

Succeeding through COVID-19, Natural Disasters, and Zoom Fatigue

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INTRODUCTION

The Believe in Youth-Louisiana 2.0 (BY-LA 2.0) program offers trauma-informed, evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programming throughout Southeast Louisiana. During the first two years of BY-LA 2.0, the program encountered setbacks from COVID-19, virtual learning, and Hurricane Ida. Throughout these circumstances, the program managed to meet significant milestones and offer high-quality instruction to the youth served.

METHODS

1. Materials for BY-LA 2.0 were digitized for virtual implementation, including consent forms, curricula, workbooks, and activities.
2. One-hour presentations (OHPs) were offered for schools and partners that needed the content but could not immediately commit to full programming due to COVID-19 limitations.
3. BY-LA 2.0 staff consistently communicated with school partners and community organizations throughout the pandemic and Hurricane Ida recovery periods to meet immediate needs.

When faced with unpredictable circumstances, flexibility and innovation help build lasting partnerships.

- Delivering one hour presentations led to many implementation partners receiving **evidence-based programming**.
- Providing schools with the option of virtual implementation led to **increased youth reach**.
- Consistently communicating with partners created **stronger rapport and familiarity** with both the BY-LA 2.0 staff and programming options.



LEARN MORE ABOUT BY-LA 2.0

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ADOLESCENT SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH-RELATED CONTENT OFFERED THROUGH BY-LA 2.0

Evidence-Based Interventions:

1. Get Real: Comprehensive Sex Ed that Works
2. Reducing the Risk

One-Hour Presentations:

1. Puberty & Hygiene
2. Teens, Sex, and the Law
3. STIs 101
4. Navigating Relationships Safely
5. Stress
6. Coping Skills

BY-LA 2.0 PARTNERS AND YOUTH REACH

	Year 1	Year 2
Sites receiving OHPs	13	3
Sites receiving EBIs (virtual)	16 (15)	18 (2)
OHPs Youth Reach	902	389
EBI Youth Reach	745	2280

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