

FOCUS GROUPS WITH YOUTH

Enhancing effective sexual health promotion for Autistic and disabled youth

What is the project about?

SIECCAN is a not-for-profit organization that promotes sexual health of Canadians. We are making resources to help service providers promote sexual health with Autistic youth and disabled youth (with physical disabilities). This project is funded by Health Canada.

What are we doing?

We are working with Wisdom2Action to run focus groups. We want to learn from (1) Autistic and neurodivergent youth, as well as (2) disabled youth (physical disabilities) about their dating and relationship experiences and also, what sexual health information they want to know more about. We will use this information to make sexual health promotion resources for service providers who work with Autistic and/or disabled youth.

Who?

1. Autistic and neurodivergent youth, 16 - 24 years old
2. Disabled youth (physical disabilities), 16 - 24 years old

When?

- **Tues. Sept. 20 at 7pm ET:**
Open session for disabled youth (physical disabilities)
- **Wed. Sept. 21 at 7pm ET:**
Session for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) disabled youth (physical disabilities)
- **Thurs. Sept. 22 at 7pm ET:** Open session for Autistic and neurodivergent youth
- **Fri. Sept. 23 at 7pm ET:**
Session for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) Autistic and neurodivergent youth

Accessibility:

- There will be many ways for participants to participate (by talking, by writing in the chat or on Jamboard, by sending us more comments after the sessions)
- We will give you the focus group questions before the session
- During the sessions, we will ask you questions verbally and we will also type them out
- We will use closed captioning
- Participants can bring a support person if they want to

****Please let us know of any other accommodations that can be helpful. We will do our best to make it happen.***

Honorarium: \$75

How can you participate?

To participate, please email **Wisdom2Action** at **info@wisdom2action.org**



Where? zoom

For French-speaking participants: Please note that the focus groups will be done in English. If you want to participate in French, you can email **Yi Wen Shao** at **yiwenshao@sieccan.org** to schedule an interview.

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