



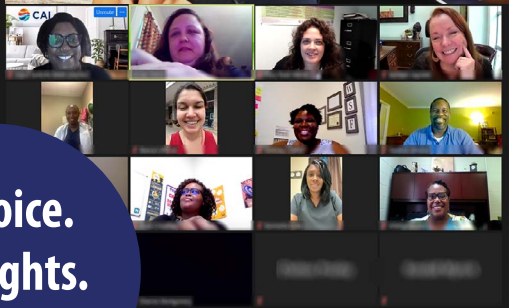
Annual Report 2020

Advocacy

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**Our voice.
Our rights.
Our time.**



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LETTER FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Friends,
This year brought its fair share of troubles and strife, with a pandemic impacting the lives of MS youth and their families, a challenging political season, and persistent racial and social inequality across the U.S. Despite the many changes, resilience and hope abound in our state and at THMS. It has been an honor and a privilege working with such a dynamic staff and phenomenal group of young people who are more determined than ever to speak out for their right to knowledge and information about their bodies, to elevate their voices on behalf of their communities, and to lead out loud. I'm also proud of our strong national and community partners who helped us support 1,067 Mississippi youth experiencing food insecurities, homelessness, and medical and safety insecurities.

This year has been long and hard, yet, despite the obstacles, the work to build the capacity of youth and the communities in which they live still goes forth. So far this year, we trained 366 adults on sexual and reproductive health and youth-friendly healthcare, and in a pandemic no less. Look for us in 2021 as we unveil our new online training platform, sponsor new legislation for sex education, and offer Mental Health First Aid Training to youth and adults across the state. Thank you for your support and for helping us build a greater future for young people in Mississippi.

In Appreciation,
Dr. Hope Crenshaw, PhD

Who We Are

MISSION

To ensure that all young people in Mississippi have access to high-quality sex education and youth-friendly healthcare services.

VISION

Teen Health Mississippi envisions healthier communities where young people have access to essential knowledge, skills, resources, and support so they may grow into healthy adults and move communities forward.



What we're doing is building this environment of health and respect and responsibility.
—Sanford Johnson, Board of Directors

Programs & Initiatives



Training & Capacity Building

THMS Training Cadre
Focus4Teens
Pregnancy Assistance
Fund



Youth-Led Programs

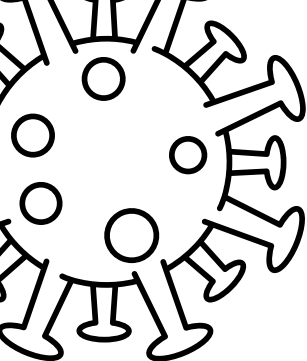
Mind Elevation Project
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Policy & Advocacy

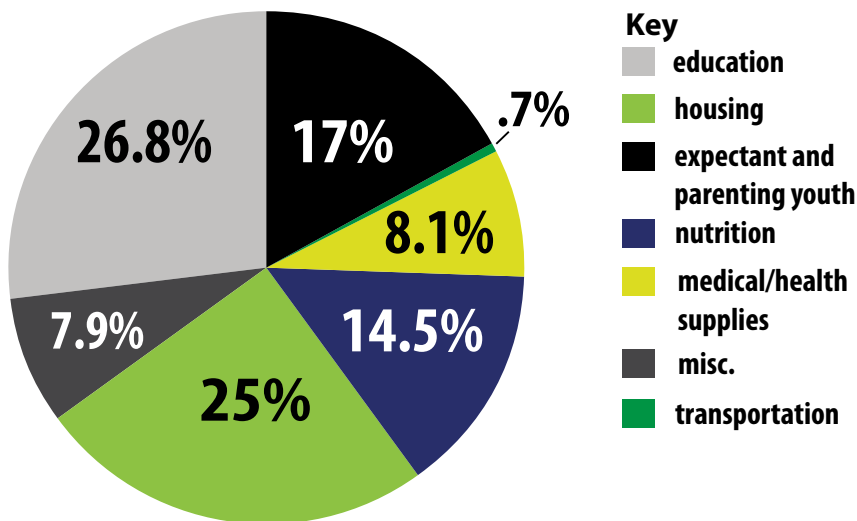
Mississippi Youth Summit
Mississippi Youth Council

Capacity-building means giving people tools that they can always use, even when we're not around." —Whitney French, Focus4Teens Project Coordinator



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Through our COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, a total of 1,067 young people have received assistance. We also partnered with state organizations to expand our reach across the state. Here is a breakdown of that funding.



Teen Health Mississippi At a Glance

49,395

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

345

ME. SAFER SEX KITS
DISTRIBUTED TO
YOUTH ACROSS THE
STATE

366

PEOPLE
ATTENDED
WORKSHOPS

1,251

MEMBERS OF OUR YOUTH
ACTION NETWORK

326

PEOPLE SIGNED OUR
PETITION TO EXPAND
SEX ED IN MISSISSIPPI

TEEN HEALTH
MISSISSIPPI





Nankecia Bell

THMS Youth Partner

In mid-February, I was invited to join ME. Project, which is targeted toward getting information out about mental and sexual and reproductive health to young people. I was sent information about this group via friends in the Jackson who thought I should give it a try, especially since I am a teenage mother.

During my time with ME., I learned about mental health challenges and how they can take a toll on the people surrounding me, including my daughter Journee. The mental health of teenage mothers matters, and with ME. I have gained the voice to speak out.

My time with the ME. Project gave me the idea to start the MominMe project, in which I gift one single mother graduating high school with a free makeup session for graduation day. Something so simple as eliminating that worry off of a mothers mind can relieve so much when it comes to mental health. Times will never always be this simple, but this is only the beginning of this project!

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THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank our 2020 donors and supporters. It's because of you that we can keep improving young people's access to high-quality sex education and youth-friendly healthcare!

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