

The Prevention and Education Program at WISE is committed to engaging with young people to end gender-based violence. With these learning objectives in mind, let us know how we can support the learning of your students. Our hope is to work collaboratively to meet the needs of your school and design programming that fits within your reopening plans.

Elementary School

- Celebrate our differences, emphasize our unique strengths and capabilities, and encourage empathy and concern for others
- Learn developmentally appropriate information about safely caring for our bodies
- Identify trusted adults who students can ask for help when they are mixed up, confused, or unsafe
- Explore and build skills around emotional health and connectedness
- Create personalized coping strategies for times of internal and external conflict

Additional Objective for Older Elementary School Students

- Examine rigid expectations of gender and define personal values

Middle and High School

- Shift normative attitudes around sexual harassment and violence to reduce the acceptability of gender-based violence
- Learn language, skills, and expectations around consent
- Connect cultural norms around gender to the normalization of gender-based violence and an imbalance of power in relationships
- Build empathy for people who have less power in situations and society
- Harness skills for supporting peer survivors of violence and engaging in prosocial behaviors that disrupt and discourage violence

Professional Development for Teachers

- Create gender inclusive and affirming classroom environments and lesson plans
- Provide support for students experiencing and witnessing gender-based violence
- Identify symptoms of trauma and abuse in children and adolescents
- Build survivor-centered responses to disclosures of violence at the individual and institutional level