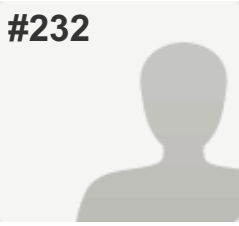


# Ending the Epidemic Task Force Recommendation Form

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**Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)**

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**Q2: Title of your recommendation** Comprehensive Sexuality Education

**Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation**

The 3 points in the Governors proposal, I believe are short sighted... The points feel like a bandaid approach in some ways... In order for this curve to continue bending downward... the State must invest in our young people. Our youth are the key to maintaining the momentum and allowing the next generation to live free of HIV infection. Without a proper comprehensive approach to behavior change, positive options and sexuality education, HIV/STD's and unintended pregnancies will continue to cost NYS tax payers millions of dollars and the curve will never bend enough.

New York State currently has no k-12 comprehensive sexuality education curriculum recommendations or mandates. The "Bending the Curve" plan does not include investing or enhancing educational offerings or recommending comprehensive sexuality education ... to include HIV/STD and Pregnancy prevention. The youth who are currently entering, participating and graduating from the New York State school systems will be the generation that will benefit and maintain an HIV free generation... without current and comprehensive education for these students starting in kindergarten the curve will not continue to bend and may infact bounce back.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Implement a State Policy requiring grade K-12 comprehensive sexuality education in all NYS schools as part of a comprehensive health education program.

Stop reducing funding to school systems and then continue to expect our youth to make healthy choices without the resources.... (i.e., schools based clinics, comprehensive health education, healthy food choices, extra curricular opportunities, etc.) CUT... CUT.... CUT... What is the definition of insanity?... We just don't get it... our youth are our future... invest in our future... The youth will "Bend The Curve"

**Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)** Identifying persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and linking them to health care

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**Q5: This recommendation should be considered by the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force Committee (Select all that apply)**

Housing and Supportive Services Committee:  
Develop recommendations that strengthen proven interventions enabling optimal engagement and linkage and retention in care for those most in need. This Committee will recommend interventions that effectively address complex and intersecting health and social conditions and reduce health disparities, particularly among New York’s low-income and most vulnerable and marginalized residents. These interventions will diminish barriers to care and enhance access to care and treatment leaving no subpopulation behind.

**Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?**

Change to existing policy

**Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?**

Unknown

**Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?**

Within the next year

**Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?**

See recommendation

**Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following**

Advocate