

## HOW DO WE DO IT?

HOPE Buffalo utilizes a hybrid Collective Impact (CI) framework and a Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) approach to engage the community from all walks of life to help foster sustainable community transformation at every level. With community input, HOPE Buffalo has developed a four-point plan to achieve our goal, by implementing:

- 1 Evidence-based interventions (EBIs)** that ensure teens have the knowledge, information and skills necessary to make healthy decisions about relationships and sex, and stay engaged in school.
- 2 A referral and linkage system** to help identify teens in need of reproductive, behavioral and support services and linking them to teen-affirming, community-based providers.
- 3 Social media and social marketing** to promote community awareness and social norms associated with positive youth outcomes.
- 4 A youth and community-driven approach** that empowers and promotes ownership of the initiative by the Buffalo community.

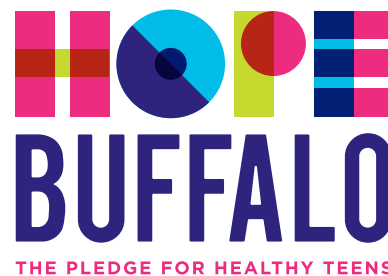
## GET INVOLVED TODAY!

When you help teens succeed, you help the entire community succeed. HOPE Buffalo works to support teens as they reach their own goals.

**Recent funding cuts mean that HOPE Buffalo needs your support now more than ever!**

**VISIT [HOPEBUFFALO.ORG/TAKEACTION](https://hopebuffalo.org/takeaction) TODAY TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- Make a financial contribution
- Get involved with a community partner organization
- Write your legislators to ask for more/ continued funding
- Contact HOPE Buffalo to offer your time and resources
- Take The Pledge for Healthy Teens!



FOR CARING ADULTS



Helping teens  
**succeed**  
on their own terms.



## WHAT IS HOPE BUFFALO?

HOPE Buffalo is an **unprecedented collaborative** that brings together youth, caring adults, parents, educators, healthcare providers, and faith and community leaders, working together to **help our teens grow** into the adults they want to be.

## OUR MISSION

We believe that **teens have the right to grow into the adults they want to be**—whatever that means for them. We respect their right to make their own decisions and set their own goals about their **health and future**. And **we will support them** with an open door, an open ear, an open mind, and an open heart.

## OUR PROMISE

When teens are healthy, they can make **informed decisions about their future**, which also impacts the vitality of our communities, and the health of our city's future. HOPE Buffalo is committed to today's teens and tomorrow's Buffalo. **That's hope.**

## STAKEHOLDERS

HOPE Buffalo is an initiative that brings all corners of the community together and from all walks of life to find solutions that help our teens succeed:

- Teens
- Parents & Families
- Healthcare Providers
- Educators
- Youth-Serving Organizations
- Faith Organizations

## CARING ADULTS

Teens need support from a wide-ranging community of caring adults; anyone 21 and over can be a caring adult. This holistic community plays a vital role in the health and success of our city's youth—parents and families, healthcare providers, educators, youth-serving organizations, and faith organizations. Teens relate to each group differently, and therefore need different kinds of support as they work toward reaching their own health goals. That's why it's important that the entire community of caring adults understands how HOPE Buffalo can help them communicate with the teens in their lives.

Visit [hopebuffalo.org](http://hopebuffalo.org) to access a full list of programs, services, resources and helpful suggestions for engaging with teens, including:

- **Parents and Families**—Attend workshops to learn how to talk with your teens about their health and goals, how to provide a positive support system, and to learn how other parents and families have found success.
- **Healthcare Providers**—Learn how you can improve your practice to better accommodate teens' needs, answer their questions, and ensure they're getting the most out of their healthcare.
- **Educators**—Implement helpful curriculum and staff development in your school to help address teens' needs, answer their questions, and ensure they're getting the best from their education.
- **Youth-Serving Organizations**—Learn how you can provide services that will help teens succeed at school, at home, and throughout the community.
- **Faith Organizations**—Learn how to rebuild and strengthen our communities by creating safe havens and educational spaces for teens to learn, work, play and grow.