

ANNOUNCEMENT

BENCHMARKS FOR COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

The Sex Information & Education Council of Canada (SIECCAN) is developing benchmarks for comprehensive sexual health education for youth. The Benchmarks will provide policy and program decision-makers and educators with a consistent, evidenced-based tool to develop, implement, and evaluate sexual health education programs/curricula that address the age/grade-specific sexual health education needs of diverse youth in Canada.

In preparation for the development of the Benchmarks, SIECCAN conducted a sexual health education needs assessment survey with 3551 youth and consulted with over 250 individuals from across Canada involved in sexual health education, promotion, and research.

The multidisciplinary Working Group will meet in the Fall of 2023 to provide guidance and advise on the development of the Benchmarks. SIECCAN is very pleased to announce the formation of the following Benchmarks Working Group.

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