# 2021-2022 PROGRAM REPORT

THE GRASSROOT PROJECT



GRASSROOTS HEALTH

We have provided health education for over a decade in Washington, DC as The Grassroot Project (TGP.)

Now, more than ever before, we feel a national urgency to provide innovative health education. To usher in the next decade of impact on the national stage, we are rebranding...please help us introduce, GRASSROOTS HEALTH!



YEAR IN NUMBERS

middle school students

student hours in health programs

**NCAA** athlete volunteers

volunteer hours in programs



Students identify as... 76% Black 11% Hispanic 11% Mixed 2% Other



6th grade nutritional health

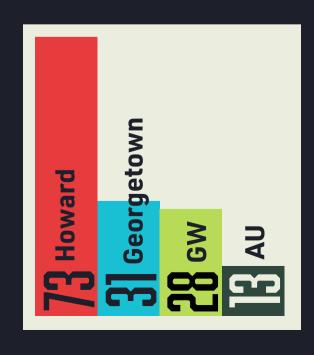
7th grade sexual health

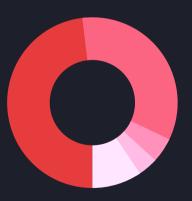
8th grade mental health

**267** 



In 2021-22, 50% of **Grassroots' NCAA** athlete volunteers attended Howard University.





**NCAA** athletes identify as... 51% Black 36% White 5% Mixed 4% Hispanic



Students complete surveys before and after their 10-week health program to assess changes in students' health knowledge, behaviors, attitudes and beliefs, and confidence to apply concepts in real-life situations. Grassroots uses this data to inform curriculum adaptation.

\*significant growth = growth from individuals matched pre/post surveys using a paired T-Test analysis (see below)

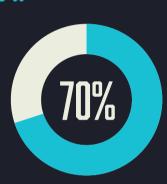
## **NUTRITION**



Nutritional health competencies showed \*significant growth in...



- Health Knowledge
- Nutrition Expectancies
- Nutrition Values
- Physical Activity Values



of students find the benefits of healthy eating to be <u>very</u> or <u>extremely</u> important to them.

#### SEXUAL HEALTH



Sexual health competencies showed \*significant growth in...

- Health Knowledge
- Self Efficacy
- Attitudes and Beliefs
- Communication



students feel confident they can discuss consent with partners

## MENTAL HEALTH



Mental health competencies showed \*significant growth in...

- Self Efficacy
- Mental Wellbeing
- Mental Health Stigma
- Mental Health Values



of students agree that they can take steps towards the future they want





GRASSROOTS FAM brings parents and caregivers together to create a space for improving communication about challenging health topics with youth

parents or caregivers attended Grassroots Fam sessions hosted virtually and in-person

100%

of parents or caregivers said they would recommend Grassroots Fam Grassroots is amazing. It's easy to stay on the children about their grades but when it comes to these topics I didn't know where to start or what age.

GRASSROOTS CONNECT provides a space to celebrate students while also connecting students and their families to other community based organizations and health service providers

165

Students connected with local community based organizations and health service providers.

7

community based organizations and health service providers attended.

















# STUDENT FEEDBACK

My favorite thing about Grassroots is being able to talk about things and express my feelings.

I liked that I could talk about health with my classmates and it wasn't weird. They made it more comfortable.

I liked building a bond with the athlete-coaches and I liked the information I learned.

My favorite thing about Grassroots is that we play games that relate to real life problems.

95%

of students feel comfortable taking about sexual health and mental health with NCAA athlete volunteers.

85%

of students feel that Grassroots is important for their health and wellbeing.

