

TEACHERS say we're impacting their students...

"I have Teen Decision start my Human Sexuality unit...they are the only program that still comes into my classroom. The message is a good one for students because they get to see a perspective beyond the idea that "everyone is having sex," that there are different choices when it comes to dealing with dating and relationships. The educators use updated statistics and visual aids that really stand out. I see students engaged!" - High School Teacher



"In my opinion, Teen Decision is amazing! They do such a great job explaining how sexual activity is powerful; both positive and negative. They get our students to think outside the box, open their minds to how sexual activity really affects them and their future lives. It's very nice to have the "real life" stories told by the real people...it hits home for a lot of students. Our students LOVE the speakers. Teen Decision definitely benefits our school and our population." - High School Teacher

"We have hosted Teen Decision both in the classrooms and at our Parent Presentation each year for the last 7 years now. Their educators equip our parents to engage in discussions about the health of the whole student as well as keep them up to date with medically accurate information. Equipping parents to in turn equip their own children has been great to see over the years as generations of siblings have gone through our curriculum. Furthermore, within the classroom Teen Decision educators strike that hard balance of professional/relational, and connect with the students on the very first day. Each year our students voice their desire for them to come back." – Middle School Teacher

"Teen Decision is by far the best program we bring into our schools. The curriculum that they use is very unique and that helps engage our students. They are able to share personal stories that as teachers are much harder to share." - High School Teacher

More often than not, we see teens who experience extreme emotional consequences [from sex], such as low self-esteem and self-worth. These consequences result in higher risk for substance abuse, depression, and suicidal thoughts. Teen Decision always does a fantastic job of promoting healthy relationships. – Middle School Teacher

"At the end of each semester our students overwhelmingly give very positive feedback about Teen Decision. As an educator for 21 years, I know that having outside speakers reinforce the lessons and concepts I teach has been critical to our students' understanding. Every student in our school is a part of the lessons taught by Teen Decision and it has impacted our school tremendously. I know that developing healthy relationships is one of the most important factors in a teen's development of a healthy identity and a very important predictor of their future wellness." - High School Teacher

TEENS say we're making a difference...

"Your presentation was really great! You spoke about the topics in a chill way, which made all the students feel okay about talking about these subjects." 8th grade student

"I took your advice and looked for signs of abuse in my partner and more than half the signs were there. It was hard for me, but I broke up. I am so glad I did. Everything is a lot clearer and makes sense. It made my life a lot better and much happier." – High school student

"You were right when you said that touch influences your thinking ability. I honestly never thought about this before." 8th grader

"One of my best friends was in the health class you talked to at the beginning of the year and since then she has really changed her life. She used to do a lot of things with a lot of boys and developed a bad reputation. Now, she has a very respectful boyfriend of about 4 months and hasn't done anything sexual with him. Thank you for being a part of her change because I was really worried about her." – High school student

Five months after the program, there was an event where I was put in a pressured situation. I really did not know who to go to, so I reached out to the speaker because I knew I could trust her. Even months after the lecture, I looked to her as a mentor and friend.

This program really helped me to look at girls differently and respect them more." 8th grader

"I learned how you should always get to know someone before starting to date. A lot of my friends have dated and kissed early on, and that usually didn't end well. I'll remember this for all future relationships. Thanks!" – 8th grade student

"Now I know how to tell someone that they should be abstinent...it's okay, and not weird or wrong or strange. I also now believe that you can have a better relationship without having "touch" ☺" – 8th grader

"I used to think that being in high school and having done no sexual things was like a sign of immaturity.... Now I realize how good it is and I am so happy about it. I feel a lot more respect for myself, and it's such a great feeling." – High school student

"Now I know that I need to see what I want in a guy, and get to know them, see how they react, how they treat others, and not just say "yes" to any old guy I meet. You have helped me see that this is my body, my life, and I need to own it and love it!" – High school student

"Because of your talks, I finally felt comfortable enough to talk about things with my mom. I don't think I'll ever forget the 4 days.... You didn't try sugar coating anything. You showed us that life isn't like the movies; you simply told us what reality looks like." – High school student



"This program was an amazing experience. Before this program, I thought sex was inevitable... I have only been dating my boyfriend over a month now but last night I talked to him about abstinence and he said that he is willing to wait.... It's really nice to know that I won't have to worry about STDs, pregnancy, or just not being ready ☺" – High School student