

ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH

2022

Annual Report



Rights.
Respect.
Responsibility.

**Advocates
for Youth**

Rights. Respect. Responsibility.

Advocates for Youth partners with young people and their adult allies to champion youth rights to bodily autonomy and build power to transform policies, programs and systems to secure sexual health and equity for all youth.

Advocates strives to achieve the following strategic goals:

	Shift the cultural paradigm toward normalization of youth sexual development and young people’s rights to live free from oppression and to exercise their agency and bodily autonomy.	GOAL I
GOAL II	Drive youth sexual health policy at the local, state and federal levels, including U.S. foreign policy, toward strategies that are grounded in equity and inclusion, and are evidence-informed, youth-centered, and rights-based.	
	Engage youth as activists and leaders, centering those most impacted by sexual health disparities and building power to transform, dismantle, and rebuild policies, programs, and systems in support of bodily autonomy and youth sexual health, rights, and equity.	GOAL III
GOAL IV	Strengthen youth sexual health programs and services by partnering with youth-serving agencies, community-based organizations, healthcare providers and schools to build their capacity to provide evidence-informed, rights-based services grounded in the values of equity and inclusion.	
	Partner with youth-led and youth-serving organizations, United Nations agencies and governments around the world to champion community initiatives, systems, policies, and programs that advance youth sexual health, rights and justice.	GOAL V

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is no secret, the past few years have been difficult. The pandemic, the SCOTUS decision overturning Roe, racial injustice, the radicalization of the conservative right, the incessant assaults on gay and trans youth, the malicious maligning of sex educators, the dangerous targeting of abortion and gender-affirming healthcare professionals, and the deepening cultural and political divide of our nation and our institutions have taken a toll on all of us, but particularly on young people.

- In the first **100 days** after the overturn of Roe, **66 clinics in 15 states** were forced to stop offering abortion care. This year alone, in addition to trigger bans already on the books, more than 100 bills restricting access to abortion have already been introduced.
- More than **300 anti-LGBTQ bills were filed** in state legislatures across the country in just the first six months of this year. Significantly, approximately half of these bills target transgender people, particularly transgender youth. **Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, and Arizona enacted restrictions** limiting youth access to gender-affirming health care.
- **Sex education** also is under attack. Schools have had to withstand coordinated campaigns from the far right to distort and subvert the sex education they teach. Six states continue to **require instruction against LGBTQ topics** in sex education and many more are looking to **replicate Florida's "Don't say Gay" Law**.

Yet, in the face of these attacks, **young people remain a beacon of light**. Their tenacity, innovation, and brilliance gives us hope. Advocates' youth activists, propelled by the dangers of the current cultural and political landscape, continue to fight for positive change in their communities and for their peers. This is a time filled with uncertainty and doubt. We do not know what the future holds, nor what the political or reproductive rights and justice landscape will look like in six months. But, we are committed to continuing to build a strong and well-positioned pipeline of young leaders who will fight passionately to secure youth rights to bodily autonomy and bring about a world in which all young people are treated with dignity and respect and are celebrated for exactly who they are.

With your support, we will continue to train youth activists like the ones featured throughout this report. Now more than ever, our work is necessary. Our young people are counting on us. Our activists continue to lead the fight for bodily autonomy, reproductive justice, LGBTQ health and rights, and more. I hope we can count on you for your partnership and support.

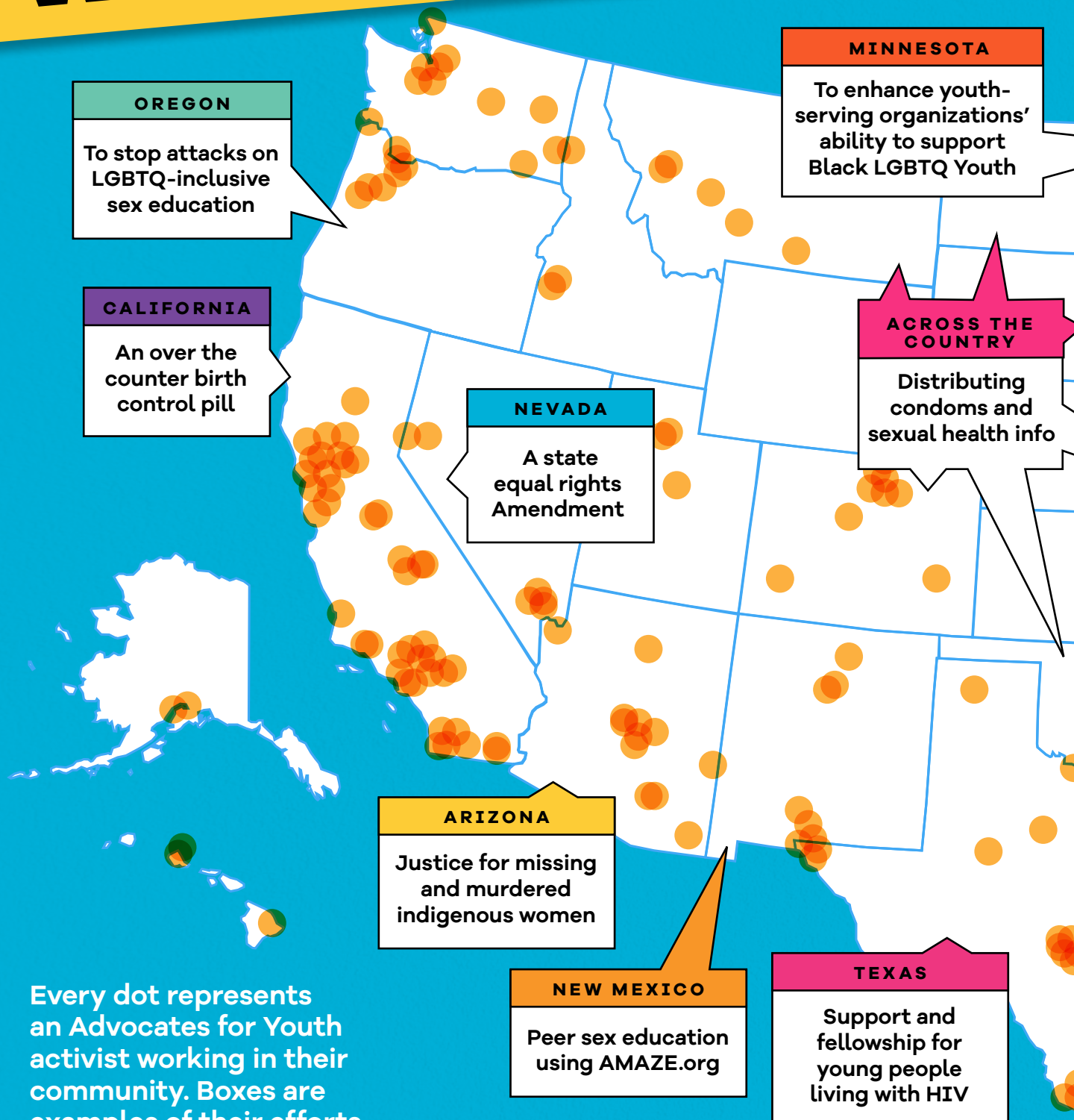
With immense gratitude, and hope for a better 2023,



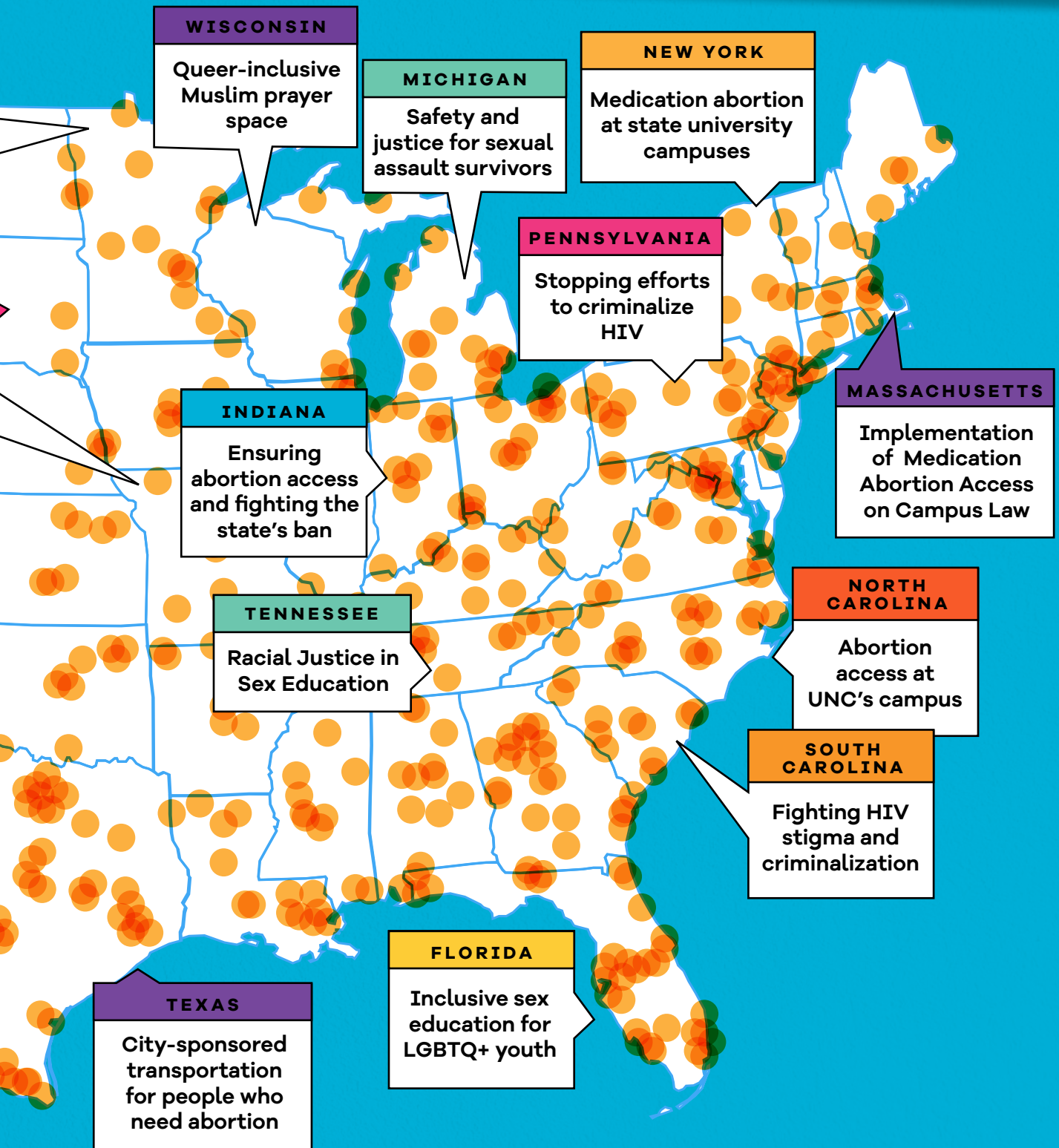
A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deb Hauser".

Debra Hauser

WHAT WE ARE



FIGHTING FOR



“Reproductive justice and equitable access should start in our backyard. I’m fighting not just for New Yorkers but for everyone in this country whose access to abortion has been stripped away.”

Niharika’s student group at Barnard successfully pressured the administration to offer medication abortion in campus health clinics - a strategy Advocates is supporting at colleges and universities around the country. Niharika continues to advocate for a bill to require that New York’s state universities and colleges offer medication abortion, and also helped design Advocates’ abortion doula training program, which prepares young people to support their peers before, during, and after an abortion.



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NIHARIKA

ABORTION OUT LOUD



KARMELLA

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ENGAGING COMMUNITIES AROUND HIV ORGANIZING (ECHO)

"I work with newly diagnosed HIV patients making sure they have the information and resources they need. As a young, Black, and trans woman living with HIV, I wish I had had someone to talk to when I got my diagnosis, so I also let them know I'm here to listen, understand, and support them."

Karmella is a member of ECHO, a project that organizes young people living with HIV, ages 14 – 24 to conduct campaigns and coordinate actions to end HIV stigma and HIV criminalization on local, state and national levels. Using a social justice framework, ECHO seeks to shift culture and policy by elevating the voices of young people living with HIV.

FIGHTING BACK

Abortion Access

As abortion was banned or severely limited in state after state, Advocates' youth activists fought back to make sure those who need care are able to access it.

CAMPUS ABORTION ACCESS

Advocates' youth activists led the student advocacy efforts when the Massachusetts Legislature considered a bill requiring the state's 29 public universities and colleges make medication abortion available on campus for the 260,000 students they serve, making emergency contraception more easily accessible, and protecting reproductive health providers. The bill passed and Advocates activists are now working with their health centers to bring medication abortion to campus. Advocates is working to support similar efforts in other states and on individual campuses around the country. For example, Advocates' activists were successful in their campaign to get Barnard College to make medication abortion available on campus.

YOUTH ABORTION SUPPORT COLLECTIVE

Advocates expanded YouthASC to nearly 1,000 members. Members received intensive training to learn more about medication and procedural abortion, self-managed abortion, state and federal laws, judicial bypass procedures, and the provision of practical and emotional support. Each member works in their community to create new, or when possible, to expand existing practical and emotional support networks and to help other young people get the abortion care they need. Advocates provided training on WHO guidelines around self-managed abortion to over 150 youth activists.

Advocates deepened its work in youth abortion storytelling through a partnership with We Testify to train storytellers and provide them with media and speaking opportunities. These young people share their stories at campus events, with their policymakers and with media helping to destigmatize abortion care.

WHILE UNDER ATTACK

HIV Prevention and Decriminalization

With attacks on sex education and heavy stigma on queer and trans young people, young people worked harder than ever to share knowledge about HIV prevention and treatment, and to decriminalize HIV at national and state levels.

NATIONAL YOUTH HIV AND AIDS AWARENESS DAY

In April, Advocates hosted a week of action for NYHAAD. The day is designed to raise the visibility of young people living with HIV and center their work to support others impacted by HIV. Over 100 campuses and community organizations participated reaching tens of thousands of young people.

GET YOUR LIFE

On National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, the LGBTQ Health and Rights team released Advocates' updated HIV/STI prevention program: Get Your Life. Get Your Life is an important HIV/STI prevention program designed by and for Black and Latino YMSM.

The program is a seven-session program that includes a facilitation guide designed to inspire conversations about HIV, STIs, relationships, and identities through a culturally-responsive and sex-positive lens. More than 200 Black and Latino youth helped pilot test the program with strong evaluation results.

RISK TO REASONS

This year saw Advocates' first Risk to Reasons cohort, part of an initiative designed to disrupt disparities in HIV prevention and care for Black women. Through this project, young Black women working with Advocates for Youth will share information and activism with peers to ensure Black women are included in HIV prevention, treatment, and care initiatives.

Contraceptive Access and Health Care Services

With the right to abortion overturned, far-right activists have set their sights on contraception - under threat in many states. Yet 2022 also came with progress: the first steps toward securing an over-the-counter birth control pill. Youth activists are working to ensure young people have what they need to protect their health and plan their futures.

#FREETHEPILL

For the first time ever, the FDA scheduled a formal hearing on whether to approve the first over-the-counter birth control pill. While the hearing is currently postponed, the FDA is still accepting written testimony on the benefits of an over-the-counter birth control pill, available without a prescription, and accessible for people of all ages. Advocates' youth activists took lead in advocating for an OTC birth control pill by organizing young people on hundreds of college campuses to support the effort and publishing findings from a survey showing that 88 percent of the more than 250 respondents experienced barriers to obtaining prescription birth control as a teen or young adult.

Advocates also organized student activists to host campus parties assisting hundreds of young people to submit testimony to the FDA in support of an OTC oral contraception and filmed a unique "on the street" video to highlight the public's support of contraception in a humorous way

CONDOM COLLECTIVE

Advocates distributed more than 1.2 million condoms along with safer sex information to students on more than 1200 college campuses as part of the Condom Collective. The Condom Collective is a partnership with Trojan Brand Condoms to engage youth in advocacy in support of youth sexual health, rights and justice.

ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT

Advocates published new training modules for clinical providers through ARSHEP, a comprehensive educational tool to teach clinical providers about adolescent reproductive and sexual health. Created for clinicians, residency programs, medical educators, and individual learners, the ARSHEP modules provide a curated set of lectures, created as PowerPoint slide decks, that can be freely downloaded, modified, and presented to audiences of clinical providers including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician associates, and others who provide care and services to adolescent patients.

EXPANDING VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Advocates expanded VPD technology for educators for use by adolescent health clinicians and school nurses. Virtual PD is a simulated clinical room where youth serving providers can practice talking to patient avatars using short common scenarios. An instructional coach provides guidance and feedback to help the clinician master the skills they most need to effectively provide inclusive sexual healthcare.

At Arizona's El Rio Health Center, through a partnership between El Rio and Advocates, youth activists collaborated with Uber and a local taxi company to institute transportation services for teen clients; conducted extensive peer outreach and education through community events, on-site clinic workshops, and via social media; and promoted systems-level changes such as confidentiality protections, a teen-only health hotline, stand-alone teen clinics, extended hours of operation to accommodate school and work schedules, and free contraception, menstrual products and chest binders and prosthetic breasts for trans youth.

FIGHTING BACK UNDER ATTACK

Justice for Sexual Assault Survivors

Title IX's protections for survivors were gutted during the Trump Administration, and now, activists are working to ensure new guidance restores crucial protections.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMENT

When the Biden Administration delayed implementation of its proposed amendments to restore crucial protections for students who are victims of sexual harassment, assault, and gender-based discrimination, Know Your IX submitted a 68 page comment to the Department of Education emphasizing the importance of these protections.

KYIX provided Know Your Rights resources, training and support to thousands of students across the country, helping them to hold their schools accountable for providing educational environments free from gender-based violence and harassment. When the new Title IX rule became public this spring, KYIX activists prepared materials to help students engage in the notice and comment period. KYIX hosted listening sessions after the rule became public to provide student survivors with space to discuss and engage with the draft of the new Rule. Staff incorporated that feedback into its 68-page comment, circulated the comment for students to sign on and then submitted it to the Department of Education. The Biden Administration has affirmed the crucial role that student activists play in advocating for changes to Title IX and protecting students' civil rights.

KYIX

Know Your IX supports students to ensure their campuses are following Title IX regulations through a network of activists, one to one support, and a wide variety of activist tools.



MAXX

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STUDENT ORGANIZING TEAM



"I've been working to ensure that young queer people are able to access health information, able to feel seen in history and in curriculum, and be able to protect themselves sexually and emotionally. With Advocates, I expanded my work to school boards - sharing testimony and showing up and showing out in those spaces."

Maxx, a youth activist with Advocates, is also the co-founder of PRISM, a nonprofit that works to provide Florida youth with LGBTQ-inclusive resources. Florida's "Don't say gay or trans" bill was devastating to LGBTQ-inclusive education in Florida, and Advocates for Youth is working alongside Maxx and other advocates to fight this bill and ensure LGBTQ youth are safe and affirmed in Florida schools.



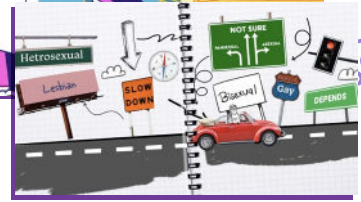
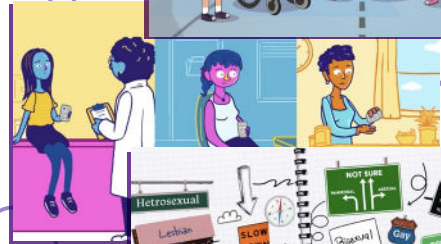
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#MoreInfoLessWeird



It's AMAZE-ing!

Advocates for Youth is the lead partner on AMAZE, a collection of short, animated videos and other resources designed to provide adolescents around the globe with medically accurate, age-appropriate, affirming, and honest sex education they can access directly online—regardless of where they live or what school they attend. In 2022, AMAZE expanded its work in every direction—from international partners, to educators, to young people, to parents. The AMAZE YouTube channel hosts over 160 videos; this year we added videos on menstrual hygiene, condom negotiation, and abortion with pills, among other topics. Since its launch in 2016, the videos have been viewed more than 66 million times through YouTube in the United States alone.



AMAZE is Everywhere

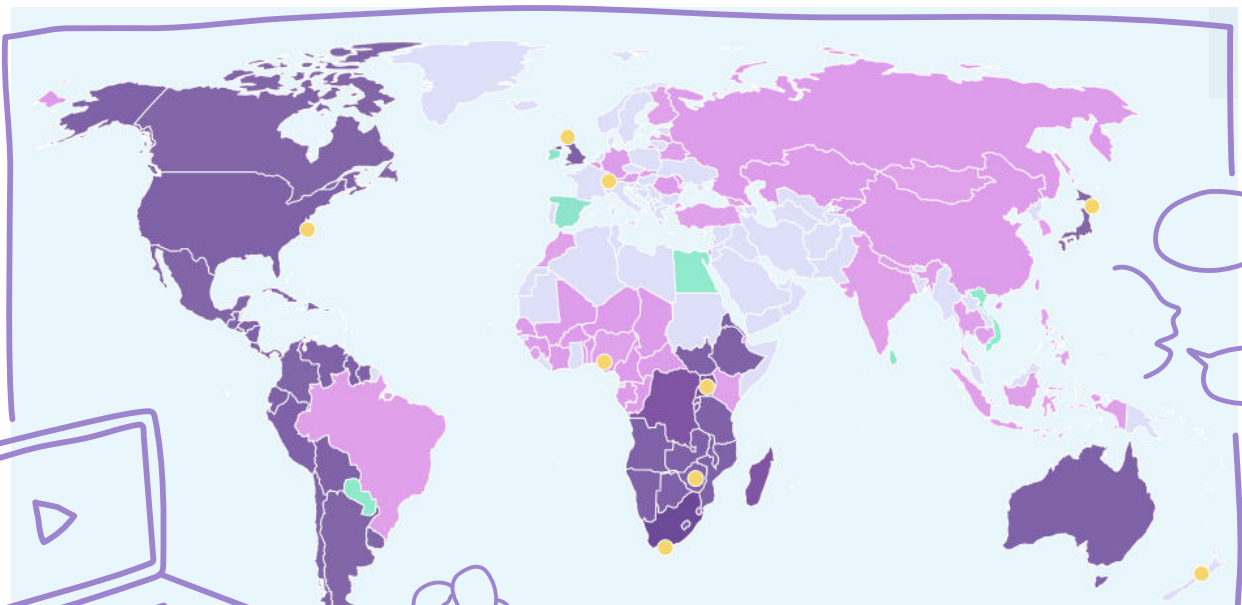
AMAZE International supports approximately 35 partnerships annually and has adapted more than 800 videos in collaboration with partner organizations in more than 50 countries and languages, exceeding 14 million online views around the world. AMAZE added 28 new partners in 2022. AMAZE works deeply with partners to ensure that videos are not just translated, but culturally appropriate and fully adapted to country context.

AMAZE web sites

Local content & resources

Special projects

Coming soon



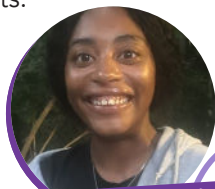
South Africa

South Africa Basic Education Deputy Minister, Dr. Reginah Mhaule, welcomed the launch of the Life AMAZE Video Series by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) in collaboration with the UNFPA East and Southern Africa Regional Office (UNFPA ESARO). The videos currently air on the DBE national education channel and complement their efforts towards the prevention of HIV, while also addressing pregnancy, STIs, and reproductive health. The partnership with UNFPA ESARO continued to grow regionally, reaching adolescents with original and adapted videos in 23 countries.



AMAZE Ambassadors Shine

Advocates worked with over 30 young people in the United States and 17 in Latin America as AMAZE Ambassadors who advised on video content, received training on a variety of reproductive health and rights topics, and represented AMAZE at conferences and events.



Garvey, 13

I am an AMAZE Ambassador because I think it's important to share sex education and create access for individuals who can't get it or have fair, accurate sex education.

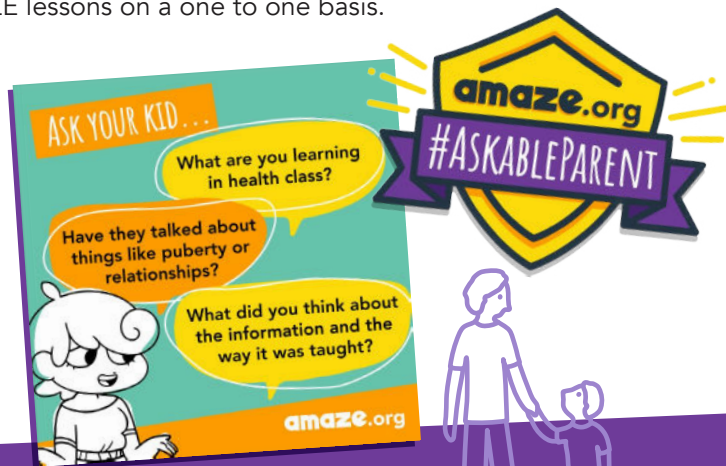
I love being able to interact with people who respect and understand my journey. There are many people contributing to our fight for safe accurate sexual health, and when we are joined together, amazing things happen.



Jeselin, 16

AMAZE for Educators

AMAZE continued to deepen its work with educators in the U.S. and around the world, hosting an educator conference with over 1000 registrations. AMAZE launched a partnership with Kahoot to provide fun quizzes as supplements for sex education lessons with AMAZE. AMAZE continued to support educators working with AMAZE lessons on a one to one basis.



AMAZE for Parents

AMAZE published its newsletter for nearly 1000 parents and hosted social media content to help parents start having "the talks" and keep having them.

“My work centers on the idea of young people being at the table where decisions around our future are being made. I envision a future where young people are involved in systems-level changes and are respected in our decisions.”

Over the last four years, with support from Advocates for Youth, Karen worked with a community health center, El Rio, in Tucson, AZ to develop and test an innovative strategy for improving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) outcomes among youth who are likely to experience high rates of sexual health disparities. The Reproductive Health Access Project (RHAP) recruits, employs, and supports youth leaders ages 16-24 to become advocates for SRH care. Once hired, members of El Rio’s Youth Leadership Team receive extensive training, mentorship, and oversight to serve as health educators, researchers, and community organizers. They also provide essential input to El Rio’s administration to help improve its systems and reduce barriers for young people.



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KAREN

YOUTH REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ORGANIZER

FIGHTING BACK

Sex Education

A concerted effort by extreme conservatives combined with attacks from Fox News and far-right Twitter led to some of the most challenging conditions sex educators and advocates have seen in years. Advocates worked at every level to build teacher expertise, provide resources, and ensure policy supports quality sex education.

3RS

Advocates created adaptations of it's Kindergarten through 12th grade, LGBTQ-inclusive sex education curriculum, the 3Rs for use in Colorado, Maryland, Washington, and Illinois to meet each states' sex education guidelines. Staff worked with partners in each of the four states to analyze sex education requirements and map the 3Rs lesson plans in order to comply and be eligible for wide dissemination.

Advocates provided tailored technical assistance to administrators fighting attacks on sex education in 15 school districts, including media outreach, activist training, coalition development and Virtual Professional Development to help school personnel deal with controversy. In Miami-Dade County Public Schools (one of the nation's largest school districts with over 350,000 students), Advocates' staff members and youth activist worked to ensure that the school board voted to adopt a new sex education textbook for 2022-23 school year that includes lesson plans on pregnancy prevention, understanding sexuality and sexually transmitted infections, and more.

Advocates partnered with activist organization Red Wine and Blue to increase parent awareness of these attacks and train them to support their local schools' sex ed and equity programs, reaching over 1000 parents on how to advocate for quality sex education.

WHILE UNDER ATTACK

Racial Justice and Intersectionality

The year saw an alarming increase in hate speech, along with the ongoing crisis of structural racism. Advocates worked to challenge systems and to build equity and accountability into the reproductive and sexual health and rights movement.

THE YOUNG WOMEN OF COLOR FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE COLLECTIVE

is a nationwide network of over 400 14-24 year old young women and nonbinary organizers of color who are working to educate, empower, and fight back against issues impacting their community through a reproductive justice lens. YWOC4RJ is led by a council of 13 activists from across the country organizing to decrease sexual health disparities in communities of color, advocating for the inclusion of young people of color in creating solutions to address the impacts of oppression, and building power with a new generation of organizers for reproductive justice. In 2022, YWOC4RJ worked with young leaders as they led campaigns to ensure reproductive and sexual health, rights, and justice, including menstrual health product availability, providing medication abortion on campus, supporting birth control access, and investigating missing and murdered indigenous women.

INTEGRATING RACIAL JUSTICE INTO TEACHER TRAINING

In response to attacks on schools regarding CRT and the teaching of black history, Advocates in partnership with SisterReach launched a racial justice in sex education initiative to help schools proudly and effectively integrate racial justice into their sex education and to create anti-racist classrooms and school environments. The initiative includes self-guided learning modules for educators focused on topics related to racial justice, white supremacy, racism, social determinants of health and the impact of racism on the sexual health outcomes of teens—as well as how to effectively intervene in microaggressions. In addition, staff created a series of VPD modules to help educators build their skills to integrate racial justice into sex ed and create anti-racist classrooms.

LGBTQ Youth Health and Rights

A backlash against progress led to outrageous and harmful attacks on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ) youth. Advocates provided assistance for schools and community-based organizations fending off these attacks and continued working to ensure LGBTQ young people are safe and affirmed at school and in their communities.

QUEER AND GENDER EQUITY PROJECT

As part of the Queer and Gender Equity Project, Advocates provided in-depth support to 17 youth-serving organizations reaching thousands of young people, to enhance their capacity to support LGBTQ youth, especially young people of color, via education, policy, research, professional training, and technical assistance.

CREATING TRANS AFFIRMING SCHOOLS

Advocates worked to assist schools in becoming trans-affirming in their policies and practices and throughout the school environment. Staff worked with experts, including trans youth, to identify and codify best practices from schools across the country that have experience promoting the health and well-being of trans students. With this information, Advocates launched a groundbreaking toolkit and curriculum to guide educators and in the coming year, will partner with school districts across the country to help them create safe and affirming school environments for trans and gender expansive youth.

YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS)

In May 2022, as a direct result of Advocates' work to advocate for the inclusion of the transgender identity question on the CDC's national Youth Risk YRBS, YRBS coordinators across the country overwhelmingly voted to add the question to the standard survey instead of remaining on the optional question list. This groundbreaking accomplishment will ensure that all sites that administer the YRBS in 2023 and beyond will collect data on the health assets and risks of their transgender students and therefore, be better prepared to design programming to support these young people.

Building a Pipeline of Youth Leaders

Training this generation of youth leaders is one of Advocates most important and treasured roles. Today's political environment is rife with disinformation campaigns, oppressive rhetoric and efforts to derail policy improvements in civil, racial, LGBTQ and reproductive health, rights, and justice. Advocates nurtures a pipeline of thousands of youth activists, providing them with the training, financial support, and opportunities to build their skills as activists and leaders. These young people are our hope for a better tomorrow as they push back on draconian policies and regressive efforts of the radical right and build their skills to become the policymakers, health care professionals, school administrators and parents of tomorrow.

YOUTH ACTIVIST INSTITUTE

After a two year in-person hiatus caused by the pandemic, Advocates hosted the 23rd annual Youth Activist Institute: Fighting Back While Under Attack, bringing together more than 100 youth activists in Washington, DC for an intensive four-day training on community organizing, campaign building, media advocacy, and more. Each young person creates a plan of action and receives on-going support and training to make change on their campuses and in their communities and states.

Advocates partnered with thousands of youth, particularly those disproportionately impacted by sexual health disparities to inform its efforts and mobilize for change. Young people from 1200 college campuses and hundreds of communities participated in trainings, took action, and advocated for improvements to youth sexual health, rights and justice.

YOUTH ACTIVIST ALLIANCE TRAINING

In February 2022, Advocates hosted the first ever Youth Activist Alliance Summit. Advocates' Youth Activist Alliance Leaders joined the Advocates' Youth Organizing team staff to virtually train more than 100 youth activists from Alabama, Minnesota, Nevada, and Texas in the art of campaign development and organizing. Participants learned skills to build coalitions, create advocacy campaigns, mobilize their peers and engage the media in issues related to youth sexual health, rights and justice.

FIGHTING BACK UNDER ATTACK

**“My goal in my
advocacy work is
always equity.
Freedom cannot exist
without equity, and life
cannot be lived
without freedom.”**

Josie succeeded in getting the University of Montevallo in Alabama to agree to install gender neutral bathrooms in every campus housing building - over sixty total. After participating in the storytelling campaign at the Youth Activist Institute, Josie led their own storytelling campaign and sent letters to the school administrators to educate them on the importance of offering gender neutral bathrooms.



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JOSIE

STUDENT ORGANIZING TEAM

2022 AT A GLANCE



**1.2 MILLION
CONDOMS**

distributed on **1200**
college campuses



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young people from
across the country
trained at Advocates'
Youth Activist Institute
- back in person!

nearly **1000**
young people

joined YouthASC

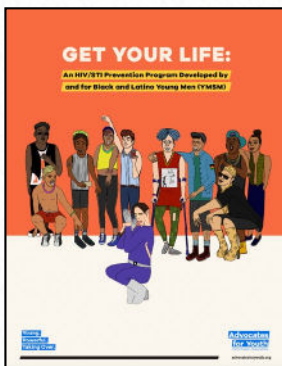
the first-ever national
network of youth providing
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young people trained to
share information about
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A SEMINAL INITIATIVE TO HELP EDUCATORS CREATE TRANS AFFIRMING SCHOOLS LAUNCHED



One innovative HIV
prevention curriculum
for LGBTQ youth of
color disseminated
to more than

10,000

**YOUTH-SERVING
PROFESSIONALS**



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lessons written
for New York City
School's new
HIV Prevention
Curriculum

14 MILLION VIEWS OF AMAZE VIDEOS

24


AMAZE videos
produced for
use in the U.S.

300+

AMAZE videos produced
or adapted for use
around the world in **25**
LANGUAGES and dialects

Provided rapid tailored assistance to over

15 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

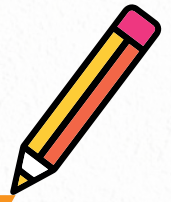
under attack by far right extremists

Educated **1,000**
PARENTS

to support LGBTQ-inclusive
sex education at their
childrens schools

One innovative racial justice in sex
education initiative launched and
disseminated to more than

20,000
educators



A national youth activist network

100,000+ strong

on **1,200 college campuses** and hundreds of communities



1 ground-breaking study

conducted to identify barriers to
contraceptive access for youth



66%

of study respondents reported
barriers thwarted their ability
to access birth control as a
teen or young adult.

950+ YOUNG PEOPLE

urge the FDA
to approve
over-the-counter
status without age
limitation for a
birth control pill.



"I work with #FreeThePill because over-the-counter access to birth control should already be the norm in the United States. Individuals in this country deserve to privately decide when, how, and where they seek contraceptive access, just as others are able to do in over 100 countries all around the world. OTC birth control access is the next step to securing reproductive autonomy."

As part of the Free the Pill Youth Council, Sriha is working to bring birth control over-the-counter, covered by insurance with no age-restriction. Sriha uses her popular TikTok to organize around birth control access, and hosted a testimony writing party where young people shared their stories of the need for birth control access with the FDA.



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SRIHA

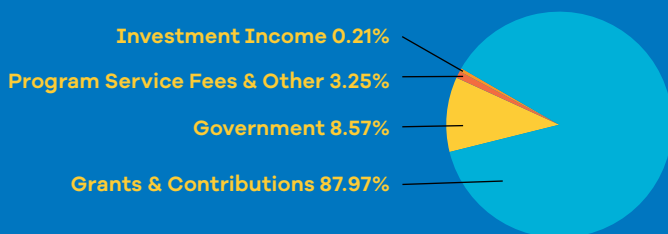
FREE THE PILL

OUR FINANCIALS

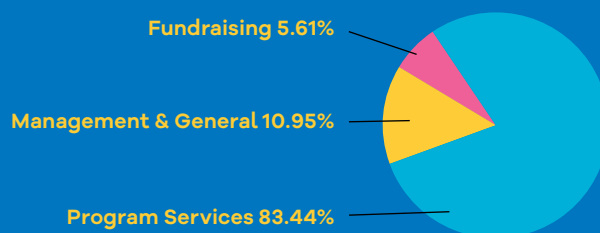
FISCAL YEAR 2022 | APRIL 1, 2021 - MARCH 31, 2022

In FY2022, Advocates' expenses totaled \$7,845,313. Revenue included multi-year grants awarded in FY22 for use in FY2022 and future fiscal years.

REVENUE: \$9,825,942



EXPENSES: \$7,845,313



NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR: \$6,245,105 NET ASSETS END OF FISCAL YEAR: \$8,225,734

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, 2022, prepared by Advocates' independent public accountant, is available upon request.

"I wanted to join Advocates for Youth's board so that my voice would become a part of the important work Advocates for Youth is doing. This organization truly advances reproductive justice, especially for those youth who are marginalized, and I encourage anyone who supports youth activists to give to Advocates for Youth."

TORAJE HEYWARD

ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
FORMER MEMBER, ADVOCATES' YOUTH ACTIVIST NETWORK



VISION

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 normalized and embraced. In such a world, all youth and young adults are celebrated for who they are and afforded honest, affirming, inclusive sex education; access to confidential, universal sexual health services; and the economic, educational, and social power to exercise their bodily autonomy and make informed decisions regarding their health and well-being.

VALUES

ADVOCATES' RIGHTS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY PHILOSOPHY UNDERPINS ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK:

RIGHTS: Youth have the inalienable right to honest, inclusive sex education; confidential, universal sexual health services; and the economic, political and social power that supports their agency, bodily autonomy, and self-determination.

RESPECT: Youth are due respect. They are leading the fight for equity and justice. Young people must be meaningfully involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of systems, policies and programs that affect their health and well-being.

RESPONSIBILITY: Society has the responsibility to examine and dismantle systems of oppression that drive sexual health disparities and other inequities and to instead champion community initiatives, programs, policies, and systems that ensure equity and justice for all young people, their families and communities.

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