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## **ACT YOUTH NETWORK**



The ACT (Assets Coming Together) for Youth Center of Excellence sponsors a Youth Network in New York City for young people who are interested in making change and supporting the health and well-being of youth in New York State. The NYC ACT for Youth Network is a panel of young adult and teen consultants who meet monthly to provide youth perspectives on

health-related projects for the New York State Department of Health, ACT for Youth, and other organizations. Meetings are held at the offices of Cornell University Cooperative Extension-NYC and are led by ACT for Youth staff Sara Birnel Henderson and Michele Luc. Meet the NYC ACT for Youth Network here.

The ACT Youth Network is available for consultation on health projects that seek to reach youth. Past consulting work has included piloting workshops, surveys, and focus groups for clarity and youth friendliness; reviewing media campaigns; and giving feedback on written content, such as brochures

and web content. Topics range from all aspects of health to social causes to community gardening! Some of the agencies and organizations that the ACT for Youth Network has consulted for include: The New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Women, Infant and Adolescent Health, The New York City Alliance Against Sexual





Assault, The New York State Youth Development Team, The Weill Cornell Medical College's Clinical and Translational Science Center, New York University Lutheran Family Services, Love Heals, Opening Pathways: Youth in Latin America, The National Sex Ed Network as well as researchers from various universities.

The ACT for Youth Center of Excellence was launched in 2000 with generous support from the New York State Department of Health, and is a partnership among the NYC Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Cornell's Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, Ulster BOCES, and the University of Rochester Medical Center.



To find out more about the Youth Network, or to schedule a consultation, contact a Youth Network coordinator. In New York City contact Sara Birnel Henderson at <a href="mailto:sb636@cornell.edu">sb636@cornell.edu</a> or Michele Luc at <a href="mailto:ml782@cornell.edu">ml782@cornell.edu</a>. For youth programs in Upstate New York interested in opportunities with the Youth Network, contact Heather Wynkoop Beach at <a href="mailto:haw48@cornell.edu">haw48@cornell.edu</a>

Find the ACT Youth Network brochure here.

