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

- For an optimal experience, you will have to switch between the WebEx classroom and www.menti.com. You can open www.menti.com in a new browser or on your smart phone.
- You may have to refresh 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.