SRAENE 2.0 Community Settings Study: Protocol for Partner Staff Interviews

Interview information	
Respondent's name	
Respondent's organization	
SRAE provider	
Mathematica project team	*Moderator*: *Notetaker*:
Date of interview	

Introduction and consent

Moderator and co-moderator introductions

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us today. We are from Mathematica, an independent research firm, and we are here to learn about your experiences with Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) programming. My name is [name] and my colleague is [name].

Explanation of project and purpose of discussion

We are speaking today on behalf of the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education National Evaluation, which we refer to as "SRAENE". SRAENE is a study sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The goal of this project is to learn more about the SRAE programming providers deliver to youth in [community setting], and other community settings, including [other community settings]. The study will describe SRAE programming in these settings and share promising practices and strategies to address challenges. The study's findings may help improve future programming for youth in these settings across the country

We will be speaking today about your experiences with [SRAE provider]'s SRAE program. We want to hear about your partnership with [SRAE provider] and your thoughts on the SRAE program.

Before we start, I want to let you know that your participation in this interview is voluntary, and you may stop at any time.

Providing information is voluntary, and all individual responses that are collected will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. We expect this discussion to take up to 50 minutes. There are no right or wrong answers. We value the information you will share with us and want to make

sure we capture it all by recording it. If you do not agree to being recorded, you can still participate, and we will not record it, but we have someone who will take notes.

The recording and notes will be kept in a secure location for the study team to use, and we will destroy the information at the end of the study. We might share the recording with outside partners to transcribe notes, but your name will **not** be included in the recording. We will not use your name in any of our reporting.

Do you consent to participate in this interview? Do we also have your permission to record the discussion?

Do you have any questions before we get started?

Please note: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB number for this information collection is 0970-0531 and the expiration date is 09/30/2028.

Respondent background

1. To start us off, can you share your current role at [partner organization] and how long you have been in this role?

    a. What are your responsibilities in this role?

2. **Ask only if partner does not offer direct services to youth:** Does [partner organization] have prior experience working with youth in [community setting]? If yes, can you describe that experience?

    a. Do you personally have prior experience working with youth in [community setting]? If yes, can you describe that experience?

3. Does [partner organization] have prior experience implementing or supporting adolescent pregnancy prevention programming whether SRAE or another type of programming)? If yes, can you describe that experience?

    a. Do you personally have prior experience implementing or supporting adolescent pregnancy prevention programming? If yes, can you describe that experience?

Partnerships

Next, we would like to learn more about your organization's partnership with [SRAE provider], including how the partnership began and the roles and responsibilities of each organization.

4. How long has [partner organization] partnered with [SRAE provider]? A rough estimate is fine if you aren't sure of the specific length of time.

5. How did this partnership initially begin? *If not mentioned in response, probe on:*

    a. How did the organizations become aware of each other?

b. Which organization reached out to the other initially?

c. Who at each organization led the work and activities to initiate the partnership?

6. Why did your organization decide to partner with [SRAE provider]?

7. Does your organization have a formal agreement for this partnership with [SRAE provider]?

   a. If yes, do you know what types of information is included in the agreement?

   b. If no, do you think a formal agreement would have been beneficial for your partnership?

8. Can you describe the roles and responsibilities of [partner organization] in the partnership with [SRAE provider] for the SRAE program?

   If not mentioned in response to question 8, interviewer can probe on these areas to see if the partner helps with…

   i. *Recruiting and enrolling youth in programming*

   ii. *Scheduling the SRAE lessons*

   iii. *Implementing SRAE programming (including supporting classroom management)*

   iv. *Maintaining youth attendance in the program*

   v. *Providing space or materials for the program*

   vi. *Providing incentives to youth (if applicable)*

   vii. *Other activities*

9. How do you think your partnership contributes to the SRAE program and its work to serve youth in the community?

10. Was there anything that went particularly well when your organization first started working with [SRAE provider]? How about after the partnership was more established?

11. Did you experience any challenges when you first started working with [SRAE provider]? How about after the partnership was more established?

12. Do you have any lessons learned from the partnership that would be helpful for other SRAE providers to keep in mind for the future?

Program relevance and youth experience

Now, we would like to talk more about the SRAE programming itself, and whether it is relevant for the youth served by the SRAE program in [community setting].

13. How would you describe the youth served by the SRAE program?
    a. What are their strengths?
    b. What are some challenges they face or needs they may have?
14. Can you describe how the SRAE program [SRAE provider] delivers services to youth in [community setting], including the main curricula and other services, resources, or experiences the program includes?
15. Do you feel the SRAE program is relevant for the youth [SRAE provider] serves in [community setting]? Why or why not?
    a. What SRAE program content is the most relevant? Least relevant?
    b. Does the relevance of the SRAE program depend on experiences youth have had in their lives? *[If they are unsure, provide some examples here, such as youth having initiated sex already; youth having experienced trauma, including abuse, as children; youth not having trusted adults in their lives.]*
    c. Have you made any suggested changes or adaptations to the program to make it more relevant for youth? If so, can you describe your suggestions?
16. Do you think the SRAE program meets the needs of the youth served in [community setting]? Why or why not?
17. From your perspective, have the facilitators from [SRAE provider] used any strategies to make sure the SRAE program meets the needs and is relevant for youth in [community setting]? If so, please describe these strategies.
18. How engaged are youth in SRAE programming? [*Note: depending on their role, the partner staff may not know this information.*]
    a. What SRAE program content is the most engaging? Least engaging? [*If not stated, probe on how they define engagement and whether they use any metrics to assess/track]*
19. Are there other adaptations or improvements that you would suggest making for the SRAE program to be more relevant, helpful, or engaging for youth? [*This could be either changes to the main curriculum or to additional practices/services that the provider includes, outside of the main curriculum]*

Wrap-up

20. Outside of what you've already shared, do you have any lessons learned for delivering SRAE programming in [community setting]?

Thanks so much for your time and valuable input! My email address is [email], if you have any follow-up questions or would like to share additional thoughts.