

# PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NEW YORK CITY TEEN ADVOCATES PROGRAM

## Our Mission

To empower individuals to make independent, informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive lives, Planned Parenthood of New York City provides information and health care, and promotes public policies that make those services available to all.

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**The Teen Advocates** are highly trained peer educators from the South Bronx, Brooklyn, and the Lower East Side of Manhattan. They engage in outreach in their communities and conduct interactive workshops to educate youth about teens' rights and access to sexual and reproductive health care. By encouraging audience involvement, the Teen Advocates draw young people into participating in their own education.



The Teen Advocate program was created in 1996 to combat the high rates of teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, and intimate partner violence occurring in our communities. Research shows that peer education is an extremely effective method of providing information to young people, and the Teen Advocate program has reached thousands of young people each year with teen-friendly information on reproductive and sexual health.

We are proud of the success of the teens themselves — more than 90% of our Teen Advocates go on to college and lead healthy, productive lives. Many go to work for local community organizations where they continue providing needed assistance to young people throughout the city.

Please contact us at one of the locations listed below. Teen Advocate workshops can be scheduled between 4:00 and 7:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, depending on the location.

### Teen Nights

To overcome barriers that teens experience in getting sexual and reproductive health care, PPNYC has special “Teen Nights” at our Manhattan, Bronx, and Brooklyn health centers, where teens can participate in free workshops

and obtain services in a friendly environment.

## Contact Information

### In Brooklyn

#### Contact

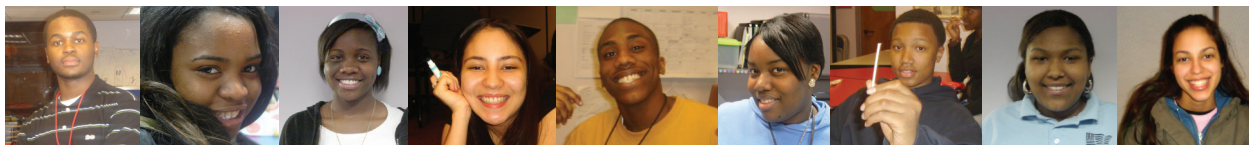
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