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**Nurx-Peer Health Exchange pilot partnership aims to increase sexual healthcare access to L.A.-area college campuses**

*More than 200 health educator volunteers spread the word about contraception and PrEP*

LOS ANGELES—February 6, 2018—More than 200 Los Angeles college health educators will spend the next three months empowering their peers to make positive sexual health choices thanks to a pilot partnership between Nurx and Peer Health Exchange. According to the American Sexual Health Association, young people aged 15 to 24 represent a quarter of the sexually active population.

[Nurx](#) is a telemedicine startup, based in San Francisco, focused on making birth control more accessible to everyone through an app. With the app, users can get a prescription from a doctor and have their medication delivered right to their door. Users can also access PrEP—a once-daily pill that helps prevent HIV in people that are currently HIV negative.

A 501c3 nonprofit organization, Peer Health Exchange works to empower young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to make healthy decisions. To do so, the organization trains college student volunteers to teach a skills-based health curriculum in under-resourced high schools across the country.

The pilot partnership will be the first time [Peer Health Exchange](#) volunteers formally leverage their health educator training to teach other college students about sexual health choices available to them.

Women aged 18 to 24 have the highest rate of unintended pregnancies, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 1 in 4 of all new HIV infections is among youth ages 13 to 24 years.

“Our volunteers already go through a vigorous 20-hour training to teach in ninth grade classrooms,” said LaDawn Best, Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles Executive Director. “It’s exciting to have them bring their knowledge and experience to campus to help educate and inform their college peers about healthy decisions that can positively impact their sexual health.”

Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles was established in 2009, and currently partners with about 200 volunteers from University of Southern California; Occidental College; California State University, Northridge; and California State University, Dominguez Hills to serve more than 2,000 young people across Southern California.

Through the pilot partnership’s program, Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles chapters will compete for bragging rights and prizes for the most sign-ups before June 30, 2018.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with Peer Health Exchange on this campus initiative” says Maryam Fikri, community relations at Nurx. “The volunteers will empower their peers with not only important

information about their sexual health, but with a convenient way to access birth control or PrEP through an app.”

Nurx will donate a portion of every completed order to Peer Health Exchange.

### **About Peer Health Exchange**

Peer Health Exchange’s mission is to empower young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to make healthy decisions. We do this by training college students to teach a skills-based health curriculum in under-resourced high schools across the country. Learn more at [peerhealthexchange.org](https://peerhealthexchange.org)

### **About Nurx**

Nurx is a telemedicine startup based in San Francisco, CA, focusing on making PrEP and birth control more accessible to everyone through their app. With the app, users can get a prescription from a doctor and have their medication delivered right to their door. The app is currently available in Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Colorado, California, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Washington state, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Virginia, Florida, Massachusetts, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, and the District of Columbia. Nurx also plans to expand to more than 20 states in the coming weeks. With the rapid expansion, Nurx is currently hiring full-stack, front-end, and dev-ops engineers, who are also passionate about increasing access to health care. Nurx engineers will be foundational architects in building the tools and systems needed in a new model of health care access around the world. For more information, visit [Nurx.com](https://Nurx.com).