CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES: RAPE PREVENTION EDUCATION MODEL OF COMMUNITY CHANGE

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Contextual Conditions:
Sexual violence occurs within a larger social and political context. Preventing sexual violence requires interventions that address the complex interplay of individual, relationship, community, and societal risk and protective factors.

Community and societal factors may include:
- Poverty, lack of employment opportunities, general tolerance of sexual assault, weak community sanctions against perpetrators, societal norms supportive of sexual violence and of male entitlement, weak laws and policies related to gender equality, high levels of other forms of violence, rigid gender roles, and definitions of masculinity that are linked to dominance.

Due to this complexity, sexual violence prevention activities require sustained efforts to maintain achievements, ongoing evaluation, and continuous quality improvement.

Additionally, a culture that condones sexual violence also condones/promotes other forms of oppression which must be addressed in conjunction with sexual violence prevention.

KEY
- Green boxes indicate RFP-funded components
- Yellow rounded boxes indicate non-RFP-funded components

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