

Why Attend the February OWL Facilitators Training?

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The Our Whole Lives (OWL) Comprehensive Sexuality Education Facilitators' training is an accessible tool for small group leaders, youth leaders, pastors and other individuals wanting to lead spaces for body-positive, diversity-positive, accurate sexuality education. This facilitator training is for community leaders, youth leaders, and church leaders who recognize our responsibility and opportunity to open up honest, clear conversation around body, gender, sexuality, relationships, health, and consent. Over the three-day training, attendees will receive the support they need to be confident and responsible facilitators of a concrete, well-respected, well-researched curriculum. Attendees will be trained in up-to-date and culturally relevant comprehensive sexuality education, such as the challenges and opportunities in our age of internet and social media.



OWL Comprehensive Sexuality Education is facilitated by trained pairs, so we encourage anyone interested to consider attending with another adult member of your community who has different experiences and identities. Together, the two of you can go home ready to launch OWL in your church, community or group.

The February 20-22 OWL Comprehensive Sexuality Education Facilitators' training is unique because it will, for the first time, have two optional interactive faith-related workshops supplementing the [OWL/Sexuality and Our Faith curriculum](#) with strategies for leading discussions of Faith, Gender and Sexuality. These workshops are themed "Bodies in Biblical Context: Bible and Sexuality" and "Bodies in Lived Realities: Race, Ethnicity, Bodies, and Sexuality." These workshops will build on the good work of the [JustSex: Honest. Faithful. Conversation](#) in October 2018 and the [Alliance of Baptists Statement on Sex, Gender, and Sexuality](#) adopted in 2019 and will provide attendees tools, skills, and strategies for facilitators to use back home with youth and families. We are grateful to Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC, for co-hosting this OWL training and providing the training location.

Active Links for above:

JustSex

<https://allianceofbaptists.org/resources/justsex-resources>

Alliance Statement

<https://allianceofbaptists.org/assets/uploads/FINAL-FINAL-Statement-on-Sex-Gender-and-sexuality.pdf>

OWL/Sexuality and Our Faith

https://www.ucc.org/justice_sexuality-education_our-whole-lives