

TEEN ADVOCATES FOR SEXUAL HEALTH (TASH)

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Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region (PPSLR)

Teen Advocates for Sexual Health (TASH) for teens grades 9-12

- Mission: to improve the sexual health of St. Louis area teens based on teen rights, respect and responsibility
- Goals: * To ensure that teens receive school based medically accurate comprehensive sex education and that those programs are taught by trained professionals.
* To encourage and promote honest and respectful talk about sex, sexuality and sexual health between adults and teens
- Objective: Teen Advocates for Sexual Health is a group of teens working together to define and act on issues that improve the sexual health of St. Louis area teens now and of generations yet to come.
- History: TASH was launched in the fall 2001 with the guidance of a Community advisory committee. TASH is answering former Surgeon General David Satcher's Call to Action to Promote Sexual Health and Responsible Sexual Behavior.

Teen Advocates for Sexual Health (TASH) seeks:

- To change the way we talk about sexual health and how we understand it
- To secure school based medically accurate comprehensive sex education for St. Louis area teens
- To increase community awareness of the importance of comprehensive sex ed
- To ensure that teens have access to a full range of sexual health services
- To engage other students in activism on sexual health issues

What does TASH Do? TASH.....

- *Discusses issues of sexuality in an open, honest & respectful environment*
- *Acts on issues that impact teen sexual health*
- *Presents at conferences*
- *Researches issues*
- * Is taught medically accurate sexual health information*
- *Advocates for school based medically accurate comprehensive sex education*
- *Travels to Jefferson City to meet with legislators*
- *Presents at conferences*
- *Writes articles for school newspapers*
- *Meets with local officials*
- *Participates in teen dating violence prevention activities*
- *Earns community service hours Eats great food *HAS FUN!!*

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