



Healthy NewsWorks

Engaging kids as health reporters for their communities



About Healthy NewsWorks

Healthy NewsWorks empowers elementary and middle school students in schools in under-resourced communities to become researchers, writers, critical thinkers, and confident communicators who advance health understanding and literacy through their factual publications and digital media.

Our vision in action

Healthy NewsWorks began in 2003 as a collaboration between a journalist and a second grade teacher to address shared concerns regarding significant gaps in children's literacy and health. They viewed both as inextricably tied because solid writing, listening, and communication skills are vital in order to understand and appropriately use health information.

Since its inception, Healthy NewsWorks has encouraged literacy and healthful living. Today its student reporters produce accurate and relevant health newspapers, books, and digital media that are shared in their schools and communities.

To learn more about Healthy NewsWorks and support our important work, please contact Diane Davis, community outreach manager, at ddavis@healthynewsworks.org.

- Recipient of the 2021 and 2018 GSK Impact Award, which highlights organizations that are working hand-in-hand with the community to improve health.
- Recipient of a 2021 Project Innovation Grant from Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation, given to recognize nonprofits that use innovative solutions to address everyday problems in communities.
- 2016 Organizational Public Health Recognition Award from the College of Physicians of Philadelphia's Section on Public Health and Preventive Medicine.
- Healthy NewsWorks program evaluations have been presented at the American Public Health Association annual conference (2009), the Pennsylvania Public Health Association meeting (2018 and 2011), and The College of Physicians of Philadelphia's Public Health Day Symposium (2014).

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Unique Program Model

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Reach

About **1,200 students will be engaged** in newspaper, book, and video activities this year. The newspapers will be **available to 6,000 students** in their schools, and their work will also be posted on Healthy NewsWorks' new web platform, By Kids For Kids.



Health Knowledge

Student reporters learn how to **research, write, and edit** health news articles and communicate important, complex health information to their peers, families, and community.

Tied to National Education Standards

Healthy NewsWorks **aligns its lesson plans** to national Common Core Education Standards and National Health Education Standards, complementing what students are expected to learn in each grade level.



Essential Life Skills

Students conduct **formal interviews with professionals, collaborate with their peers, and identify fact-based, trustworthy information**. They are forced to think on the fly and adapt to changes in real time — the life of every reporter!

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