

## **Our Mission**

To empower individuals to make independent, informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive lives, we provide information and health care, and promote public policies that make those services available to all. *Planning is Power.*

 **The Youth Health Promoters** 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 inform youth about teens' rights and access to sexual and reproductive health care.

The Youth Health Promoters (formerly "Teen Advocates") program was created in 1996 to combat the high rates of teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, HIV, 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 Youth Health Promoters reach 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 Youth Health Promoters go on to college and the rest pursue their goals and dreams in other ways. Many go to work for local community organizations where they continue providing needed assistance to young people throughout the city.

Youth Health Promoters workshops can be scheduled between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, in the South Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan. To schedule a workshop, please contact the Program Coordinator.

## **Information**

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## **How about a Pop-Up Event?**

Pop-Up events are fun community engagement activities held at schools and youth-serving community organizations that engage participants in games and other interactive activities, as well as one-on-one education about sexual and reproductive health. Topics covered include (but are not limited to) sexual development and anatomy, teen rights, access to sexual and reproductive health services, and public insurance programs that can help teens to get those services. On-site assistance with making requests for appointments at PPNYC's health centers is also available.

