

ANNUAL REPORT 2018





A letter from Deb Hauser

President, Advocates for Youth

Each time a (person) stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

-Robert Kennedy

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

2018 was yet another year of turmoil. As a nation, we witnessed the continued rise of leaders who achieved power by glorifying ignorance, promoting fear, and legitimizing hate. Concerns about poverty and immigration were dismissed as socialism; discrimination against queer people was cloaked as religious freedom; and gun violence that took the lives of so many was framed as just an unfortunate consequence of the Second Amendment.

Up was down. Red was Blue. Facts were ‘fake news.’

In such a time, it is not easy for social justice activists to maintain our equilibrium, our optimism, or our hope. But I do feel hope. It is a hope kindled by the power of youth activism.

This year, as in years past, young people demonstrated the courage, conscience and persistence to rally against injustice, violence and vitriol. They fought back against the victimization of young Black and Brown people; called for an end to the harassment of young women in hijab; and organized against xenophobic policies that tore families apart at our border. Young people marched in Parkland; protested police brutality in Pittsburgh; and sat vigil in our airports and at our southern border. They rebuilt homes in Puerto Rico; fought for universities to strengthen Title IX protections; and shared personal stories of surviving sexual assault to protest the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

Many of Advocates activists also took the fight to their home states and communities. Jasmine convinced her administration at Kenyon College (Ohio) to provide free internal condoms to students. Alex, successfully organized until his school, Florida Atlantic University, agreed to require consent education for all incoming transfer students. Naeelah convinced McKendree University (Illinois) to establish gender-neutral bathrooms. Angel organized at Soka University (California) until a professor with a history of sexual misconduct was finally fired. Mariah got her community in Virginia to create a Sexual Health Awareness Day; and Bex, a student in San Francisco, helped mobilize her peers to advocate for access to the abortion pill through her state’s public university system.

Yes, 2018 was a hard year. It was a year in which far too many of our leaders prioritized political expediency over social justice. But it was also a year of hope. It was a year in which a generation of emerging young leaders took to the streets to show us that the moral center of our nation remains intact if we are strong enough, smart enough and brave enough to walk alongside them.

At Advocates for Youth, we are so proud and humbled to work with and for these young people as they translate their passion, commitment and leadership, into action. Together we want to thank you for your support. None of us could do this important work without you.

With best wishes for a kinder and more just New Year—



AT A MOMENT OF CRISIS, YOUTH SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS TAKE THE LEAD

“When I reported my sexual assault, my school didn’t believe me, and asked me victim-blaming questions like what clothes was I wearing. They made me regret I had come forward at all. I started speaking out, first to see if that would help me. But then I saw that sharing my story was helping others, and I started to work to ensure students in high schools don’t experience what I experienced. Young people are taking action to protect each other, because oftentimes, the people who are supposed to be protecting us, aren’t.”

Francesca, IX High

This was a year of fighting back. Betsy DeVos continued to dismantle Title IX protections for survivors of sexual violence in schools across this nation. And Brett Kavanaugh was nominated to the Supreme Court, despite multiple women sharing stories of his sexual misconduct and violence.

In response, Advocates’ youth activists mobilized. Know Your IX (KYIX), Advocates’ youth activist program led by survivors of sexual violence to fight gender violence in schools, created an open letter campaign calling on University Presidents to uphold Obama era Title IX guidance. They created an open letter toolkit, held numerous trainings and Facebook live events, and worked directly with students to hold their universities accountable.

As a result, more than 30 university presidents agreed to uphold and enforce their current policies. KYIX organizer Alyssa Peterson worked directly with student governments to create a letter to denounce the interim guidance that garnered support from hundreds of student body presidents. And later in the year, in response to DeVos’ new proposed rules on Title IX, KYIX organized hundreds of student activists and families to submit comments on DeVos’ proposed rules and set the groundwork for a legal strategy to combat them in 2019.





Sejal Singh, KYIX student activist, worked with graduate and undergraduate students at Harvard University to protest Betsy DeVos' speech on campus. The protest uplifted a multitude of issues including the school to prison pipeline, survivor's rights, racial justice, LGBTQ rights and more. It garnered national attention and led state legislators to introduce bills to protect student survivors' rights. And they weren't alone, with KYIX's support, 5 other states introduced pro-student survivor bills.



Later in the year, Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sparked a national conversation when multiple women named him as their abuser. KYIX activists committed unprecedented energy to speaking out, protesting, and lobbying legislators by sharing their stories of surviving sexual violence and urged Senators to vote "no" on Kavanaugh's nomination. In the weeks leading up to the Kavanaugh vote, survivor activists from all over the nation gathered in D.C. and maintained a round-the-clock presence on Capitol Hill, meeting with dozens of legislators and staging a 24-hour filibuster of storytelling at the Capitol. Advocates for Youth stood out as one of the only organizations working with youth survivors, including the new high school cohort IX High. KYIX activists shared their own stories at multiple rallies, met with their legislators, were featured in Politico, and spoke at a nationally televised protest.

CENTERING YOUNG PEOPLE AND ABORTION STORYTELLERS IN THE FIGHT FOR ABORTION ACCESS

"It is amazing to be surrounded in a cohort of young wonderful and empowering people who want to make a change in our communities all over the country. We can count on each other for support. Action is power. Young people sharing their stories together and making our voices heard in this political moment is huge. **"**

Angie Marie, Youth Testify Leader

This year began in the midst of a flashpoint moment for abortion access and young people. Jane Doe, an undocumented young person being held in a detention center in Texas, had just successfully sued for the abortion care a Trump official, Scott Lloyd, had attempted to deny her. Though Jane won the case, the Administration continued to deny young people held in detention the abortion care they sought. To protest this injustice, Advocates organized the fourth annual 1 in 3 Campaign speakout, six hours of air time that featured abortion storytellers sharing their experiences from all across the nation and all walks of life. Thirty of these storytellers then protested outside the Department of Health and Human Services and visited legislators to call for Scott Lloyd's firing.

Though Lloyd remains in office, activist efforts put the spotlight on barriers young people face in seeking abortion care. Advocates co-organized with Jane's Due Process and If/When/How the first-ever Summit on Youth Access to Abortion Care--a convening of 100 attorneys, activists, and youth-serving professionals who strategized ways they could expand their work with "Janes," or minors who need abortion care, in every state.

From this convening grew Youth Testify, a partnership of Advocates for Youth and the National Network of Abortion Funds. Youth Testify is comprised of young people who have experienced abortion and wished to share their own stories of navigating barriers, including judicial bypass. At a retreat this summer Youth Testify leaders received in-depth training on storytelling and created a strategic plan for activism in their communities. The program officially launched in September 2018, with a feature in Teen Vogue.

In May, Trump announced a new "domestic gag rule" that would prevent clinics from receiving Title X funding if they provide abortion care or provide referrals. Advocates for Youth activists mobilized to write letters, lobby on Capitol Hill, and submit hundreds of official comments through a "notice and comment" process.





Youth activist efforts kicked into high gear after the announcement of Brett Kavanaugh as nominee for Supreme Court Justice. Advocates cosponsored a storyteller lobby day and rally on Capitol Hill and helped fly abortion storytellers from Alaska, Maine, West Virginia and Indiana to Washington, DC for the Speak Out to #SaveRoe rally. Storytellers met with their Senators to share their own stories and deliver the thousands of abortion stories shared to date with the 1 in 3 Campaign. Over 600 people across the country virtually shared their abortion story directly to their Senators through the #DearSenators campaign, while hundreds of young people signed onto a statement directed at the Senate that illustrated the negative impact Kavanaugh's appointment would have on youth. One of Advocates' DC-based youth activists created the #MeetWithUs campaign, demanding meetings daily with key Senators. Collectively young people made one hundred meeting requests and went nearly every day leading up to and through the hearings to speak with Senators and make their stories heard.

Throughout the year, anti-abortion extremists continued their attacks on abortion care, abortion storytellers, and abortion providers. By autumn, it was time for a reminder to keep people who have experienced abortion at the center of this debate. Inspired by the work of Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR), and in consultation with them, Advocates worked with over 40 storytellers and photographers on the 1 in 3 Photo Project, a challenging and moving collection of portraits which convey each person's abortion story and their perspective on it now. The collection premiered at Advocates' Urban Retreat Youth Leadership Institute. A portable version was shared with youth activists who then exhibited the collection at over 100 campuses and clinics for the 1 in 3 Campaign's Fall Week of Action.

STANDING STRONG AGAINST EXTREMIST EFFORTS TO END SEX ED IN SCHOOLS

"I advocate for sex education because my identity and livelihood is tied to sex education. I fight for it because I know I am not the only one who feels erased of our own identities because we do not exist in our own educational curriculum. I fight for it because my allies and friends know I exist but my own educational institution does not. I fight for it because if I don't, then who will? And if not now, then when will we?"

Alan, Student Organizer

In 2018 there was a concerted effort by extremist organizations to end any attempts to teach honest sex education in schools and to bring back harmful abstinence-only programs. Districts around the country suddenly found that proposed sex education programs, or even ones that were already being taught, were under attack from organizations like The Liberty Council. The Trump Administration served as enabler to these extremists, reserving funding for abstinence-only-until-marriage programs. Advocates for Youth continued to work for funding, policy, and law to protect comprehensive sex education. At the same time, the organization offered young people alternatives by removing the gatekeepers and bringing sex education to them directly.

Advocates and its partners Answer and Youth Tech Health added 25 new videos to [AMAZE.org](https://amaze.org) and [YouTube.com/amazeorg](https://www.youtube.com/amazeorg) in 2018, bringing the total to more than 50 funny, informative animated puberty and sex education videos for young people ages 10 to 14, their parents and educators. To date these videos have received over 16 million views from people living in 196 different countries and Amaze recently was selected by HundrED as one of their top 100 educational innovations at their global conference in Helsinki, Finland.





In April, when opponents of sex education announced they would pull their kids out of sex education classes, Advocates' activists jumped into action, holding an all-day marathon through Facebook Live, providing peer to peer sex education lessons on contraception, HIV and STIs, gender identity, sexual orientation, and many other topics for young people who had been kept home or who just wanted to learn more. The media took note, and the activists were featured on CNN and Salon among others.

Meanwhile, Advocates continued to provide technical assistance and training on sex education, assisting thousands of educators to strengthen their skills and providing more than 11,500 with free copies of the Rights. Respect. Responsibility Sex Education Curriculum. Lesson plans from the curriculum are being used in more than 50 school districts including 11 of the largest 25, reaching 2.2 million young people. In addition, Advocates was awarded two cooperative agreements by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Adolescence and School Health to provide technical assistance and training for 38 local education agencies to help schools implement quality sex education and link to community health services in their school districts.



SUSTAINING THE PIPELINE OF NEW LEADERS

“For weeks, I visited Senators’ offices every day asking to meet with them and discuss the impact a Kavanaugh nomination would have on young people. I started a social media campaign using the hashtag #MeetWithUs to broadcast our efforts and attempt to appeal to Senators over social media. I recruited friends to join me in my endeavor, many of whom, like me, are represented by politicians who consistently vote to deny them reproductive rights and health-care access. We didn’t win this one, but we let our Senators know young people are a force to be reckoned with. It’s time that our voices are heard loud and clear, even when the politicians elected to represent us don’t want to listen.”

Angela, International Youth Leadership Council

Every week of 2018 brought a new outrage against human rights, laws, and decency from this Administration, this Congress, and dangerous cultural forces which acted out more brazenly every day. The toll on young people has been unimaginable - endangering their safety and their well-being in ways that will resonate for years, even decades. Yet time and time again, young people have taken leadership roles in the resistance.

Advocates for Youth’s network of over 100,000 activists led protests and organized throughout the year, including taking major roles in Women’s March and March for Our Lives events in their districts. Youth groups participated in weeks of action across the country. In September, 120 young people came to D.C. for the annual Urban Retreat Youth Leadership Institute, sharing knowledge, receiving in-depth

training, and creating a strategic plan for the year. Urban Retreat activities culminated in a day on Capitol Hill where youth activists not only spoke to their legislators about a clean DREAM Act (a pathway to citizenship for young undocumented immigrants without funding for a border wall and other harmful policies), but participated in a day of actions and protests to stop the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh. Advocates staff also held youth organizing trainings in Las Vegas, Nevada and New Orleans, Louisiana, where 50 young people learned organizing skills and made strategic plans for working to ensure young people’s reproductive and sexual health and rights in their respective states.

In October, hundreds joined the #MuslimAnd week of action to dispel myths about what it means to be a Muslim, and provide clear actions that allies can take to combat the Islamophobia espoused by this administration.





Students at campuses across the country worked for change in their communities:

- Angel, a Student Organizer at Soka University of America took many actions to improve sexual assault policies and climate at her university, including collecting over 400 petition signatures in support of their goals (on a campus of around 430 undergraduates). As a result of their efforts, the University fired a professor with a history of sexual misconduct and adopted mandatory consent programming for incoming students next year.
- Young Women of Color for Reproductive Justice Leadership Council (YWOC4RJ) member Antoinette created a letter writing campaign to send letters of encouragement to women who are living with HIV and incarcerated as well as collecting letters from peers and community members to send to women across Georgia.
- Kaitlyn, a 1 in 3 student organizer at UC Berkeley served as a witness at the senate education hearing on SB 320, a bill requiring public higher education institutions in California to provide medication abortion. After receiving her own abortion and facing barriers on campus, Kaitlyn was one of the primary organizers working on getting medication abortion available at public universities across the state.
- Taylor, a Muslim Youth Leadership Council member, co-founded Michigan's first Muslim prayer and healing space actively working to center the most marginalized Muslims of the community.
- Tracia, a Leadership Council member from Wichita, KS developed a training curriculum called "Racial Justice and Reproductive Justice", in which she used a timeline to ground reproductive justice in a historical context centering bodies of color and to strategize ways to use the past to inform the future of reproductive justice.
- Jasmine who attends Kenyon College in Ohio got her school to commit to providing free internal condoms to students, which were put up around campus for the first time last semester!
- Alex, a Student Organizers was successful in getting the administration at Florida Atlantic University, to require consent education for all incoming transfer students—at FAU transfer students account for over 1/3 of all incoming students.

CENTERING YMSM IN HIV PREVENTION AND DESTIGMATIZATION EFFORTS

"I will use my voice to diminish and extinguish stigma, criminalization, and social conformity of marginalized groups, especially those who are HIV positive like myself. I want for young people and the future generations, especially those of color, to understand that even one voice can make an impact in challenging mainstream injustice. **"**

Toraje, Engaging Communities around HIV Organizing (ECHO)

The Trump Administration has displayed a complete disregard for HIV prevention, treatment, care, and destigmatization. At the end of 2017 Trump disbanded the President's Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, and a full year later, he has yet to replace it. The Trump budget would have made huge cuts to HIV funding both domestic and international had Congress not intervened. The Administration's complete ignorance of and lack of interest in HIV hurt young people around the world who are disproportionately affected by the epidemic.

In this challenging context, Advocates continued to focus on Black and Latino young men who have sex with men, two populations in the U.S. most disproportionately impacted by HIV.

In 2018, Advocates was proud to introduce our newest youth group Engaging Communities around HIV Organizing (ECHO), a cohort of youth activists living with HIV who will work in their communities to connect young people to care, host testing and education events, and destigmatize/decriminalize HIV. ECHO activists include, among others, Antonius, who acts as a peer mentor to new positives; Lisa,



who began her HIV activism shortly after the HIV diagnosis she received as a teenager; and Erick, who organized a holiday card drive for people living with HIV resulting in over 90 handmade cards.

Meanwhile, Advocates continued to test and improve on Get Your Life, its HIV prevention curriculum for young Black and Latino men who have sex with men. Preliminary data from Get your Life and Get Your Life Latino indicate they are promising interventions to increase HIV prevention knowledge, attitudes, and behavioral intent among adolescent sexual minority males, particularly youth ages 16-17.



For National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day 2018, young people planned and executed a total of 150 actions across the country. As a result of these events, more than 15,000 young people received information and resources regarding HIV and AIDS along with opportunities to get tested and learn about PrEP. For example, youth activist, Justice, a student at Clark Atlanta University hosted a safer sex kit making party between all the schools in the Atlanta University Consortium (HBCUs Spelman College for Women, Clark Atlanta, Morris Brown College and Morehouse College). Advocates also hosted two events on Capitol Hill, a reception and a briefing, where youth activists and allies spoke to lawmakers about how they can be engaged in the fight to ensure that all young people have the tools they need for HIV prevention, treatment, and care.

Leading up to World AIDS Day on December 1st, YouthResource and ECHO activists, through the social media storytelling campaign #MyStoryOutLoud, hosted #AIDSAwarenessWeek, a week of activism and awareness events with different actions to mark each piece of the National Youth HIV & AIDS Day Bill of Rights.

The Trump Administration is content to leave people with HIV behind, but Advocates for Youth is doubling down on our commitment to ensuring all young people lead healthy lives and get the education, care, and opportunity they need to thrive.

MAKING PROGRESS ON CONTRACEPTIVE ACCESS DESPITE CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT

As a nation we've made incredible progress toward making sure young people have the tools they need to prevent unintended pregnancy - with the teen pregnancy rate at a record low and long acting reversible contraceptives like the IUD growing in popularity and availability. But this Administration and Congress are committed to rolling back that progress. In 2018, the Trump Administration not only endangered Title X clinics (which many young people rely on for contraception) by ruling to deny them funding if they share information about abortion; it crafted new guidelines for these clinics stating that they must prioritize "natural family planning" over other, more reliable methods of contraception.

When the government denies birth control coverage and weakens the ability of clinics to provide the most effective methods, it is young and low income people who are left without access to the contraception they need. Advocates for Youth continues its work to ensure young people can access contraception and plan their lives and futures.

As a part of the Great American Condom Campaign, students at 1000 campuses around the country handed out over 1.2 million condoms and held educational events. Three GACC students published op-eds in local papers about the importance of contraceptive access. Students at twenty-six campuses organized for free condom dispensers on campus.



In addition to this broad outreach, Advocates is working deeply with partners in three communities—Atlanta, GA., Tucson, AZ., and Washington, DC,—to design, pilot test, and evaluate innovative referral and linkage strategies that build the capacity of health centers, youth serving organizations, and social service agencies to improve and expand contraceptive access for highly vulnerable youth. The project's vision is to develop replicable, scalable, and evidence-based models for reducing unintended pregnancy and improving sexual health outcomes among refugees, youth living in detention, youth in drug treatment and others of our country's most vulnerable youth.



In 2018, project sites implemented extensive policy and practice changes to improve the quality of youth-friendly health services at 22 health centers; developed linkages with 27 youth serving agencies; conducted pilot studies with 475 youth, and conducted extensive community and social media outreach to more than 16,000 youth and adults. To lay the groundwork for scaling the project in other communities, Advocates conducted a survey of 235 refugee resettlement offices in the U.S.; developed new credentialing protocols for IUD insertion; developed consumer educational materials; created a text message line; drafted seven publications, and conducted poster sessions and presentations at the Society for Adolescent Medicine and Health and North American Refugee Health conferences.

Across all project sites in 2017, nearly 900 more clients received moderate or highly effective contraception than at baseline (2015-16), resulting in a 23 percent increase. In the first six months of 2018, nearly 2,000 clients and 1,000 more moderate or highly effective contraceptive users were reported compared to the same six month period in 2017, resulting in a 38 percent increase.

Despite outrageous attacks on this basic aspect of health care, Advocates for Youth remains vigilant in its efforts to ensure all young people have the contraception they need.

WORKING TO ADVANCE SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

In 2018, the Trump Administration continued to export bigotry. The Global Gag Rule has had an immeasurable impact on health care in countries which receive U.S. aid, creating an atmosphere of fear and caution which harms not just patients seeking reproductive health care, but anyone seeking health care. Fearmongering, nationalist statements from the President and prominent conservative activists only increase the damage done to U.S. standing in the world community and to youth potential in these countries. Advocates for Youth staff and activists worked hard in 2018 to mitigate the harm our President is intent on causing.

On May 1, 2018, two of Advocates' newest members of the International Youth Leadership Council, Angela and Katie, headed to Capitol Hill to lobby their representatives on the Global HER Act. The Global HER Act would permanently repeal the Global Gag Rule, a harmful piece of legislation that severely impacts the sexual and reproductive health and rights of people in the global south. The IYLC focused its efforts during the 2017-2018 school year on ending the Global Gag Rule, with educating policymakers as one of their most preferred tactics. Katie and Angela met with 6 offices from Kentucky and Connecticut. They did an incredible job educating their Members of Congress and the council will continue these efforts, among others, this current school year.

AMAZE, the initiative of Advocates for Youth, YouthTech Health, and ANSWER, which produces and disseminates funny, informative, and animated sexuality education videos for very young adolescents in the United States and around the world, went global in 2018. Advocates for Youth spearheaded efforts to expand AMAZE to countries around the world by providing oversight and technical support to partner organizations seeking to adapt, dub, or sub-title AMAZE videos at the country and/or regional levels.

AMAZE América Latina was launched in Mexico City, in collaboration with DKT Mexico and IPPF/WH, along with IPPF affiliate organizations MEXFAM, PROFAMILIA and Iniciativas Sanitarias. Fourteen videos were newly adapted



for AMAZE South Africa, and AMAZE's partner organization in South Korea, AOOSUNG, has released eight AMAZE videos that they have dubbed into Korean. Hungary, Madagascar, and Uruguay have also adapted AMAZE. AMAZE videos have been viewed in 196 countries.

Advocates is working with partner organizations in Pakistan to strengthen LGBTQI* organizations and mobilize allies. Advocates organized a digital hygiene training, which was conducted by the renowned Pakistani digital rights activist, Nighat Da for Advocates' partner organizations. Meanwhile, Advocates' evaluation consultant administered an organizational capacity assessment tool to partner organization staff, the findings of which will be used to inform a technical assistance plan and upcoming trainings for youth council members.

Advocates worked with the African Queer Youth Initiative (AQYI) to solidify their membership. In 2018, AQYI began development on the first ever website for disseminating information on opportunities and encouraging connection between LGBTQ+ youth in the region and participated in a strategy development meeting in South Africa for HIVOS' Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Fund, among other activities.

FIGHTING FOR AND WITH LGBTQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE

“We fight so that the next generation of trans kids don’t have to hold the fears of this world inside of them. This world is ours too.” - Noor, Muslim Youth Leadership Council. Noor worked throughout the year for the rights of trans and intersex young people, including speaking at a rally in response to the Trump Administration’s erasure of transgender people, and hosting a webinar on the needs and rights of Intersex young people.

Noor, Muslim Youth Leadership Council

The Trump Administration’s attacks on the LGBTQ+ community have been relentless, from supporting the rights of business and health care providers to deny services to LGBTQ+ people, to withdrawing Title IX protections for transgender students, to banning transgender individuals from the military, and erasing transgender people entirely by refusing to recognize their gender under federal law.

Activists fought back, joining rallies and protests around the country to support LGBTQ+ youth. Advocates for Youth activists, over half of whom are LGBTQ+, also worked locally to make their own campuses and communities safe and healthy. Student organizer Ben successfully lobbied the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to create an office for LGBTQ+ resources. Naeelah and Ebony, student organizers at the University of McKendree, successfully organized for gender inclusive bathrooms on their campus. YouthResource activists organized around HIV observance days to share information in their communities and on social media.

Advocates for Youth continued its work with the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System to ensure LGBTQ+ young people are counted and their needs are met. The project released briefs that explored new YRBSS data detailing the disparate risk LGBTQ+ and gender non-conforming youth face regarding mental health, suicide ideation and drug use.



In July, Advocates, through its leadership role in the Sex Ed Coalition, helped host a congressional briefing, Before School, After Pride: A Briefing on the Need for LGBTQ-inclusive Sex Education. With over 100 attendees, the highlight was our very own youth activist (now, staff) Caitlyn Caruso, speaking to the need for inclusive sex education and ensuring young people are a part of the advocacy process.

In November, Advocates launched Kikis with Louie, a web series that will run throughout 2019. Kikis features Louie Ortiz-Fonseca, Advocates for Youth’s Director of LGBTQ+ Health and Rights, as he holds court with young people and the artists, athletes, actresses, and activists they admire most. Featuring MJ Rodriguez of POSE, Reggie Bullock of the Detroit Pistons, queer musician Shamir, and more - the year-long series will focus on honest, deep conversations about the most challenging issues facing LGBTQ+ young people.

LGBTQ+ youth deserve to be safe, healthy, and celebrated for who they are. Advocates stands with young people and demands laws and policies that support their well-being.

Kikis with Louie

Video Series Launched with

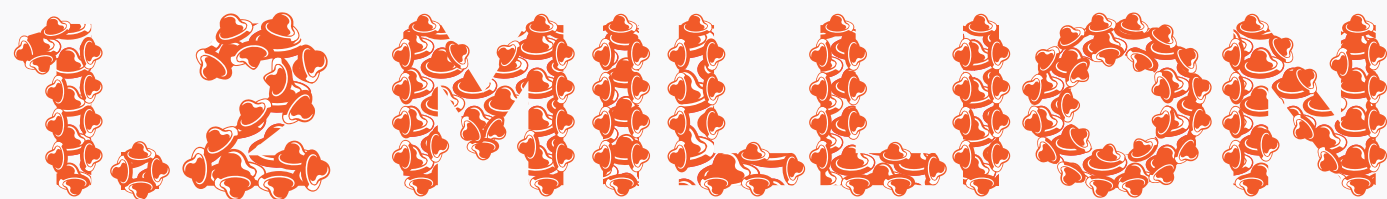


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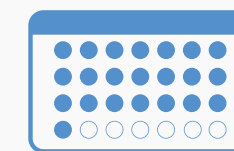
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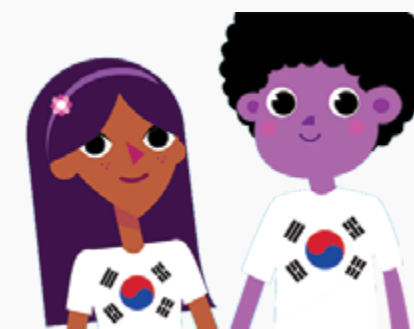


150 
NYHAAD
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2,280 youth
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AMAZE went global, with adapted videos in
Latin America, East & Southern Africa
& translated videos in
**South Korea, Japan,
Hungary, & Madagascar**



VISION AND VALUES

Advocates for Youth envisions a society in which all young people are valued, respected, and treated with dignity; sexuality is accepted as a healthy part of being human; and youth sexual development is recognized as normal. In such a world, all youth and young adults would be celebrated for who they are and provided with the economic, educational, and social opportunities to reach their full potential. Society would recognize young people’s rights to honest sexual health education and provide confidential and affordable access to culturally appropriate, youth-friendly sexual health education and services, so that all young people would have the opportunity to lead sexually healthy lives and to become sexually healthy adults.

Advocates’ vision is informed by its core values of Rights.Respect. Responsibility.

Advocates believes that:

- Youth have the inalienable right to honest sexual health information; confidential, consensual sexual health services; and equitable opportunities to reach their full potential.
- Youth deserve respect. Valuing young people means authentically involving them in the design, implementation, and evaluation of programs and policies that affect their health and well-being.
- Society has the responsibility to provide young people with all of the tools they need to safeguard their sexual health, and young people have the responsibility to protect themselves.

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“Advocates for Youth is not only one of the leading sexual and reproductive health advocacy organizations in the country, but it’s absolutely the most innovative. No other organization prioritizes young people like Advocates and is willing to wholly center them in their campaigns, leading to innovation beyond measure (for example, Engaging Communities around HIV Organizing, AFY’s new cohort of HIV positive youth leaders; IX High, high school activists working to end sexual assault in schools; and the 1 in 3 photography project). Any Advocates youth activists will tell you that Advocates is much more than your standard advocacy organization - it’s truly a family that invests deeply in each and every young person it works with. There is no doubt that when donating to Advocates, you’re helping build a future where all young people are affirmed in their identities and supported in their reproductive and sexual health decisions.”

Carly Manes,
Board Member

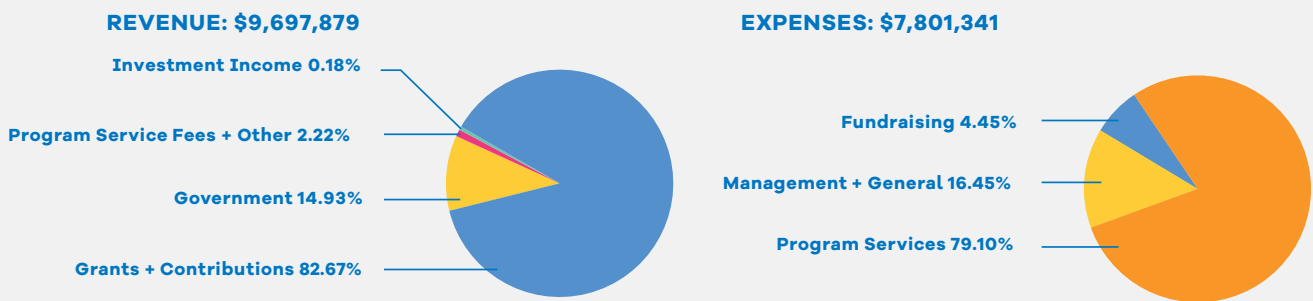
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OUR FINANCIALS

FISCAL YEAR 2018 | APRIL 1, 2017 - MARCH 31, 2018

In FY2018, Advocates’ expenses totaled \$7,801,341. Revenue included large multi-year grants awarded in FY18 for use in FY18 as well as future fiscal years.



NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR: \$5,973,799 NET ASSETS END OF FISCAL YEAR: \$7,870,317

NOTE: The financial data have been summarized from the financial records of Advocates for Youth. A complete copy of the audit and/or Form 990 for the year ended March 31, 2018, prepared by Advocates’ independent public accountant, is available upon request.

