

Founded in 1981, Answer provides and promotes sex education for students across the United States and offers the most robust and effective sexual health training program for adult educators in the nation. We engage with young people and educators both in school and online.

Sex education today, still an uphill battle

Only 24 states and the District of Columbia mandate some form of sex education; only 13 of these states require that the information provided be medically accurate. Even states with strong sex education mandates have few mechanisms in place to enforce them. Sex education taught in most schools today focuses almost exclusively on pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease prevention. Answer wholeheartedly believes that for sexuality education to be truly comprehensive it must encompass sexual health, relationships, sexual orientation, gender identity, birth control, safer sex practices, body image and more.

Engaging youth voices to lay the foundation for lifelong sexual health



Answer's peer-to-peer approach is one of the most powerful ways we reach young people with sex education. Our *Sex, Etc.* magazine and website – written by and for teens – provide honest, unbiased and accurate information about sexual health. **Millions of copies of *Sex, Etc.* have been distributed across the United States over the last 20 years, and over two million people visit Sexetc.org each year, making it one of the leading sexual health sites in America.** The teen editorial staff and national contributors to *Sex, Etc.* make it a unique education and empowerment tool for young people.

Training adults to be effective health educators

Answer's uniquely designed trainings help educators, counselors, nurses and youth-serving professionals present comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education unapologetically, armed with the right information and skills to keep young people healthy. Our trainings focus on issues such as creating safe and inclusive classroom environments, supporting youth in establishing healthy relationships and learning about sexual orientation and gender identity. Since 2008, our online trainings have remained the largest and most robust e-learning resource for sexuality educators in the U.S. **Each year, Answer coaches approximately 3,000 education professionals through in-person workshops and online professional development courses.**

The Future of Sex Education is now

Answer collaborates with many national, state and local organizations to effectively implement sexuality education in America's public schools. Founded in 2007, the Future of Sex Education initiative (FoSE) is a partnership between Answer, Advocates for Youth and the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS). To date, **we have published national standards for sex education and teacher standards for training that have been adopted in various forms by dozens of school districts across the country.**



There are a number of ways to get involved with Answer including subscribing to *Sex, Etc.*, attending a training, following and sharing our content on social media, advocating at your local school or becoming a donor. For more information, please contact Executive Director Nicole Cushman at 848-445-7929 or nicole.cushman@rutgers.edu.