

Education Sector Recommendations

Strategies to Respond to FGM/C in the United States

TOP LINE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 U.S. Department of Education develops and disseminates FGM/C educational and training materials to schools, colleges, diaspora community groups, health care professionals, police and others upon request
- 2 U. S. Department Health and Human Services funds educators to develop programs that engage the diaspora community and help train young leaders (both boys and girls) to speak up against the practice
- 3 An Educational Toolkit to be distributed to every school district throughout the United States

THE PRIORITIES OF THE EDUCATION GROUP

- Provide free education to parents of girls at risk
- Provide education to health care professionals who offer assistance to girls and women affected by FGM/C
- Provide training for teachers in the Educational system (primary school through high school)
- Provide training for social workers
- Provide training for university outreach programs (cross-cultural centers, violence against women center, campus police)
- Participate in community-based programs and research that improve our understanding of the needs of communities with respect to FGM/C and provide free educational material to help prevent FGM/C from occurring in the community.
- Provide Free Education to community leaders on how to effectively explain that FGM/C is a human rights violation and not a cultural practice that has to be protected at all cost.
- Raise awareness by educating members of service groups (Rotary Intl. Soroptimist International. Girl Scouts/Girl Guides, church groups)
- Address the recurring issue of how to handle the "cultural sensitivity" element attached to FGM/C, that prevents progress and effective solutions from being presented to the affected communities.

TRAINING - WORKSHOPS

- Contact associations to present at their conferences
- Conduct workshops for frontline medical professionals, teachers, law enforcement, child protection, social workers, community leaders in the diaspora, etc.
- Contact the Surgeon General's Office to raise awareness on the harmful impact of FGM/C
- Train young leaders in diaspora communities in breaking the silence about FGM/C

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CONFERENCES TO TAP FOR TRAINING

- National Association of School Nurses
- National Association of School Psychologists
- School Social Workers Association of America
- American School Counselor Association
- National Association of Elementary School Principals
- National Association of Secondary School Principals

CREATE NEW RESOURCES – INFORMATION & EDUCATION (EDUCATE, NOT MUTILATE)

- An app for FGM/C – to engage young people
- Safe Spaces and counseling hotlines for survivors and girls at risk
- Educational Campaign – promotional materials (t-shirts, cups, caps, etc.)
- Partner with stores such as Starbucks in educational campaign
- Short films relevant to age groups

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