Planned Parenthood of New York City

The Male Forum

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 Male Forum provides a safe space exclusively for young men aged 11–19 to talk about the tough issues they face as they grow into sexual maturity among their peers. This forum is offered free of charge and facilitated by trained PPNYC sexuality educators who encourage attendees to honestly discuss their values and opinions about male sexuality. The Male Forum is an effective way to reach out to young men who would otherwise be left to find answers on their own.

The Male Responsibility Forum is designed to help participants

- Reflect on their own feelings about being able to cause a pregnancy
- Learn facts about how a pregnancy occurs
- Identify personal feelings they have about teenage pregnancy
- Understand how paternity is established
- Understand their rights as a father
- Understand the legal requirements of child support

PPNYC facilitates the forums in schools and community organizations in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and the Bronx. We provide refreshments to the participants. To schedule a forum, host sites choose one of the two forums and recruit 20–25 boys to attend it.

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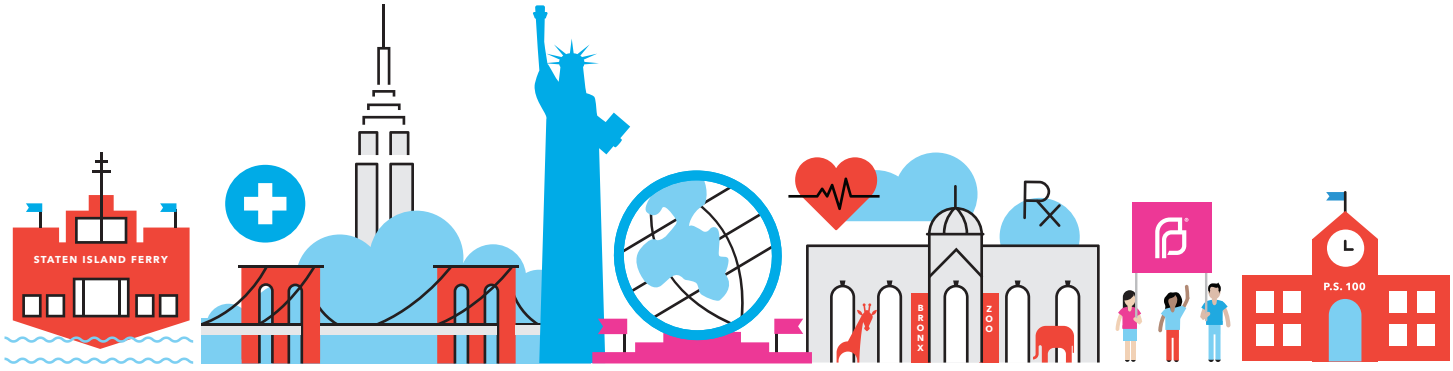
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