## **WHOLESOMEBODIES:**

BROADENING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT SEXUALITY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

#### What would it take?

What do we need to move away from victim centered risk reduction and rape awareness?

What tools do we need to promote healthy sexuality?

#### Assumptions:

- We are bombarded with messages about sexuality our whole lives.
- Most messages we receive limit the definition of sexuality and leave many people's experiences out.

### Assumptions

■ We are sensual and sexual beings and our sensuality and sexuality connects us to the world and others.

#### Assumptions

- We have not been encouraged to nurture our sexuality as we have other parts of our humanness-like our intellect or physical health.
- Most humans long for a sense of wholeness and connectedness.

#### Assumptions

□ If we broaden our understanding of our own sexuality, we are more likely to respect others'.

#### Assumptions

- □ Sexuality includes more than just what is "sexy."
  - □ Gender and sexual identity
  - □ Sensuality, body image,
  - □ Reproductive and sexual health
  - □ Intimacy/ relationships
  - □ Sexualization (using sexuality to control others)

Sexuality education has been confined to:

- the biology of reproduction,
- □ abstinence education,
- □ birth control,
- □ safe sex (mostly hetero condom use) and sexually transmitted infections.

#### SVP education has focused on:

- avoiding how to become a perpetrator or victim: what you shouldn't do or how to tell.
- what you can do if you see something happening: bystander intervention.

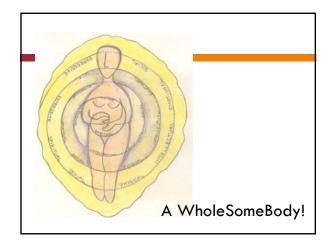
#### Participants walk through activities designed to:

- □ Nurture the exploration of our senses:
  - Joyful feast: experiencing your senses, inviting wonder in.
  - What are you doing when your body feels happiest?



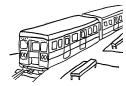
- □ Identify and analyze the negatively steeped and narrowed language of sexuality:
  - ■Etymological history: sexuality, sensuality, erotica, intimacy
  - ■Media and society's mixed messages

- □ Survey the personal impact of messages that we receive about sexuality:
  - ■Exploring childhood messages
  - □Deconstruct the gender binary and "normal"



# Getting folks on the train!

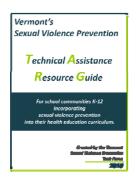
- Advocates and other allied professionals
- □ Parents and adults
- □ Older youth



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Leveraging prevention opportunities!



#### Grade 7-8: HE 3, Analyzing Influences

Students will show understanding of how culture, media, peers, family and other factors influence health.

- Analyze influences on sexual behavior (e.g. family, peers, religion, media, culture, internal factors).(FSSH-b)
- Describe how school, family and peers influence the choices and behaviors of individuals related to safety and violence. (VIP-b)
- □ Analyze how messages from the media influence safety and violence-related behavior.(VIP-a)



