

What it's like to be in TAG

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At first glance, the Teen Advocacy Group appears to be a group of high school kids just getting together and handing out free condoms, but there is much more to what we do! TAG's main goal is to spread knowledge about safer sex, healthy relationships and reproductive rights.

Many teens throughout our nation have received incorrect or no information about safer sex. It is important that when a person does decide to become sexually active, they know how to do it safely. We work to help teens PREVENT outcomes like unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections if they choose to be sexually active.

Before joining TAG, we were uncomfortable saying things like "sex" and "condom" out loud, and we definitely couldn't yell it while holding a sign on 4th Avenue. But joining TAG has made us more comfortable with talking about sexual health because it is so important — especially for teens! With TAG, we are able to reach out to many people and help educate them on healthy sexuality. Education is a very important part of TAG. After joining, you will be surprised about how much *you* learn! Because of TAG, we are now the people that our friends come to for info on safer sex, and it feels good that we can give them the right information.

TAG knows every teen has the right to accurate information on sex and the right to make choices regarding their relationships and sexual health. We support teens of all races, sexual orientations, and genders to join us and create a safe environment where people can feel free to ask us questions. We work to keep teens sexually healthy, and have fun while doing it!