Preparation for the Consent 201 Workshop

**What is VAWPP?**

- VAWPP stands for the Violence Against Women Prevention Program
- We are a group of peer educators dedicated to addressing and preventing all forms of gender-based violence (GBV) through **education, outreach and advocacy**.
- We operate out of the Women’s Center—a cultural center welcome to all members of the UConn community—**you do not need to identify as a woman to get involved!**

**Group Expectations**

- Treat this virtual classroom as a brave space:
  - Avoid discounting or discrediting classmates’ feelings or ideas;
  - Honor those in the room who may have a relationship to gender-based violence
- “Vegas rule” – what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas
  - While this workshop is designed to allow for anonymous participation, we also welcome students to utilize the chat feature and microphone if they feel comfortable doing so.
    - Please respect your classmate’s privacy when they offer input to our discussion.
- Experiencing discomfort
  - There are 2 types of discomfort:
    - Type 1: This workshop might feel awkward. We ask you to push through this type because that’s where we grow.
    - Type 2: You find yourself feeling deeply distressed due to the subject matter in which case you have our permission to leave and/or reach out after session.
      - Please remember to practice and prioritize self-care!

**Technical Considerations**

- **Considerations for all Consent 201 Participants:**
  - For an optimal experience, you will have to switch between the WebEx classroom and [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com). You can open [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) in a new browser or on your smartphone.
  - You may have to refresh [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) if you notice your presentation slide is not lining up to what is on the WebEx screen share.
  - Folx have varying degrees of experience, comfort, and accessibility to these conversations. Here are some considerations that you may find helpful:
    - Headphones can be used to listen to facilitators
    - Camera use is optional
    - Utilize the opportunities to participate anonymously if you do not feel comfortable vocalizing your contributions.
• If you are having technical issues/ need help during the workshop, please use the chat feature to connect directly with your course’s mentor.
  o All submissions through menti.com are anonymous.

• Considerations for International Consent 201 Participants:
  o You will need to use a VPN to access WebEx and menti.com from a country outside of the United States.
  o Please allow yourself some time before the workshop to make sure that you have access to all of the technology we will be using throughout.

• Considerations for FYE/UNIV Instructors:
  o The workshop is 50 minutes long and will therefore take the entire class time for most FYE sections.
  o If your class meets in-person, you may consider allowing students to participate in this session remotely, as the workshop itself is entirely online. If you choose to remain in-person, please email vawpp@uconn.edu to let the facilitators know.
  o Please admit facilitators to your WebEx classroom around 5 minutes before the beginning of the class period.
  o Please keep in mind that participation on menti.com is anonymous and, therefore, will not allow you to track students’ participation in the workshop.