TEACH trains clinicians in reproductive health, enables them to provide abortion care, and cultivates the next generation of reproductive health champions to ensure everyone has access to comprehensive healthcare.

Our residents provided over 2,464 abortions at local clinics.

In California, TEACH trains HALF of the family medicine residents receiving training in abortion care.

TEACH makes it possible for family medicine doctors to provide abortion. 63% of the 2015 Santa Rosa & TEACH Family Medicine Residency graduates report they are currently providing abortions. The national average is 4%!

Each year the TEACH Fellowship supports one family medicine Doctor in their journey to becoming a reproductive health champion. 100% of TEACH Leadership Fellows go on to become abortion providers.

TEACH residents and grads work in areas of high provider need across the US, including THREE alums in one clinic in Dallas, TX. SEVEN residents trained in abortion care in rural CA, Austin TX, Phoenix AZ and Mexico City.

1 ABFM Graduate Survey Class of 2015
TEACH residents are trained first and foremost to believe and trust women to make the best decisions for themselves. That’s what patient centered care is all about. TEACH helps Family Physicians gain the hands-on experience they need to become skilled and compassionate abortion providers.

51 2nd year residents trained in reproductive healthcare and 12 advanced CREATE residents trained and mentored in abortion care, leadership, and advocacy.

TEACH provided 2nd and 3rd year residents with over 300 training days at local clinics.

100% of TEACH trained 2015 Santa Rosa graduates felt residency adequately prepared them to provide abortions! The national average is 13%.

TEACH’s Early Abortion Workbook is the most trusted source for training family medicine residents. Our workbook was viewed by 19,000 people from 50 states and close to 100 countries in the last year. About 2,000 of those visitors used the workbook multiple times!

TEACH launched the FIRST free online Medication Abortion CME course for primary care providers in partnership with UC Davis and Brown University.

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Making access to abortion a reality for young people. We joined the JustCARE Campaign’s successful advocacy efforts in support of the College Student Right to Access Act, a bill to guarantee medication abortion at California public universities. As part of joint PRH-TEACH-JustCARE Lobby Day, 30 doctors and reproductive health advocates lobbied 19 senators to pass the bill. This October, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law, making abortion care on campus a reality!

Defending access to abortion in San Francisco. Deeply concerned about the potential negative impact on abortion services, we supported efforts to stop a merger between UCSF Medical Center, one of the TEACH’s family medicine residencies, and Dignity Health, a catholic hospital. TEACH led a successful advocacy effort to have the President of the California Academy of Family Physicians’ (CAFP) send a letter to the UC Board of Regents expressing CAFP’s concerns about a proposed affiliation between UCSF Med Center and Dignity Health. Due to pressure against the merger, UCSF announced it would discontinue its plans for an expansive affiliation with Dignity Health.

Working from within to normalize abortion. Amid an onslaught of anti-abortion policies, our work to ensure that abortion stays within the scope of family medicine and that the American Academy of Family Physicians takes clear and bold steps to support reproductive rights is more relevant than ever. As a result of our advocacy, our resolution on evidence-based use of mifepristone in early pregnancy loss management was successfully adopted and the Academy reaffirmed their current policy protecting physicians from criminalization for offering abortion care.

Abortion is normal, let’s talk about it. Our 3rd annual storytelling event, “The A Word” brought together over 230 community members to break the stigma and silence of abortion, celebrate abortion providers and support TEACH. Our supporters helped us raise close to $32,000 that will go directly to running our training program!

The attacks on reproductive health aren’t slowing down so neither is TEACH. During 2018-2019 we drew strength from our partner organizations and bolstered the efforts of our allies to resist the policies chipping away at our reproductive autonomy.

“I am incredibly grateful for the training I received through TEACH. The clinical experience was one of the best of my residency program — I learned how to provide respectful, sensitive and empowering abortion care from exceptionally talented clinicians and support staff. Thanks to my tenacious TEACH mentors, I am better equipped to advocate for reproductive rights and reproductive justice within my small rural community and globally, and I plan to make change!”

Alex Harsha, MD - 2019 CREATE graduate, currently providing abortion care in rural Minnesota
Your generosity has supported our achievements and we are grateful to be a part of this incredibly resilient, dynamic and compassionate community. Thank you for being a champion for TEACH. For supporting abortion PROVISION. For helping us RESIST attacks on reproductive health and rights.

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