Yes “We” Can!

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First things First!

• Focus groups of middle/high school aged youth
• Racially diverse youth
Efforts cont.

• Distribution of a written survey at a multiple school youth forum
• District meetings of administrators and school educators
• Analysis of school specific data
Efforts cont.

- Subject matter experts and training to identify sexual health education needs and opportunities
What ignited these efforts?
Ignite cont.

- Delaware was ranked 28 out of 51 (50 states + the District of Columbia) on final 2013 teen births rates among females aged 15-19
- Delaware was ranked 9 out of 51 in pregnancies to females aged 15-19 in 2010
• Delaware ranked 7th in the United States for reported cases of chlamydia among young people ages 15–19
• In 2013, the rate of AIDS diagnoses among adolescents ages 13–19 in Delaware was 3 per 100,000, compared to the national rate of 1.6 per 100,000
Ignite cont.
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Youth Partnership Summit 2016
The Summit
Exhibitors

- COPE: Community Outreach and Prevention Education
  Driving Wellness in Delaware

- march of dimes
  A FIGHTING CHANCE FOR EVERY BABY™

- BCCS: Brandywine Counseling & Community Services

- kids count
  IN DELAWARE

- Delaware Healthy Mother & Infant Consortium
  Embracing the future of Delaware

SEA Institute 2016
Exhibitors

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware
- aRC Adolescent Resource Center
- Sexuality Education Training Institute
- Kent Sussex Community Services
- Starfish Casters

SEA Institute 2016
Participants

Public School Districts
• Cape Henlopen
• Capital
• Laurel
• Milford
• New Castle County Vo-Tech
• Woodbridge

Alternative Schools
• D.A.P.I
• Kingswood Academy
• Parkway Academy – North
• Parkway Academy – South
• S.C.O.P.E – North
• S.C.O.P.E - South
Participants

38% of 19
Knowledge is power
Concluding statements
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“I know now to reach out, to tell people only what I know is true, and to use community resources that are available to me.” Anonymous 11th grade female student from southern Delaware speaking about sexual health.