Practice to a Culture of Consent

- Invest in community building: group agreements, class charter, team talks
- Document: policies, procedures, practices, media, online presence, staff meetings
- Offer training for staff and volunteers, education for young people
- Practice accountability; be open to observation, questions, feedback; intervene when harm is caused, be open to change

Resources:

- Preventing Child Sexual Abuse In Youth Serving Organizations:
<https://americanhealth.jhu.edu/youth-serving-organizations>
 - New resource coming out from CDC in 2022:
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/preventingcsa-in-yso.html>
 - Health Care Consent in WA: <https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/i-am-under-age-18-can-i-get-health-care-without-an-adults-consent>
 - Sexual Assault: A Resource for Young People
English: <https://depts.washington.edu/uwhatc/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Teen-Handout-FINAL.pdf>
Spanish: https://depts.washington.edu/uwhatc/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/SPAN_Information-for-Teens-8.pdf
 - Consent is Everything” video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rXullkp_-w
 - Ally Sk8 Training: <https://www.skatelikeagirl.com/allysk8.html>
 - Privacy resources: <https://privacy.uw.edu/principles/> and <https://privacy.uw.edu/design/consent/>
- Harborview Abuse & Trauma Center: www.uwhatc.org
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