

# Annual Report 2016



## STORIES OF IMPACT

### What Students Are Saying

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***"I loved the feeling of being in a safe place and asking questions I wanted to ask and getting a scientific answer."***

– 5th grade student in Mountain View, CA

***"I liked how I learned more about the body to be more comfortable with mine."***

– 6th grade student in Redwood City, CA

***"I will talk to my parents and my future partner more openly about this topic."***

– 7th grade student in Belmont, CA

***"My favorite part was when I was given the opportunity to express myself and ask questions."***

– 7th grade student in East Palo Alto, CA

***"Make sure to always ask for and give consent."***

– 9th grade student in Belmont, CA

***"I'll be more considerate of other people's values."***

– 9th grade student in Menlo Park, CA

### What Teachers Are Saying

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***"Having an expert who can anticipate student misconceptions and calmly handle 'colorful' questions was great."***

– 5th grade teacher in Mountain View, CA

***"I truly enjoyed watching the students gradually grow more comfortable with the subject matter, maturing as the program progressed."***

– 8th grade teacher in Daly City, CA

***"Very interactive and got the students to really think about their decisions they will have to make or have made."***

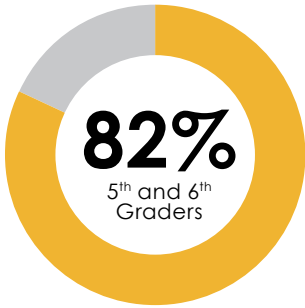
– 9th grade teacher in Redwood City, CA



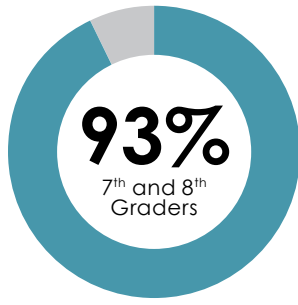
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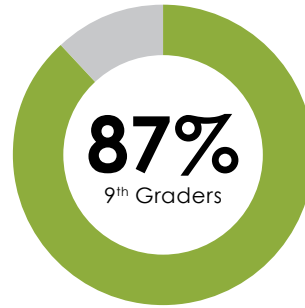
Our health educators provided our courses to a total of **7,299 students** during the 2015-2016 school year.



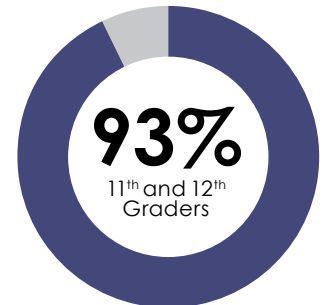
**82%** of **5th and 6th graders** now feel more comfortable with their body and puberty changes.



**93%** of **7th and 8th graders** would intervene if their friend made homophobic or transphobic comments.



**87%** of **9th graders** now feel more comfortable accessing clinic services.



**93%** of **11th and 12th graders** agree that this program will make it easier for them to practice safer sex now or in the future.

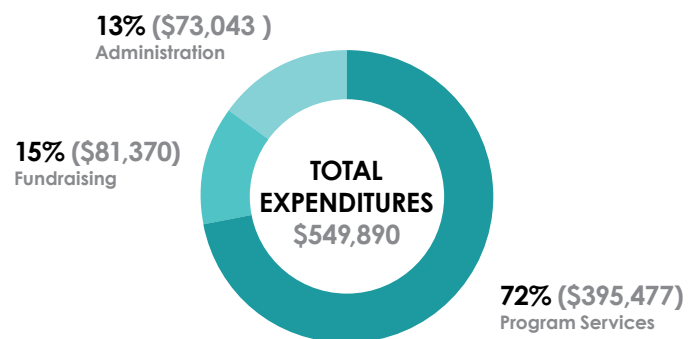
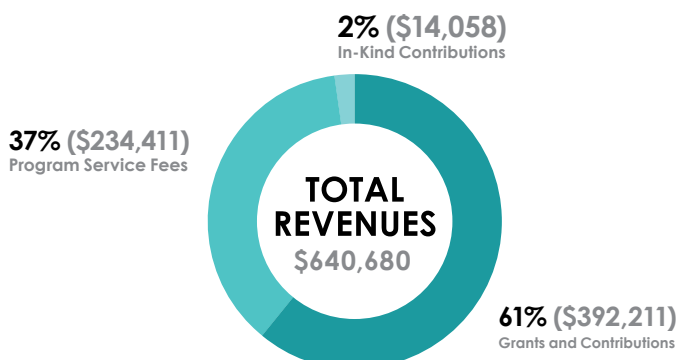
## EQUIPPING FAMILIES

We served a total of **588 parents** with our Parent Talk workshops and information sessions.

## DRIVING COMMUNITY CHANGE

We served a total of **50 school partners** in the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition to in-class instruction from our trained health educators, we trained **298 teachers** to implement our courses in their own classrooms, impacting roughly **12,500 additional students**.

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# HIGHLIGHTS 2015-2016

## Celebrating 20 Years

**In 2015, Health Connected celebrated our 20th year as a nonprofit organization.** What started in the late 1980s as a small coalition of schools, educators, community residents, and health and human service providers to support pregnant and parenting teens, is now a leading organization in adolescent sexual health education in the Bay Area. Our approach is inclusive, anchored in medically-accurate information, and encourages young people to explore, understand, and integrate their own values to make informed decisions about their own sexual health. Over the last several years, we have expanded programs to support parents and trainings for teachers. As a small organization with a big vision, over the next 10 years we aspire to make comprehensive sex ed accessible to half a million youth throughout California.

## Adapted for All Abilities

There are few sexual health curricula that meet both California's stringent education code requirements and the developmental needs of students with disabilities — a deeply underserved student population. Thanks to the generosity of the John & Marcia Goldman Foundation, we have been able to focus on developing the newest in our series of developmentally-appropriate sexual health curricula — Teen Talk Adapted for All Abilities. Informed by several years of work in special education classrooms and input from professionals in the field of special education, we have been working diligently to develop an adaptable, fun course for students with a variety of learning needs. **This work will make a significant impact on a population often left out of sexual health education at their schools.**

## California: Ahead of the Curve

California is at the forefront of sexual health education. In October 2015, Governor Brown signed the California Healthy Youth Act, a trailblazing new law that took effect in January 2016, mandating comprehensive sexual health education in schools across California. The new law requires schools to offer comprehensive sexual health education at least once in middle school and at least once in high school. **As one of only a few sexual health curriculum developers in the state with a curriculum that is in full compliance with the new law, we are well-positioned as a trusted resource for educators around the state.** The need for our services throughout California is mounting. Over the next several years, we will explore expansion into Southern California to replicate the successful model we have established here in the Bay Area.

## Young People on the Precipice of Adulthood

In recent years, the prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses has become a national issue. Here at Health Connected we have been implementing age-appropriate sexual assault and sexual harassment education as early as 5th grade, and up to 12th grade — in our newly published Teen Talk High School Refresher curriculum — to help ensure that high school students are prepared to have conversations about consent well before entering college. **This cutting-edge curriculum is one of the few sexual health education curricula in the U.S. designed specifically for older teens.** Teen Talk High School Refresher was created in response to requests from local students, parents, and teachers that recognized the need for a "refresher" course to review basic sexual health topics with a particular emphasis on topics that may be especially relevant for older teens, including informed consent and bystander intervention.

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