

ReproCollab Glossary

Adolescent Sexual Health Education should be medically accurate, culturally-sensitive, and representing positive youth development principles. It *should not* teach or endorse religious ideology or sectarian tenets or doctrines, use shame-based or stigmatizing language or instructional tools, employ gender norms or gender stereotypes, or exclude the relational or sexual experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender individuals.

Health Equity is the absence of avoidable, unfair, or remediable differences among groups of people, whether those groups are defined socially, economically, demographically or geographically or by other means of stratification. 'Health equity' or 'equity in health' implies that ideally everyone should have a fair opportunity to attain their full health potential and that no one should be disadvantaged from achieving this potential. [World Health Organization](#)

A **Learning Community** is a group with a common issue or problem to wrestle with where members learn together and their learning is embedded in practice. [Grantmakers for Effective Organizations](#)

Patient-Centered Care is care that is respectful of and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs, and values. [Institute of Medicine \(now National Academy of Medicine\)](#)

Person-Centered Contraceptive Care is a model of care that promotes open dialogue and supports both patient autonomy in decision making and counseling directly tailored to the patient's expressed preferences and values related to contraceptive choices. [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#)

Reproductive Autonomy is having the power to decide and control contraceptive use, pregnancy, and childbearing. [University of California San Francisco Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health](#)

Reproductive Equity includes centering the needs of and redistributing power to communities, having clinical and public health systems acknowledge historical and ongoing harms related to reproductive and sexual health, and addressing root causes of inequities. [Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology](#)

Reproductive Justice is the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities. [SisterSong](#)

Reproductive Rights are legal rights and freedoms, including the ability to decide the number and spacing of children, and to have access to the information, education, and means to enable exercising these rights. [United Nations](#)

Reproductive and Sexual Health is a state of physical, mental and social well being in

relation to sexuality. It requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence. [World Health Organization](#)

Reproductive health addresses the reproductive processes, functions, and system at all stages of life. [HHS Office of Population Affairs](#)