

ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH ANNUAL REPORT



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2023



**Advocates
for Youth**
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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,

2023 was indeed a serious and sobering time to be alive. For those of us fighting for progressive values, the world seemed to be spinning off of its axis. Young people faced dangerous challenges to their rights to learn about themselves, their history and their bodies. Far right extremists ginned up controversy in hundreds of school districts, promoting “parents rights” in an effort to limit sex education, ban books by Black authors or with gay characters, censor honest history lessons, and codify bullying and discrimination against LGBTQ young people.

In this year alone, nearly 600 anti-LGBTQ bills were introduced in state legislatures across the country challenging young people’s right to learn about sexual orientation and gender identity, creating mandatory reporting laws if a young person chose to use gender neutral pronouns, and blocking trans youth from accessing life saving health care.

All across the country state abortion bans went into effect, leaving 58 percent of us to live in states hostile to abortion access. Conservatives in Texas brought suit against Title X, arguing young people should never have confidential access to contraception, and the Supreme Court ruled colleges and universities could no longer consider race when making decisions about college admissions.

All around them, young people bore witness to violence and destruction. The Israel-Palestine conflict led to heightened Islamophobia and antisemitism in the United States. Young organizers protesting the conflict faced harassment, attacks and doxxing on their college campuses. Gun violence soared to new heights and police violence continued mostly unchecked.

Yet, in the midst of all of these threats, young people’s commitment to fight for sexual health, rights and justice was unwavering.

At Advocates for Youth, we celebrate the victories our young people secured this year. They brought us hope when so many adults chose inaction at best, discrimination and violence at worst:

- **Dyvia**, Free the Pill. Dyvia and other Free the Pill Youth Council activists worked all year to secure the first over-the-counter (OTC) birth control pill! Council members shared their stories and expertise in written and oral testimony before the FDA’s advisory committee on birth control. The committee voted unanimously in favor of making Opill available over the counter, with several members citing youth testimony specifically in their decisions. Opill will be available OTC in early 2024!
- **Hennessy**, Abortion Out Loud. Hennessy is part of the team of students who successfully advocated for medication abortion to be available on college campuses. The law Hennessy’s group worked to help pass expands abortion access for 600,000 students in New York state universities and makes New York one of four states requiring medication abortion be available through college health centers.
- **Nia**, Act Out! Nia and other activists are founding members of Act Out!, a nationwide network of young people fighting back against “don’t say gay” laws, book bans, and other homophobic and transphobic laws.
- **Courtney**, an alumna of the Young Womxn of Color for Reproductive Justice Collective, worked to pass the Dignity for Incarcerated Women bill in NV, that expands access to menstrual products and other reproductive health services to folks throughout women’s jails in Nevada.

It’s an honor to continue to work alongside young people like these to help them build their skills, share knowledge, and support them in the work they do. We are committed to nurturing a pipeline of young leaders who are working toward a future in which young people’s rights to bodily autonomy are recognized and supported and all young people are celebrated for who they are.

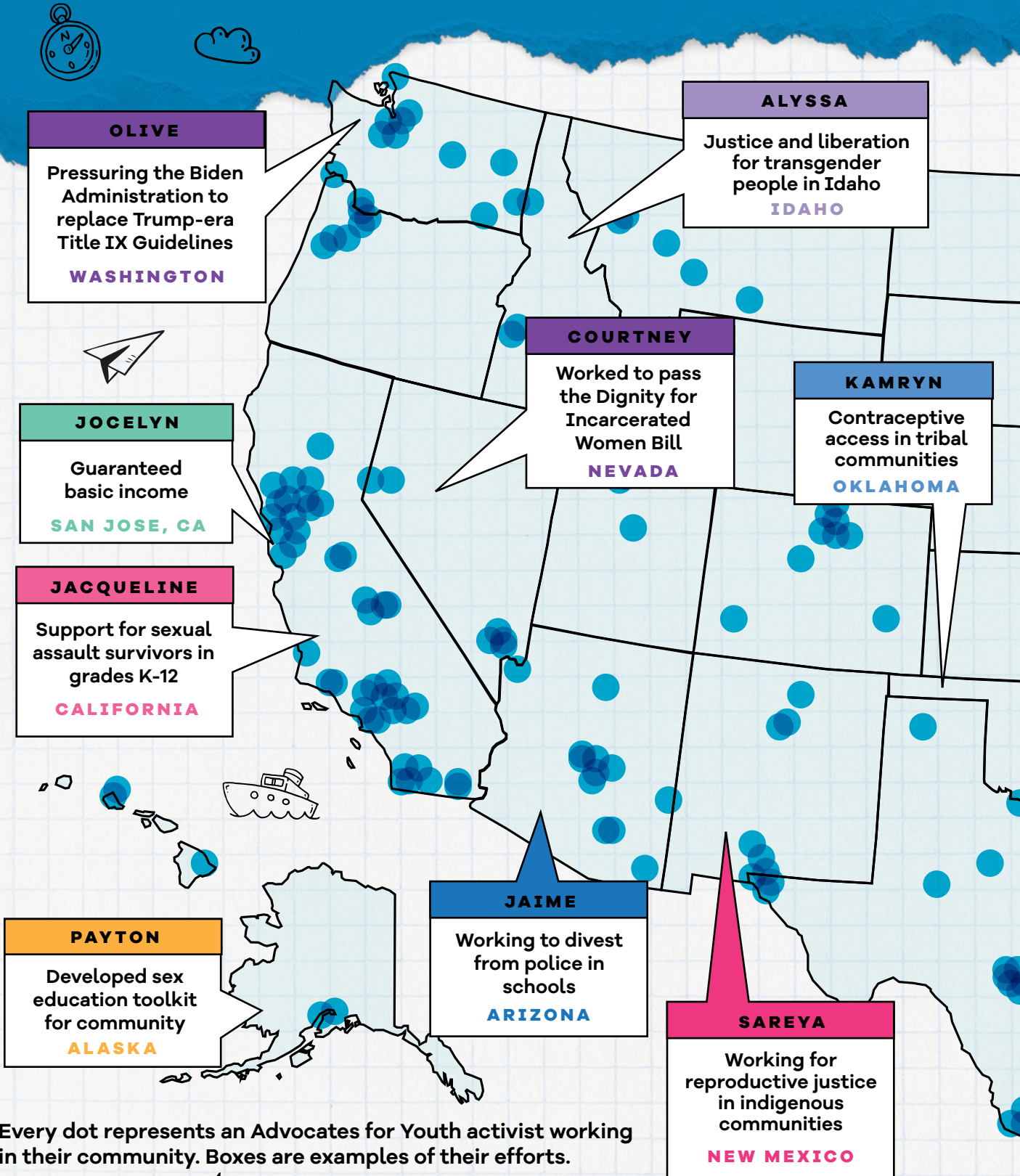
The upcoming election year is bound to be a challenging and difficult one, but young people remain steadfast in the fight for autonomy, dignity, and justice, and we remain steadfast in our work to help them thrive. I hope we can count on you for your partnership and support.



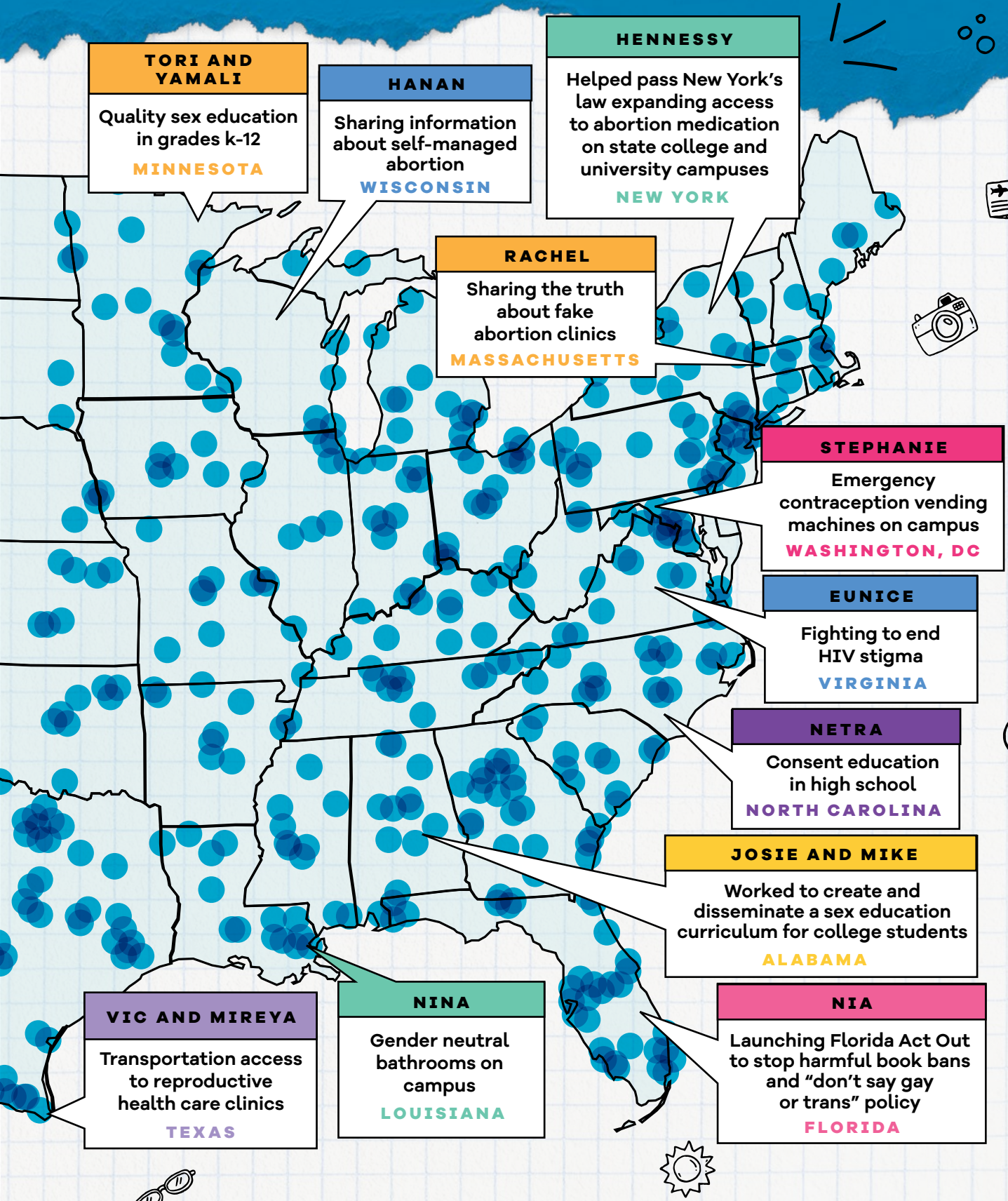
it is a serious thing
just to be alive
on this fresh morning
in the broken world
– Mary Oliver



Advocates for Youth activists are working for

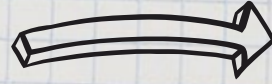


health, rights, and justice across the country





DYVIA



“Young people absolutely need over the counter birth control. The FDA’s decision will have a really significant impact on our lives and our ability to plan for the future.”

As part of the Free the Pill Youth Council, Dyvia testified before the FDA about the importance of birth control access for young people. The committee voted unanimously in favor of making Opill available over the counter, with several members citing youth testimony specifically in their decisions.





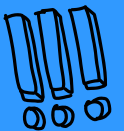




HENNESSY



"We need access to abortion on campuses because that is where many students live and we shouldn't have to travel long distances for this care. Plus, offering medication abortion on campus is an important part of ending abortion stigma."



Hennessy mobilized a network of young people in New York to advocate for access to medication abortion on state college and university campuses, helping to pass a bill that will expand access for nearly 600,000 SUNY and CUNY students.

LGBTQ Rights

Attacks on LGBTQ young people worsened in 2023 and many states passed bans on gender affirming care, “don’t say gay or trans” laws, book bans, and much more. Young people reject homophobia and transphobia and are working to ensure everyone is safe and celebrated in their communities.



In 2023, Advocates launched ActOut!, a campaign to recruit, train, and support over **1,000 young people nationwide**, mobilizing their peers to support LGBTQ youth. This national network consists of young people who are advocating for the rights of LGBTQ youth. Constant attacks on queer and trans youth at the state, local, and school board levels are not only endangering queer and trans youth, but they are also creating a sense of hopelessness as harmful policies are enacted before many people even know what’s being debated. Young people are the target of these laws, and they are energized and ready to fight back.

Nina, a student at Xavier University of Louisiana - the only private, Catholic HBCU in the country - succeeded in getting her school to agree to install gender neutral bathrooms on campus. She led this campaign for two years and organized with Spectreaux, an LGBTQ student org on campus, and the Student Government Association. They hosted political education workshops, sex ed info sessions, and LGBTQ community events. In addition, they surveyed hundreds of students and collected testimonies from students who wanted to advocate for gender neutral restrooms on campus. Nina presented the survey results and testimonies at the university’s Board of Trustees meeting and they voted to add gender neutral restrooms to the campus remodeling plans.

Muslim Youth Leadership Council members celebrated Ramadan by co-hosting the annual LGBTQ Community Iftar in New York City. Multiple MyLC alums performed and more than 100 members of the community and allies came together to celebrate. LGBTQ Muslim youth shared stories of finding their queer and trans-inclusive Muslim community at this event and the transformative effect it had on their health and well-being. While drag performances and trans and queer identities remain under attack across the country and Islamophobic acts of violence occur in the suburbs of NYC, an event like this showcases commitment to supporting the LGBTQ Muslim communities doubly impacted by this violence.

In 2023, Advocates continued work on the iPoder! The Power of Young Latinx Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Trans (GBQT) Men through Youth-Adult Partnerships project. The Poder project seeks to build the capacity of five youth-serving organizations to support young Latinx gay, bisexual, and transmen ages 13-24 living with or affected by HIV through the development and/or strengthening of health-centered youth advisory councils. Advocates partnered with Fresno Barrios Unidos (Fresno, California), galaei (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), STAR TRACK (Baltimore, Maryland), and Pridelines (Miami, Florida). This past year, Advocates focused on preparing the nonprofit organizations to develop and/or amplify their policies and practices so that they are youth-friendly, culturally resonant, and well-prepared to launch health-centered youth advisory councils that center young Latinx gay, bisexual, and transmen ages 13-24 living with or affected by HIV in 2024. Staff assessed each organization’s existing policies and practices related to youth inclusion and LGBTQ+ affirmation and provided them with roadmaps to increase the inclusion of young Latinx gay, bisexual, and transmen ages 13-24 living with or affected by HIV.



Abortion

As abortion bans became a reality across the country, youth activists continued to fight to expand access wherever possible, including through political activism, cultural activism, and person-to-person training and support.



Access to abortion medication is crucial for college students, and Advocates for Youth is supporting activists fighting for this goal in several states. In New York, Advocates recruited a cadre of 18 young leaders to spearhead advocacy campaigns and mobilize across New York. In March, **Advocates launched the Student Advisory Board by hosting a day of trainings for the students.** Advocates also partnered with the NY Reproductive Justice Collective at Barnard College to organize legislative education meetings for youth activists to meet with the staffers from the offices of 35 state legislators. Additionally, Advocates and partner organizations circulated a sign-on letter to New York State Legislature & Universities, public health organizations, doctors, professors, and reproductive health workers for support. **In April, bill A.1395A/S.1213 passed. The 25 CUNY and 64 SUNY campuses will now be required to provide access to medication abortion.** Advocates youth activists will continue to work for implementation.

YOUTH TESTIFY

This program is a collaborative leadership opportunity for young people who have had abortions. **Created by Advocates for Youth and We Testify, Youth Testify provides training and support to equip young people with the skills to share their abortion stories with their peers, the media, and legislators. This program is necessary in order to shift the culture of stigma and center the voices and needs of young people in the fight for abortion access and reproductive justice. In June 2023, Advocates hosted an in-person storytelling retreat in which ten abortion storytellers came to DC to connect with one another and Advocates, and We Testify staff, learn about various forms of abortion storytelling, and practice sharing their stories through a video recording opportunity. Seven Youth Testify storytellers attended the introduction of the visionary Abortion Justice Act on Capitol Hill and spoke with representatives Barbara Lee, Cori Bush, and others to share their stories and express support for the bill.**



Advocates expanded the Youth Abortion Support Collective to nearly 1100 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. **In addition, staff trained 200 young people to become abortion doulas.**



Contraceptive Access

The far right didn't stop at abortion bans - they have escalated their attacks to include bans on contraception. But young people need and want access to contraception, and they worked for important victories this year.

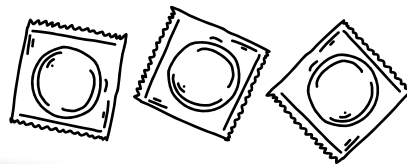
OPILL GETS OVER THE COUNTER STATUS!

The Free the Pill Youth Council activists conducted surveys of their peers, educated fellow students and held testimony writing parties to demonstrate young people's support for an over-the-counter (OTC) birth control option. Five young people shared their stories, and expertise in testimony before the FDA's advisory committee on birth control sharing the difficulty they faced in trying to access birth control prescriptions. The committee voted unanimously in favor of making Opill available over the counter without an age restriction, with several members citing youth testimony as having influenced their decisions. Thanks to young people's unwavering activism, the birth control pill Opill was granted OTC status and will be available in early 2024!



Through a partnership with the **American Society for Emergency Contraception** and **six EC manufacturers**, Advocates created the EC Access Network to provide young people with **135,000 packs of EC pills** to distribute to students on **500 campuses nationwide**.

Members of the Condom Collective on **1000 campuses distributed 1.2 million condoms** and sexual health information in their communities. The Condom Collective is a partnership with Trojan Brand Condoms to engage youth in advocacy in support of youth sexual health, rights and justice.



HIV Prevention, Treatment, and Destigmatizing

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.



In April, Advocates hosted a week of action for **National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day**.

The day is designed to raise the visibility of young people living with HIV and center their work to support others impacted by HIV, and over 100 campuses and community organizations participated.



Advocates worked closely with the CDC on the **Let's Stop HIV Together** initiative to empower communities, partners, and health care providers to reduce HIV stigma and promote HIV testing, prevention, and treatment.

Sexual Assault



Sexual assault survivors need support and allyship, but their rights are being neglected. Know Your IX activists worked to ensure that survivors have equal access to education and the services they need.

Know Your IX activists from across the country, via online actions and in person organizing, continued to demand President Biden fulfill his promise to end Trump-era Title IX rules and take action to protect survivors. Rules implemented in the Trump/Devos-era changed the types of harm that schools are required to investigate. Now, schools will only define something as sexual harassment if it's "severe, pervasive and objectively offensive," a standard even higher than the one used in claims of workplace sexual harassment. The Devos-era standard makes it nearly impossible for students to prove the level of harm that occurred. And, even when we can reach this bar, Title IX only applies to incidents that happen on campus or at official, school-sanctioned events. This means that students living or working off campus often have no real means of reporting. KYIX activists met multiple times with Department of Education officials to continue to pressure the Administration to take action and help sexual assault survivors secure justice.



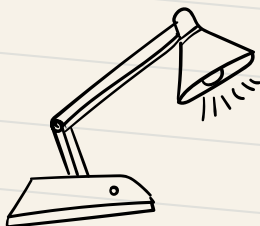
Know Your IX activists also created Survivors Speaking Out: A Toolkit About Defamation Lawsuits and Other Retaliation by and for People Speaking Out About Sex-Based Harassment. This guide was written by students, survivors, and advocates (including lawyers), many of whom spoke out about harassment and then faced a defamation lawsuit or other retaliation. The guide serves to help educate survivors as to their rights, risks, and options when speaking out and potentially facing a defamation lawsuit.



In addition to advocating for survivor rights that are protected under Title IX, KYIX began advocating for the rights of trans students that are protected under Title IX. In April 2023, Know Your IX youth activists teamed up with The Every Voice Coalition to gather youth, students' and recent graduates' feedback on the Administrations' recently proposed Title IX athletics rule, which impacts transgender, nonbinary, and intersex students' access to athletics. The listening sessions and survey responses informed Advocates' comment to the Department of Education, which was submitted in May. KYIX activists also led a meeting with the Department of Education's Assistant Secretary Catherine Lhamon to underscore LGBTQI+ students' immense need for new Title IX rules to be finalized before the 2023-24 school year.



Saraya, a student at the Institute of American Indian Arts lobbied the school administration to bring STI testing to campus because there is no clinic available at the school and the nearest STI testing location is far away. As a result of Sareya's advocacy, the school has hosted three testing events and allowed her to host a safer sex workshop for students where she distributed condoms and information about STI prevention. She will continue to advocate for the school to make STI testing permanently available for students.



Advocates launched CommuniTEA, a project that trains young Black women living with or impacted by HIV to change the narrative regarding "risk." Through this project young people have participated in trainings and discussions designed to build HIV prevention skills and lower stigma surrounding HIV.







EUNICE

"I've been with ECHO since I was 16, doing everything from educational events to lobbying to condom distribution, and learned so much. I want to help create a world that is free of stigma for young people living with HIV."

Eunice works with Engaging Communities in HIV Organizing (ECHO) to advocate at the local, state, and federal level to end discrimination against people living with HIV.





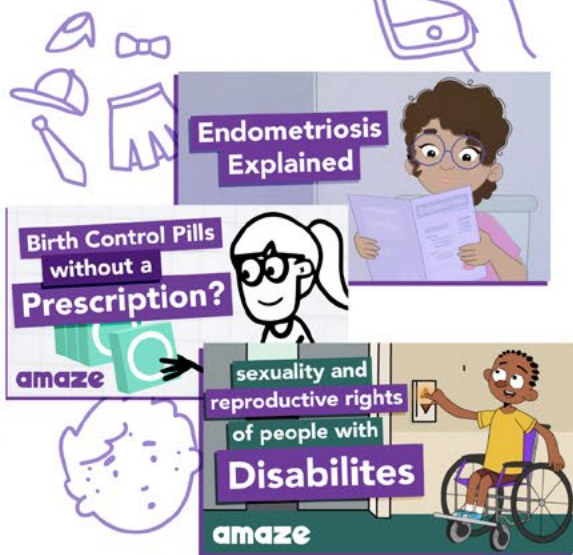
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It's AMAZE-ing!

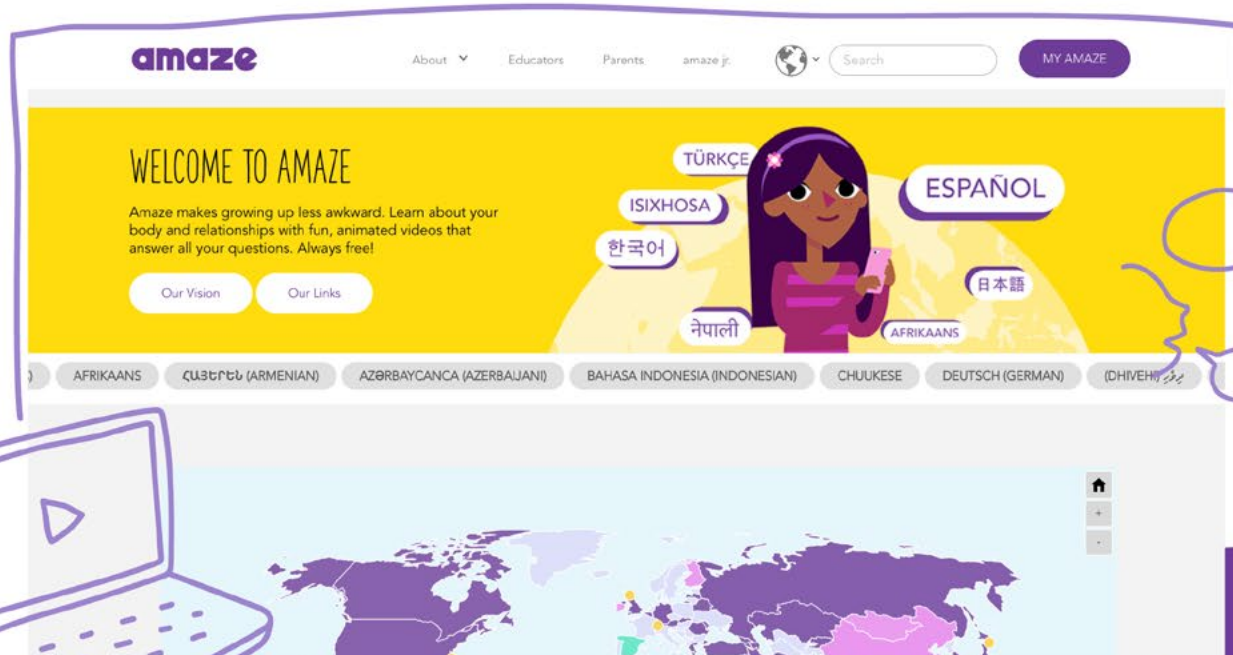
Advocates for Youth is the lead partner on AMAZE, a collection of short, animated videos and other resources designed to provide adolescents around the globe with medically accurate, age-appropriate, affirming, and honest sex education they can access directly online—regardless of where they live or what school they attend. In 2023, AMAZE expanded more globally through its partners around the world. The AMAZE YouTube channel hosts over 200 videos; this year we added videos on endometriosis, over-the-counter birth control pills, and sexuality and reproductive rights of young people with disabilities, among other topics. This year, AMAZE reached an incredible milestone of over 72 million YouTube views in the United States alone.



AMAZE Has a New International Approach

This year, AMAZE has restructured its website to reflect its focus on its vast and growing international resources. Reaching the website for the first time, users are prompted to select their language or region so that they can view resources specific to their culture where available.

AMAZE International supports approximately **35** partnerships annually and has adapted more than **1,100** videos in collaboration with partner organizations in more than **60** countries and languages, exceeding **14 million** online views around the world. AMAZE added over **30** new partners in 2023. AMAZE works deeply with partners to ensure that videos are not just translated, but culturally appropriate and fully adapted to country context.



Partnerships with Government Agencies

AMAZE works with Ministries of Health, Youth, and Education around the world to reach students worldwide. AMAZE's partner in Ecuador released 50 videos with sign language, 20 videos in indigenous languages, and 50 comic books. AMAZE also designed a card game about sexual health in Spanish!



AMAZE Ambassadors Shine

Advocates worked with over 30 young people in the United States, 14 in Latin America, and 9 in Sub-Saharan Africa 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.

This year, two of our youth ambassadors in the U.S. presented at the Adolescent Health Initiative Conference.

What I love about AMAZE is the community... I was so astounded to see all of these super passionate, driven, and kind young people working to do so much good.



Liliana, 14

AMAZE for Educators



AMAZE SexEdCon was a continued success, with over 800 registrants. The theme of this year's conference was "Thriving Against Adversity," where we uplifted racial justice in sex ed, in addition to how to support educators in the classroom when responding to disinformation, and involving parents in the conversation around sex ed. This year, AMAZE was thrilled to connect with a new audience of educators: homeschool educators. We developed our very first homeschool toolkit that incorporated Advocates for Youth 3Rs lessons adapted for a homeschool environment.

AMAZE for Healthcare Providers

AMAZE has partnered closely with El Rio Health Center, iFoster, Girls Inc, Pima JTED, International Rescue Committee, and National AHEC. To incorporate AMAZE videos into their practice, El Rio Health center created a toolkit on how to embed videos into the EPIC EHR system — ushering in an exciting new way for young people to watch videos through their electronic health records. Members of El Rio's Reproductive Health Access Project (RHAP) have also showed the AMAZE videos to over 350 young people ages 7-24 at Pizza Protection Parties. The partnership with iFoster has developed into an incredible peer-education pilot where AMAZE is training young people on educating their peers about sex education.

SAREYA



"I wanted to join YWOC as a Native woman because I wanted to help uplift things that happen within indigenous communities, including advocating for missing and murdered indigenous women. Growing up as a brown girl I noticed that things around me were often not right, and I wanted to create a better world for my siblings and other youth. I'm working for a future where people recognize our rights and our needs, and where we are at peace."

As a member of YWOC, a group of women and nonbinary activists of color, Sareya works to ensure native young people have access to the education, information, and services they need. Over 1000 members of YWOC4RJ are working for reproductive justice in their communities.






Sex Education




Some extremists have made eliminating sex education the goal of their online and political campaigns. Advocates believe that young people have the right to lead healthy lives, and that includes receiving inclusive, quality sex education that helps them reach the future they want.




NYC HIV CURRICULUM

Advocates finished rewriting the NYC HIV curriculum as part of a partnership with the NYC Department of Education. Staff conducted focus groups with students and teachers, wrote more than **70 new lesson plans** that were piloted with both students and teachers, and developed, piloted, and implemented six new training modules for teachers of every grade level to prepare them to utilize these new lessons. According to the CDC, the number of young people receiving HIV education has declined significantly across the country. Through this collaboration, every young person in the NYC school district--more than one million students--will receive updated information and skills related to HIV prevention at a time when **37% of newly diagnosed HIV infections in NYC occur among young people 13 to 29**. Additionally, NYC has also made the curriculum freely available for any other school district or state department of education, so the impact will only continue to increase.




In May, Advocates' **Alabama Youth Activist Alliance** gathered at Magic City Acceptance Center in Birmingham, to roll out their new reproductive health toolkit, a comprehensive sex education resource which includes resources about abortion access, gender identity, birth control methods, and racial justice. In an exciting win, the University of Montevallo in Alabama agreed to put the resource on its website and promoted it to all university students, many of whom had never before received formal sex education.



RAPID RESPONSE

Over the past year, staff has responded to **more than 25 requests** for assistance and provided ongoing rapid response to help **15 school districts** and multiple youth-serving organizations fend off attacks to derail their programs and policies in support of LGBTQ youth. Staff conducted Controversy Management workshops for Florida Healthy Youth Alliance, Albuquerque Elementary and Secondary Teachers training (series), New Jersey Thrive Sex Ed subcommittee, California Adolescent Sexual Health Working Group, California Statewide Comprehensive Sex Ed Network, AMAZE SexEdCon, RHEISE 2.0 (a group of educators from six school districts), WISE Meeting (**educators from 13 states**), Leading Now (**Superintendents from 70 school districts**) and Red Wine and Blue (**200 parents from across the U.S.**) fighting against far right sponsored "parents' rights" campaigns in their school districts.



Advocates completed and launched three new state-specific versions of the **Rights, Respect, Responsibility (3Rs) Sex Education Curriculum in New Jersey, North Carolina, and Michigan**. The 3Rs is an LGBTQ inclusive, comprehensive, evidence based, sex education curriculum that fully meets the National Sexuality Education Standards. At the request of several states, Advocates began adapting the curriculum to match specific state health regulations. Effective implementation of the 3Rs curriculum improves the knowledge, attitudes, and skills of educators to enhance the delivery of LGBTQ-inclusive, HIV prevention education.

Advocates received and fulfilled more than **35 requests to conduct training for schools and educator groups**. For example, in one week in October 2023 alone, staff provided trainings for **more than 200 Red Wine and Blue constituents**, conducted two workshops for Charles County, MD health/PE teachers, trained all secondary staff at a school district in Lawrence, MA, hosted a sex education conference in NJ **reaching 100 teachers** and provided a controversy prevention workshop for public health educators in CA. Through these and other training efforts, Advocates built the capacity of more than **800 educators to better implement sex education and create LGBTQ-affirming school environments**, and improved the quality of both sex education and the overall school climate for **more than 160,000 students**.



Racial Justice and Equity

All sex educators and other youth serving professionals should work toward racial justice and equity. Advocates for Youth works to help build youth-serving professionals' capacity to address bias.

To increase health and physical education teachers' awareness, capacity, and skills to integrate racial justice into sex education, Advocates, in collaboration with SisterReach, created ten new, asynchronous teacher training modules. The modules help teachers practice how to effectively address their own implicit bias, intervene in microaggressions and racism in their classrooms, and build safe, culturally responsive, and affirming learning environments that center the lived experiences of students of color. Nine hundred educators have gone through the course and the National Education Association has agreed to disseminate it to their state chapters, reaching an additional three million educators.



Racial & Health Equity in Sex Ed (RHEISE) Institute, a project of Advocates for Youth, is a professional development and technical assistance training program designed to support school districts in using a health equity lens to address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of Black, Latinx, and Asian students and families disproportionately affected by negative health outcomes. The cohort is guided through the process of identifying effective strategies to mobilize young people, parents/caregivers and/or community leaders, while discovering actionable written and electronic resources.



Fighting Harmful "Parents' Rights" Attacks

Under the guise of "parents' rights," conservatives have passed legislation in dozens of states encompassing everything from bans on sex education, to forced outing of LGBTQ+ young people, to book bans and censorship of history. Advocates for Youth and Red Wine and Blue, an organization for progressive women, worked with Center for Advancing Innovative Policy and the polling firm PerryUndem to conduct qualitative research with the goal of correcting misinformation about "parents' rights" and finding counter-messages that help move people to take action to fight these bills. Formative research provided very promising messaging paths and showed clear opportunity to mobilize parents around this issue. In 2024 Advocates and its partners will conduct a nationwide poll and create a full messaging guide to help progressive allies fend off "parents' rights" attacks.





NIA

“For queer and trans young people in Florida, our state is attacking us right now. We need to stand together and stay strong. My focus is on providing resources to my community and fighting back against these harmful laws. Through Advocates I have met many young people across the country doing this work. It’s empowering to know I am not alone.”

Nia is a founding member of Act Out!, a national network of young people working to combat “don’t say gay or trans” bills, book bans, and bans on the accurate teaching of history.






**ABORTION
JUSTICE
NOW**



OLIVE

“I do this work because for many student survivors, the power of speaking out and owning your truth can be both empowering and healing. We envision a future where we can collectively share our truths, center our healing, and dismantle systems of oppression so everyone is able to access the care and support they need.”

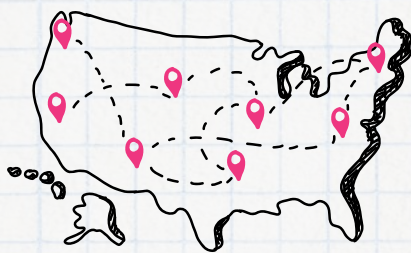


Olive works with the [Know Your IX campaign to provide resources to sexual assault survivors](#) and pressure the Biden Administration to replace Trump-era Title IX Guidelines.

2023 AT A GLANCE

200

**YOUTH TRAINED
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1100

YOUNG PEOPLE
working nationwide to
ensure everyone has
access to the abortion



NEARLY

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youth serving
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in Racial Justice in
Sex Education Modules



8,000

incarcerated women in
Nevada will have better
access to reproductive
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to the passage of the
Dignity for Incarcerated
Women Act

NYC HIV PREVENTION CURRICULUM

will be implemented across
all K-12 grades reaching

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MILLION

STUDENTS THIS YEAR



resource guide for youth-
serving adults in schools to
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28 AMAZE VIDEOS

produced for use in the U.S., more than 1,000 adaptations of AMAZE videos created with 30+ partners for youth throughout the world. 74 million views of AMAZE videos on YouTube/US and over 100,000 million views world wide.

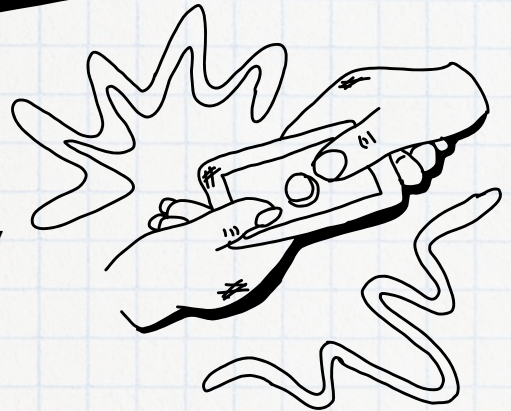


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FOR THE VERY 1ST TIME

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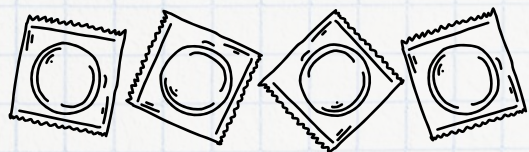
120 YOUNG PEOPLE

from across the country trained at Advocates' annual Youth Activist Institute

Students distributed

1.2 MILLION CONDOMS

on 1000 campuses through the Condom Collective





MIKE & JOSIE



"We are young queer Alabamians who love our state and think that young people should not be pushed out of their states because of their identities. Our work aims to serve, educate, and showcase that queer young people have and always will live in the south and should have all the tools to thrive. As young queer southerners, we did not get the education that would have let us thrive instead of just surviving. We give other young people the tools to do it."

As members of the Alabama Youth Activist Alliance, Josie and Mike worked to develop a sex education curriculum for college students that was adopted by the University of Montevallo.



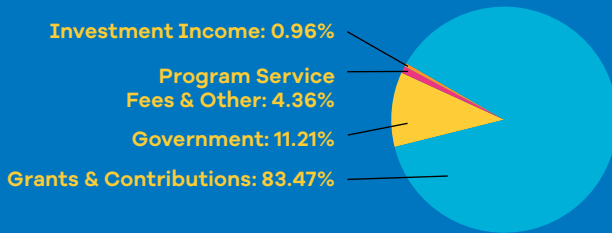


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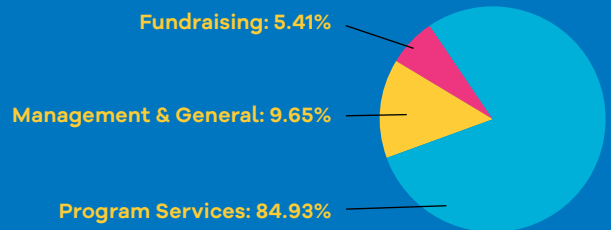
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Advocates received new revenue totaling \$8,502,599 for use in FY2023 and future fiscal years. Expenses in FY 2023 totaled \$9,417,337, which were covered by revenue received in FY2023 and by multi-year grants received in prior fiscal years.

REVENUE: \$8,502,599



EXPENSES: \$9,417,337



NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR: \$8,225,734

NET ASSETS END OF FISCAL YEAR: \$7,363,380.

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, 2023, prepared by Advocates' independent public accountant, is available upon request.

"I'm excited to join the Advocates for Youth Board after Advocates supported me so much as a student organizer during the pandemic. Advocates connected me to a network of fellow organizers and seasoned staff advocates, space to workshop campaign strategy, and speaking opportunities that helped me feel more confident in my voice and energized about how my work was situated within a national movement."

AUDIN



ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH BOARD OF DIRECTOR



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.

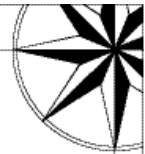
RESPECT: Youth are due respect. They are leading the fight for equity and justice. Young people must be meaningfully involved in the design, implementation and evaluation of systems, policies and programs that affect their health and well-being.

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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