

# Project TEACH

Treatment Education Activists Combating HIV

## Philadelphia FIGHT TEACH Program

*Knowledge is the Key:*  
Each One, TEACH Ten

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What is Project TEACH? (Treatment Education Activists/Advocates Combating HIV) TEACH is a comprehensive health education program for people living with HIV/AIDS. Through these courses individuals living with HIV/AIDS will learn about what HIV is, what their medication does, the importance of adherence, and how to advocate for themselves and others in different settings.

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## Project TEACH History

Start in 1996

Was created by Treatment Activists

Project TEACH is an innovative health education program which trains people living with HIV/AIDS to act as peer educators, activists and advocates in the under-served communities hardest hit by the AIDS pandemic — low-income communities and communities of color. TEACH focuses not only on prevention but treatment education, outreach and advocacy.

Key moments



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## Project TEACH History:

TEACH has graduated over 7,000 people.

Demanding programs for PLWHA

Project TEACH -8-week class; 2X per week; 3 hours each class

6-week classes 2X per week 3 hours each class include:

TEACH Outside,

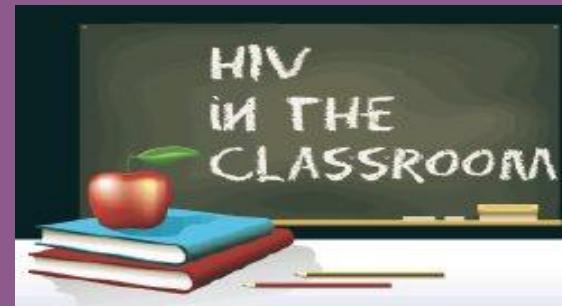
Women TEACH

Latino TEACH

Youth TEACH 3 days Retreat

Frontline TEACH

TEACH Expansion



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Project TEACH, is a program of Philadelphia FIGHT

- Individuals must complete application to participate.
- Complete face to face interview
- Commit to two days a week for all TEACH Programs.



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- TEACH programs are HIV treatment education programs
- That TEACH and share skills, techniques and experiences of living and staying healthy with HIV.
- We also bring in cutting-edge Research on HIV Treatment and Prevention.

**HIV Information**

**CUTTING EDGE**

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## What Our Participants learn.

Create supportive networks

Enhance relationships with people who impact their lives

Create safe space where everyone is accepted for who they are.

Stay healthy living with HIV

Separate good information about HIV from bad information or rumor

## Treatment Goals of TEACH Program.

Treatment Education

Secondary Prevention

Issues and Resources

Communication Skills

Self- Advocacy

# Dobbins High School

## Sexual Health Presentation



# Upcoming TEACH Classes & TEACH Alumni Groups

1. Project TEACH January 2025
2. TEACH Outside February 2025
3. Women TEACH August 2025
4. Youth TEACH retreat August 2025

## Alumni Groups

- a. Prime Time 50 + weekly Monday groups
- b. General TEACH Alumni once a Month

# Peer Educators Leadership Digital Literacy Navigators



Philadelphia FIGHT's Peer Leadership and Digital Literacy Program offers digital literacy training



various leadership opportunities to program participants to support their digital literacy skills.



Support Clients with Patient Portal access



Navigating within their patient Portal

# TEACH Expansion



We have developed and offer an in person train the trainer program on 1-5 days “institute” to teach others in tri-state counties how to run this intervention as we do at FIGHT and then get funding to run the program at their site.



## Train the trainer main topics could be:

History/pedagogy overview

How to: Agency and  
Community assessment

Implementation overview

Curriculum overview

Practice sessions

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## What Makes TEACH Work?

### GRADUATION!

TEACH graduation is a very big deal. Helps evaluate the “message” of TEACH and allows participants to express what the program meant to them. We graduated 7, 000 people and will celebrate 30 years of TEACH in 2026



# Annual AIDS Watch

Lobbying on Capitol Hill PA Delegates

We continue use our personal stories of living with HIV

Asking for Senators on both sides to fund programs that gives people living HIV a quality of life!

- HOPWA
- Ryan Funding Programs
- Social determinates of Health issues.

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## After Graduation?

TEACH Alumni



Philadelphia FIHGT CAB

Community Advisory Board



AIDS Lobby Day



Peer Digital Navigation Educators



PWN-USA PA Chapter



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