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Elizabeth Schroeder, Ed.D., M.S.W., has been the executive director of Answer since 2008. An internationally recognized educator, trainer and author in the areas of sexuality education pedagogy, curriculum development and counseling, Dr. Schroeder has a strong commitment to helping health professionals understand and integrate best practices that are informed by the latest research in educational programming.

Dr. Schroeder is a national spokesperson on sexuality education. She presents at national and international conferences and has trained thousands of youth-serving professionals, adolescents and parents in the United States and overseas. She is a co-founding editor of the *American Journal of Sexuality Education* and co-edited the recently released four-part book series, *Sexuality Education: Past, Present and Future*. She has served as an author, editor and contributor to *Making SMART Choices: A Curriculum for Young People* and *Being Out, Staying Safe: An STD Prevention Curriculum for LGBQ Youth*. Dr. Schroeder has also authored chapters in *Health Counseling: Applications and Theory* and *The Continuum Complete International Encyclopedia of Sexuality* and contributed a lesson to the curriculum *New Expectations: Sexuality Education for Mid- and Later Life*. She is also the editor of *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Controversial Issues in Family and Personal Relationships*.

Prior to joining Answer, Dr. Schroeder served as an assistant professor at Montclair State University. She was also the associate vice president of education and training at Planned Parenthood of New York City and, before that, manager of education and special projects at Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Dr. Schroeder has received numerous honors throughout her career, including the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists' Schiller Award for her approaches to teaching Internet safety to youth, the William R. Stayton Award "in recognition of outstanding leadership in the field of human sexuality" and the national Mary Lee Tatum Award, which is given annually to "the person who most exemplifies the qualities of an ideal sexuality educator." She is the former chairperson of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) board of directors and has served on numerous local, state and national task forces and committees.

She holds a doctorate of education in human sexuality education from Widener University and Master of Social Work from New York University.