

RECOVERING STUDENT VOICE:

Passive Parent Consent For Active Student Voice

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PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

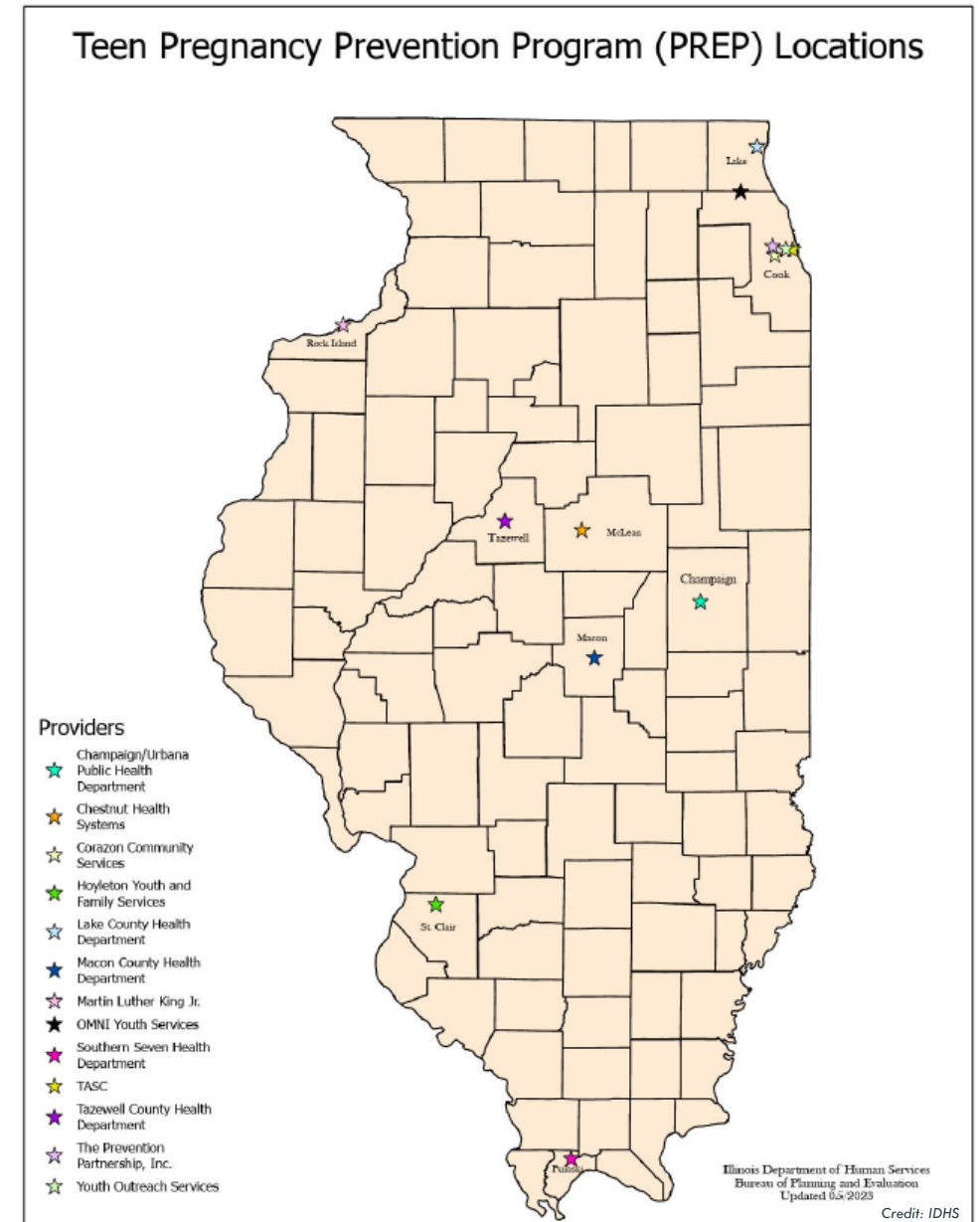
By the end of this presentation, participants will:

1. Understand the difference between parent consent and parent notification;
2. Identify a way to significantly improve survey response rates; and
3. Recognize the importance of engaging collaborative partners in state education.

ILLINOIS STATE



- ▶ Illinois Department of Human Services leads the project
- ▶ 13 providers implement the program
 - ▶ Middle school, high school, and community-based settings
 - ▶ Urban, suburban, and rural Illinois
- ▶ CPRD serves as the program evaluator



POLLING ACTIVITY

- Is your data project's data collection subject to IRB approval?
- Do you know the difference between parent consent and parent notification?
- Does your project administer parent consent or parent notification for youth participation in data collection?

[Link for online polling tool](#)



PROBLEM: PARENT CONSENT

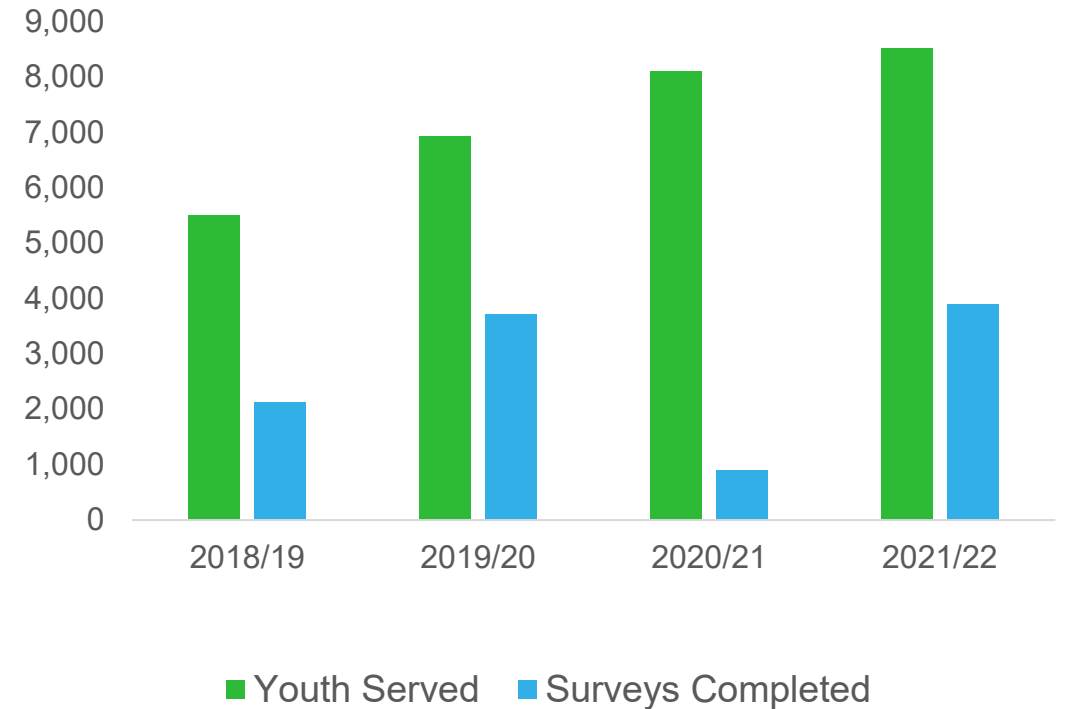


- IRB mandated parent consent for youth survey participation, leading to loss of youth voice.
- CPRD strategies:
 - Trainings on youth survey importance.
 - Detailed consent forms highlighting participation benefits.
 - Incentives for parental consent.

PROBLEM: PARENT CONSENT

Low response rates persisted, worsened by COVID, raising data representativeness concerns

Survey Year	Youth Served	Surveys Completed	Response Rate
2018/19	5,508	2,123	39%
2019/20	6,936	3,723	54%
2020/21	8,105	900	11%
2021/22	8,523	3,900	46%
Totals	29,072	10,646	37%



Data Sources: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22 Performance Measures

SOLUTION: PARENT NOTIFICATION



CPRD pursued waiver of parent consent in favor of parent notification.

- Parent notification includes all consent information; opt-out form required only for non-participation.
- Utilized Public Act 102-0522 and Senate Bill 0818
- Collaborated with ISBE.

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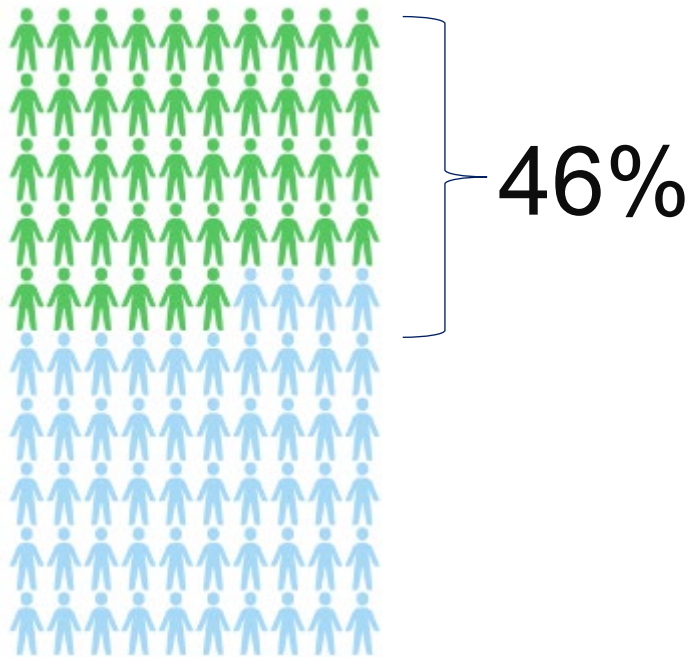
Arguments to IRB:

- ✓ ISBE normalized comprehensive sexual health education.
- ✓ Evaluation aligns with educational practices.
- ✓ Parent notification complies with state requirements.

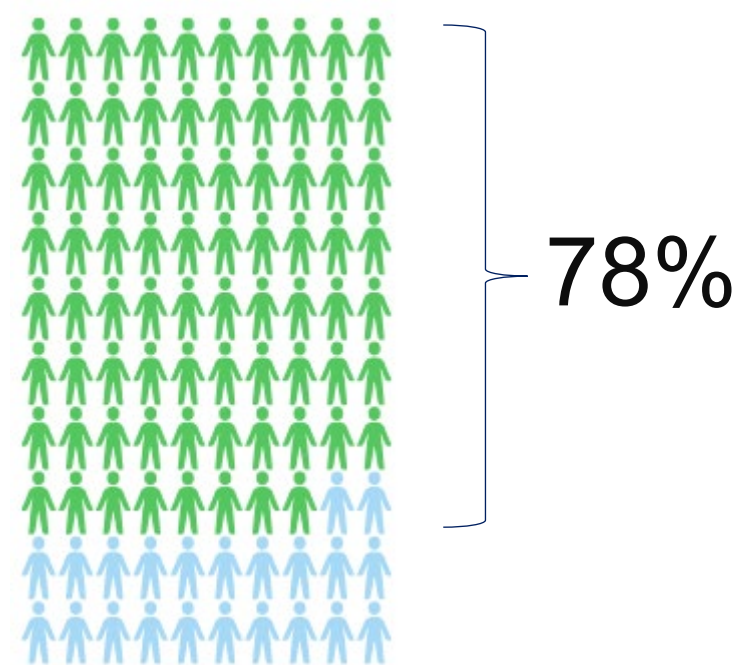


RESULTS: IMPROVED RESPONSE RATES

IRB approved parent notification process on October 4, 2022



2021-22 response rate
with parent consent



2022-23 response rate
with parent notification

LESSONS LEARNED



- Parent Consent vs Parent Notification
- Teamwork makes the dream work!

REFERENCES/RESOURCES

- ▶ 2018/19 PREP Performance Measures
- ▶ 2019/20 PREP Performance Measures
- ▶ 2020/21 PREP Performance Measures
- ▶ 2021/22 PREP Performance Measures
- ▶ 2022/23 PREP Performance Measures





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