

### ***What is The Talk Project?***

The Talk Project is a program of the National Council of Jewish Women | Los Angeles, in partnership with *The Hunting Ground* film. The Talk Project is an interactive presentation delivered by teen peer educators on the topic of sexual violence. High school students who attend The Talk Project are introduced to definitions and concepts surrounding sexual violence, including:

- Statistics on the prevalence of sexual violence
- The systemic and cultural factors leading to sexual violence and what those look like in our society
- Sexual consent and what it does and does not look like
- An introduction to Title IX and an overview of how students who have been victimized can use the law to get support and legal justice

*“I think we’ve all been able to develop our opinions and develop what we believe in through The Talk Project... [The Talk Project] really helps us to see the world more clearly, and see what we feel about what’s happening around us.” - Lily, age 14*

### ***What is the goal of The Talk Project?***

The Talk Project’s ultimate goal is to act as an effective and engaging tool for reducing sexual violence among students. The Talk Project believes that, in order to change behavior, students need knowledge and a feeling of empowerment. Therefore, The Talk Project strives to educate students on the causes of sexual violence and the laws of consent, and empower them to speak out against sexual violence, engage in healthy sexual relationships, and make informed decisions about seeking legal justice if necessary.

*“I think I’m no longer embarrassed or nervous to stand up for this cause, because I think before, it was something that made me uncomfortable to talk about with other people who were not as passionate about it as I was. But once I joined The Talk Project and joined this great support of people, I think it really empowered me...” – Emily, age 16*

### ***Is The Talk Project effective?***

NCJW|LA has conducted a rigorous evaluation of The Talk Project’s effects on 188 students from three high schools that have had The Talk Project. Compared to pre-surveys, students who saw The Talk Project reported being significantly less likely to adhere to rape myths, and significantly more likely to practice consent behaviors and intervene if confronted with a situation linked to sexual violence. Students reported that they found The Talk Project to be understandable and engaging, and said they would recommend The Talk Project to a friend.

*“You could tell that everybody was re-evaluating what they do every day ... You could tell that they think about their actions before they perform them after seeing [The Talk Project].” - Ryan, age 17*

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