Who We Are

Answer is a national organization dedicated to providing and promoting comprehensive sexuality education to young people and the adults who teach them. For more than 25 years, Answer, part of the Center for Applied Psychology at Rutgers University, has been committed to supplying resources, advocacy, training and solutions in support of honest and balanced sexuality education for young people and the adults in their lives.

Our Beliefs. We believe that knowledge about human sexuality is helpful, not harmful, and that young people offer an essential and unique perspective. We believe that teens are responsible decision makers, and that all young people benefit when parents and other adults work in partnership with them. We respect and embrace diversity and believe that speaking out to create a sexually literate and informed society makes a difference.

Our Mission. Answer’s mission is to provide and promote comprehensive sexuality education to young people and the adults who teach them. We fulfill our mission through two primary programs:

- **The Teen-to-Teen Sexuality Education Project**, which uses the power of teen-to-teen communication to provide millions of teens with the information they need to make responsible decisions about sex. The cornerstone of the project is our *Sex, Etc.* national magazine and Web site, Sexetc.org.

- **The Sexuality Education Training Initiative**, which helps teachers and other youth-serving professionals create dynamic and effective educational experiences for young people.

Our Reach. Answer reaches hundreds of thousands of teens every year with honest, accurate sexual health information and resources. Our *Sex, Etc.* Web site, Sexetc.org, receives 25,000 unique visitors every day and two million page views per month. We train more than 2,700 adult educators and youth-serving professionals each year, who in turn educate youth with potentially life-saving sexual health information.

Our Accomplishments. Answer positively impacts the lives of hundreds of thousands of teens throughout the United States. By maximizing the impact of teen voices and training thousands of youth-serving professionals, we dramatically improve the way young people receive sexuality education in the U.S. In recognition of our efforts to involve teens in the national dialogue about teen pregnancy prevention and sexuality education, Answer has received honors from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and Advocates for Youth. National press coverage of our programs has come from ABC, CBS, NBC, *The New York Times*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Seventeen* and other print, broadcast and online media.

Our Future. As Answer looks to the future, we seek to unite young people and adults in support of honest sexuality education. Together, we will continue to provide the answers that young people want and need to make responsible, informed decisions about sexuality.