Healthy Teen Network Receives 2016 Sex Ed Impact Award
National Organization Recognized for Its Efforts to Improve Sex Education

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Healthy Teen Network (www.HealthyTeenNetwork.org) is honored to be the recipient of the 2016 Sex Ed Impact Award from The Center for Sex Education (www.SexEdCenter.org). The Sex Ed Impact Award (www.SexEdConference.com/Sex-Ed-Awards-2016/) is given to an individual, organization, and/or media (books, television, films, etc.) that has positively impacted the field of sexuality education.

Healthy Teen Network is dedicated to addressing the wide range of factors (or social determinants of health)—such as access to quality education and health services, socioeconomic status, or having life goals and aspirations—that can influence health outcomes and disparities. Our commitment to a sex-positive, comprehensive approach to adolescent sexual health, coupled with an extensive assessment of our members, colleagues, and funders, led to the development of the Youth 360º holistic approach (www.HealthyTeenNetwork.org/Youth360). Healthy Teen Network promotes Youth 360º because how and where we live, learn, and play matters. Youth 360º integrates the core tenets of comprehensive sexuality education to support and empower all young people to lead healthy sexual and reproductive lives.

Healthy Teen Network President and CEO, Pat Paluzzi, CNM, DrPH asserts, “Adolescent sexual health is a social justice issue with public health ramifications. Youth 360º challenges us to move beyond focusing solely on individual behavior to address the social determinants of health, to achieve better outcomes for all young people. Youth 360º is a call to action to recognize and address the systemic inequalities many young people face and which lead to persistent health disparities.”

Healthy Teen Network envisions a world where all adolescents and young adults lead healthy and fulfilling lives. Healthy Teen Network promotes better outcomes for adolescents and young adults by advancing social change, cultivating innovation, and strengthening youth-supporting professionals and organizations. Since 1979, Healthy Teen Network has been building the capacity of youth-serving professionals and organizations to provide all adolescents and young adults, including young people who are pregnant or parenting, with the services, supports, and education necessary to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. Located in Baltimore, Healthy Teen Network serves as a leading national membership organization (501c3) for adolescent health professionals and organizations, promoting a holistic approach—Youth 360º—to improve the health and well-being of young people because how and where we live, learn, and play matters.

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