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RUTGERS NAMES ELIZABETH SCHROEDER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ANSWER

Elizabeth Schroeder, Ed.D., M.S.W., an internationally recognized trainer, consultant and author in the areas of sexuality education, youth development, curriculum and counseling, has been appointed executive director of Answer. Answer is a national organization dedicated to providing and promoting comprehensive sexuality education and is part of the Center for Applied Psychology at Rutgers University.

Dr. Schroeder comes to Answer with an extensive knowledge of sexuality education programs, policies and politics; national and international connections with key organizations and individuals; and a passion for Answer’s work in comprehensive sexuality education.

Dr. Schroeder has served as a training consultant for Answer’s Sexuality Education Training Initiative, which trains more than 2,700 educators and other professionals nationwide per year. She has also served as a sexual health expert and member of the Medical Advisory Board for Answer’s teen sexuality education Web site, Sexetc.org.

“As a consultant for Answer for the past ten years, I’ve long known and been impressed by the organization’s myriad accomplishments and by the depth of its impact within the sexuality field,” Dr. Schroeder said.

Lew Gantwerk, Psy.D., executive director of the Center for Applied Psychology at Rutgers, said that the Center is truly fortunate that Dr. Schroeder’s career path has led her to Answer and to Rutgers.

“Dr. Schroeder’s national reputation, her dedication to the field of sexuality education and her boundless energy will provide a springboard for further growth and development of our program,” Dr. Gantwerk said. “Answer and Dr. Schroeder are a perfect match.”

Since 2000, Dr. Schroeder has trained thousands of youth-serving professionals, adolescents and parents in the United States and overseas. She has presented at national conferences and written extensively about sexuality and relationship issues. She is a cofounding editor of the American Journal of Sexuality Education, coauthor of Making SMART Choices: A Curriculum for Young People and Being Out, Staying Safe: An STD Prevention Curriculum for LGBQ Youth. She 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 editor of Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Controversial Issues in Family and Personal Relationships, 5th, 6th and 7th editions.

Most recently, Dr. Schroeder was 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 Prize, for her approaches to teaching Internet safety to youth, 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 currently chairs the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) Board of Directors and has served on numerous local and state task forces and committees. She holds a Doctorate of Education in Human Sexuality Education from Widener University and a Master’s in Social Work from New York University.

Answer, part of the Center for Applied Psychology at Rutgers University, is a national organization dedicated to providing and promoting comprehensive sexuality education to young people and the adults who teach them. Its ongoing initiatives include the national Teen-to-Teen Sexuality Education Project, which provides sexual health resources written by teens, for teens, through the Sex, Etc. national magazine and Web site, Sexetc.org; and the Sexuality Education Training Initiative, which provides training, resources and technical assistance to more than 2,700 educators and other professionals per year. To learn more about Answer, log on to http://answer.rutgers.edu.