14 Countries

320 Campuses

4312 Student activists

135 Policy change initiatives

532 Attendees at #SSDP2016

3326 Actions recorded in the Chapter Activity Tracker

674 One-on-one support conversations with students

48 & 4% Members who identify as women & genderqueer

86 Students preparing to become peer educators
Dear Supporter,

In 1998, a few dozen students who had been chatting online became the first cohort of Students for Sensible Drug Policy: members of the DARE generation who understood the broad failures of the drug war and sought each other out to raise their voices against a broken system and start making sense.

Since that time, we’ve expanded our presence to more than 300 campuses in 14 countries and have mobilized tens of thousands of young people to advocate for a more sensible approach to drug laws. Countless policy reforms led or supported by SSDPers now protect people from punishment if they call for help during an overdose, help students access education regardless of drug citations, and provide safe access to cannabis for adult or medical use.

In 1998, emerging technology provided a rudimentary platform from which we collaborated and debated instantly across a small network of campuses. Now it unmasks, for us all to see, the inhumane horrors wrought by the vast and tentacled drug war from Ferguson to Manila. We’re still fighting the stigma and racism that fueled the drug war 18 years ago, but now we fight with new allies who understand that the War on Drugs is a tool for systemic bias and marginalization of young people, poor people, and people of color.

In the past year we have been inspired to focus on the intersectional nature of our work by emerging movements and the growing number of students joining us from outside the United States, as you’ll note when reading about UNGASS, the international program, and investment in anti-racism and inclusivity. We’ve taken a fresh look at how technology can support advocacy and built tools for the modern activist, responded to the desperate need for qualified drug education on campus with Just Say Know, and pulled our elders closer in the Alumni Association.

From this report, you’ll get a sense of what makes SSDP so unique and effective. Like you, our passion and sense of purpose are continually stoked by the dynamic, thoughtful, and forward-thinking members of SSDP family. We’re eager to work with you to inspire young leaders like those highlighted in this report in the years to come. Your investment in SSDP is an investment in the future, and brings us closer to our goal of ending the drug war.

Stay sensible,

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*Throughout this report and on our website, you'll notice a year following many names. This indicates the first year that a person got involved with SSDP. Think of it as an alum's “SSDP Class of” year.
With content envisioned and developed almost exclusively by students, #SSDP2016 delivered six plenaries and 30 sessions from 100 students, authors, experts, and leaders in the drug policy reform movement. From this foundation, the 532 participants educated, inspired, and empowered each other.

The SSDP2016 program provided classic skills training in community organizing, policy change, and education. It also took a direct look at the most pressing issues facing the drug policy reform movement: the challenges of emerging cannabis industries, drug education in the modern era, oppression and privilege in the drug war and reform movement, and the global conversation driven by UNGASS.

We celebrated our contributions to drug policy reform during the awards ceremony and dance party. Perhaps most importantly, we created the bonds that will keep us pushing forward until the drug war has been replaced by policies rooted in evidence, compassion, justice, and human rights.

Save the date for SSDP2017: March 24-26 in Portland, Oregon!
April’s United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the world drug problem provided a unique opportunity for the global community to debate the outcomes of the international drug control conventions and country-level responses to drug control.

On April 18th, the eve of this historic session, SSDP vibrantly lifted the voices of young people outside the UN. We bused more than 150 SSDP students, alumni, and allies from SSDP2016 to New York City for a youth-led open soap box demonstration. Young people spoke out against the drug war by sharing personal stories, spoken word art, reflections, and calls to action.

During the session, more than 30 SSDPers and youth allies observed the proceedings and represented the youth voice through interventions and intensive social media engagement. UNGASS should have been an inclusive, impartial venue to discuss much-needed reforms in global drug policy. Instead, youth were ignored and insulted by supporters of the status quo, sparking our #GrowUpOrShutUp campaign. Nevertheless, we also witnessed how fragile the global drug consensus has become. As we prepare for the next special session in 2019, SSDP will continue pushing to ensure that the voices of young people are at the front of the discussions around global drug policy reform.
November 2015

Model UNGASS

During the 2015 Reform conference, 60 SSDP students created a two-day Model UN-style simulation of the upcoming UNGASS. SSDP members selected a nation to represent and developed research documents, with the advice of leaders in the global reform movement, exploring its drug policies and positions. Three committees deliberated throughout the first session; on the second day all delegates held a General Assembly session to debate and vote on a final outcome document which recommended sensible revisions to policies impacting money laundering, environmentally degrading eradication practices, cannabis, and harm reduction for injection drug users.

November 2015

Caribbean Student Drug Policy Conference

Hosted by the University of the West Indies, Mona and organized by the school’s SSDP chapter, the first Caribbean Student Drug Policy Conference hosted 100 student attendees hearing expert speakers focused primarily on cannabis policy within Caribbean countries and how they are influenced by the UN. Conference leaders and participants developed a position paper representing their concerns which was included in the official materials for UNGASS 2016.

February 2016

Irish SSDP Conference

Sixty students gathered in Cork, Ireland in February for the 3rd annual SSDP regional conference hosted in Ireland. Irish students presented reports on their chapters’ activities over the past year and expert speakers discussed topics such as medical marijuana, naloxone, nightlife harm reduction, and environmental harm reduction. Following the conference programming, students engaged in a public awareness action in support of the continued governmental consideration of a new, sensible approach to drug policy.
For the third year, SSDP joined our allies across the globe to participate in the annual Support. Don’t Punish. global day of action on June 26th, developed as a compassionate response to the prohibitionist International Day Against Drug Abuse. SSDP members organized or participated in direct actions in a dozen cities across seven countries and 200 additional students participated online, submitting photos to our online photo project and drawing their peers to the conversation through social media.
“SSDP has given me the tools and opportunities to fight back and advocate for my clients on a grander scale. My SSDP family has inspired me toward a harm reduction approach to treating mental health and substance use disorders. Most significantly, SSDP has given me the chance to live out my dream of developing a science and harm reduction-based drug education curriculum.”

- Vilmarie Narloch, PsyD ‘09
Roosevelt University
“As a college freshman, SSDP introduced me to the drug policy reform movement, where I found a purpose and my calling. Ten years ago I put the ideals and principles of SSDP into action with a career in the legal cannabis industry. I stand alongside other SSDP alum at the forefront of social entrepreneurship, and owe so much to SSDP for helping me find this immensely fulfilling path.”

- Sean Luse ‘00
Ohio State University
COO, Berkeley Patients Group
Changing drug policies on campus

College of Charleston SSDP successfully lobbied for an expansion of the campus medical amnesty policy to include all substances, rather than just alcohol.

Colorado School of Mines SSDP persuaded their administration to include harm reduction cards regarding cannabis edibles and Good Samaritan information in the “swag bags” provided during spring weekend.

Dickinson College SSDP oversaw implementation of a campus good samaritan policy the chapter had initiated the previous year; led a successful campaign to equip all campus safety officers with naloxone; and hosted a “sensibility table” at large campus events that provided free water, drug education, and a cool down space in a non-judgemental environment.

Federal University of Agriculture (Nigeria) SSDP held a training on drug policy and harm reduction for peers and other student organizations.

George Washington University student government, led by SSDP chapter leader Nick Watkins, met with the administration regarding implementing a Good Samaritan policy on campus. The school agreed to change the policy in time for the Fall 2016 semester.

Mankato State University SSDP successfully changed campus policy to equip first responders with naloxone.

New York University SSDP hosted a naloxone training on campus, where 16 students were trained to administer the life-saving drug.

Rocky Mountain College SSDP successfully implemented a medical amnesty policy on campus.

Saint Mary’s College of Maryland SSDP responded to violent police crackdowns by initiating discussion with the administration.

Salem College SSDP led adoption of a campus-level medical amnesty policy unanimously through student government and gained full support of campus administration, who enacted the policy swiftly.

SUNY Albany SSDP received the President’s Award for Campus Justice for educating students about the harms of the War on Drugs.

SUNY New Paltz SSDP rallied campus allies to pass a student government resolution endorsing the Ban the Box campaign.

University at Buffalo SSDP hosted a free opioid overdose prevention training conducted by Evergreen Health Services where students were trained to administer naloxone.

University of California Berkeley, University of California Davis, and University of California Santa Barbara SSDP passed Good Samaritan policies, working with respective administrators to implement them on campus in the fall.

University of Tennessee Knoxville SSDP received a grant to help the school implement naloxone access and training on campus; they also authored, lobbied for, and successfully passed and implemented a comprehensive campus-level medical amnesty policy.

University of Texas Austin SSDP removed mandatory suspension from campus housing for students who violate campus drug policies, passed a campus-level naloxone access program, and worked with administration to enact a system-wide medical amnesty policy expansion affecting more than 200,000 students.

Vassar College SSDP convinced the campus health center to take down misinformative posters on drugs and addiction, and are working to design new, more accurate posters.

Virginia Commonwealth University SSDP trained 15 students to administer naloxone.

Virginia Tech SSDP wrote the language for a new campus Good Samaritan policy that was approved by the administration for inclusion in the student handbook.

Yale University SSDP received administration approval to develop drug education resources for incoming freshman in the 2016-17 school year.
Bowling Green State University SSDP's naloxone recommendations to the university chief of police, fire, and public health are being implemented county-wide -- with the chapter overseeing implementation.

Brooklyn Law School SSDP provided citations for the NY Bar Association's report on UNGASS.

CU Boulder, CU Denver, Metropolitan State University, and Colorado School of Mines SSDP volunteered with the Harm Reduction Action Center's syringe access program and activated in support of a successful medical amnesty expansion.

Dublin City University SSDP chapter member Dan Kirby and alum Graham de Barra '11 were invited to give recommendations on drug decriminalization to the Oireachtas (Irish legislature) over the course of several months as the government worked to develop a new strategy towards drugs to include safe injection facilities and drug checking.

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts SSDP led a coalition of campus groups on to register students to vote. Countless SSDP chapters participated in voter registration campaigns.

New York University, SUNY New Paltz, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and SUNY Albany SSDP participated in a lobby day in support of SB 969, a bill that would prevent colleges and universities in New York from asking questions about prior criminal history on college applications.

Northeast Ohio Medical University and University of Akron SSDP testified in favor of legalizing medical marijuana in Ohio at a public hearing.

NOVA Woodbridge SSDP lobbied with members of Virginia NORML for marijuana decriminalization.

University of Auckland SSDP joined the City Council's Advocacy Alliance to provide evidence-based drug education and create alternatives to incarceration.

University of Chicago SSDP tutored incarcerated people in continuing education courses.

University of Connecticut SSDP provided oral testimony in support of legalization to the CT legislature.

University of Kentucky SSDP gathered more than 30,000 signatures demanding Senator Mitch McConnell bring the Sentencing Reform Act to a vote, and participated in a press conference about the petition drop in conjunction with the Drug Policy Alliance and other local advocates. Their op-ed was featured in a White House bulletin e-mail.

University of Michigan, University of Michigan Law, and Washtenaw Community College SSDP gained endorsements from student governments and local task forces and successfully lobbied the state legislature in support of a full medical amnesty policy which passed committee unanimously.

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México EPSD conducted a demonstration outside the Supreme Court before the ruling that will lay the groundwork for marijuana legalization in Mexico.

University of Tennessee Knoxville SSDP participated in successful lobbying efforts to repeal Tennessee’s mandatory notification of law enforcement for women who test positive for drugs during pregnancy or delivery and collected 17,000 signatures in support of county marijuana policy reform.

University of the West Indies, Mona SSDP's Vicki Hanson testified at the United Nations during the February 10th Informal Stakeholders Consultation for the UNGASS.

Virginia Tech SSDP led the launch of a youth-driven campaign, ReVAMP, to end marijuana prohibition in Virginia alongside other SSDP chapters.
Just Say Know, our groundbreaking new peer-to-peer drug education program, provides evidence-based drug information on campus, teaches students to recognize and address dangerous behaviors and attitudes, empowers them to reduce drug-related harm within their communities, and fosters analysis of the relationship between drug policy and drug use.

Because students turn to their peers first when they encounter and experiment with drug use, peer education is one of the most critical vectors for the information young people need to protect themselves from drug misuse, adulterated substances, overdose, and punitive sanctions which are just as likely to create lasting harms. Educated peers can meet students where they are, providing the most relevant information in a culturally appropriate package.

From a foundation of universal harm-reduction strategies and localized information regarding laws and academic sanctions, a growing set of optional drug-specific modules are used to address a campus community’s most urgent concerns.

SSDP students’ unique perspective on the relationship between campus drug policy and campus drug use culture invites them to challenge and critique campus policy and culture in ways that campus administration often cannot. Just Say Know complements existing campus health and wellness programs, filling important gaps with an open and honest discussion about drugs, drug users, drug culture, and drug policy.

When it debuted at #SSDP2016, Just Say Know drew one of the largest crowds for a breakout session. Since then, nearly 100 students have signed up to become peer educators.

We are shifting the War on Drugs with the increasing approval and enactment of cannabis legalization and harm reduction approaches to drug misuse. Just Say Know provides a platform from which we create the values future generations will hold about drug policy and drug use culture as we move forward, valuing education over incarceration.
In the fall of 2015, the Chapter Activity Tracker “gamified” the SSDP experience! In addition to providing a ripe outlet for our collective cat and shark fascinations, the CAT helps guide chapters through the SSDP activity pathways of chapter building, policy change, and education. Chapters earn points for activities and redeem those points for benefits such as conference registrations, t-shirts, and SSDP swag to distribute among members and on campus.

Because the CAT directly correlates action to rewards, we are able to provide greater resources to those chapters and students who are most actively engaged with SSDP. We can highlight priority or timely activities such as coalition building with directly-impacted communities or urgent calls-to-action. And, with a constantly-updated leaderboard and transparent recording, the CAT improves collaboration and competition among chapters.

Chapter engagement in the CAT grew throughout the school year and, during SSDP2016, the University of Connecticut received the “Shark Award” for earning the most CAT points. You can follow the shark at instagram.com/sensible_shark!

The CAT is a fun game -- and a revolutionary tool to strengthen our outreach team’s connection to chapters and their activities.
Leadership

SSDP staff, Boards of Trustees and Directors, and selected students and alumni during our annual Strategy Summit.
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“Soy líder de EPSD en México porque quiero cambiar las políticas de mi país, y quiero que la situación de los jóvenes cambie. Los jóvenes en México hemos sido los más afectados por la guerra contra las drogas, la primera causa de muerte en jóvenes es homicidio y se tiene registro que uno de cada cuatro muertos en el sexenio de Felipe Calderón era joven de entre 15 a 29 años. Tu apoyo nos hace seguir adelante con nuestro sueño de cambiar nuestro país.”

- Emma Guadalupe Rodríguez Romero
Estudiantes por una Política Sensata de Drogas, México
Alumni Association

Now in its second year, the SSDP Alumni Association continues to keep people involved in drug policy reform after they leave campus. This year, we launched a quarterly members-only newsletter that includes highlighted student activities, events, alumni and student profiles, topical articles, and drug policy news. The Association connects alumni with each other through local and regional events. In the 2016-17 school year, a new mentorship program will match interested alumni with current students and chapters, bringing alumni member’s uniquely sensible experience to nascent chapters, stabilizing and strengthening their work.

DARE Committee

The newly renamed and reenergized Diversity, Awareness, Reflection, and Education committee (DARE for short) broadens our membership and the issues we fluently represent. The Monthly Mosaic highlights intersections between the drug war and communities and issues it impacts such as Black Lives Matter, domestic violence, trans awareness, religion, and mental health. Each issue comes with 3 SSDP “DAREs,” challenges posed to chapters aimed at promoting inclusion within their campus communities. During SSDP2016, the DARE committee sponsored the first plenary session devoted to diversity and inclusion with an interactive workshop on building bridges across communities.

International Network

More than 25 international chapters in 14 different countries across 5 continents engage in reform at community, national, and regional levels; represent the voices of youth from their countries at the United Nations; and share their experiences fighting the drug war with their fellow SSDPers all over the world. Our international chapter network has doubled in size and international chapters are more engaged in policy change than ever before, amplifying the voices of youth in the areas of the world most affected by the harms of the drug war in this global humanitarian crisis that goes beyond US borders.
The Daily Texan

“SG works expand alcohol amnesty policy to other substances” The Daily Texan, September 24, 2015

“A major motivation for pushing for this policy change has been reducing students’ hesitation to contact law enforcement in medically dangerous situations,” said Stephanie Hamborsky, president of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and Plan II and biology senior. “We felt that the exclusion to alcohol actually perpetuated stigma, because it kind of insinuated that it’s okay, that alcohol poisoning is a natural part of the college experience, but if cocaine or heroine or anything else is involved, then that’s not a part of the college experience, so we wanted to expand it to make people feel more comfortable about calling law enforcement when those situations exist,” Hamborsky, co-author of the resolution, said.

USA Today

“Survey: Teens still intrigued by e-cigarettes” USA Today, December 16, 2015

The use of both alcohol and cigarettes among teens reached their lowest points since the study’s inception in 1975. Students for Sensible Drug Policy executive director Betty Aldworth said the steadily declining numbers of teens using tobacco and alcohol indicate that education, public health-based prevention and regulation work better than criminalization. “Youth marijuana use is stable, and even falling in some categories, all while a growing number of states enact legalization,” Aldworth said in a statement. “This new data solidifies early indications that the scare tactics peddled by prohibitionists are false. Criminalization isn’t the way to encourage young people to make healthy choices; regulating a legal market and honest, reality-based education is.”

Complex.com

“Alabama Cops Are Turning College Students Into Drug Snitches” Complex.com December 31, 2015

The executive director of the group Students for Sensible Drug Policy Betty Aldworth explained how students like Ryan are easily swayed because of intimidation tactics like the ones mentioned above. Moreover, Aldworth says students feel forced to cooperate because they aren’t informed. “The problem is that when they are in that situation, they don’t understand that they have a right to a lawyer, that they don’t have to talk to police – whether or not they are under arrest,” Aldworth told AL.com. “The entire confidential informant system is broken in that sense, and especially when it comes to young people, because police assume, often correctly, that young people are going to be too terrified to assert their rights, if they even know them in the first place.”

The Journal

“Drug-using students encouraged to be more careful when taking pills” The Journal, October 23, 2015

Daniel Kirby of Students for Sensible Drug Policy Ireland, one of several student representatives to have commended the campaign, said students should be educated about the risks associated with drugs. “If someone is going to take ecstasy, it’s important that they know what they’re doing. It makes sense to acknowledge that people do take drugs and try to reduce the risk.”
“Young Activists Rally to ‘Ban The Box’ on Applications” Albany Student Press, March 20, 2016

The activists were resolute in their assertion that education is a “common sense” means of reducing recidivism. “Writing off a potentially beneficial student because of their past is draconian,” said Emily Lipton, an SSDP chapter member at the University of Albany. Lipton explained that felons participate in society with everyone else and offering them unobstructed access to education not only affects the individual, but also benefits society as a whole.

“Gainesville acquiring kits to battle overdoses” Gainesville Times, January 19, 2016

Jeremy Sharp, a student at the University of North Georgia who founded the Students for Sensible Drug Policy chapter, said hundreds of lives across Georgia have been saved by naloxone. And his group has recorded at least 37 instances of police officers in the state administering naloxone to save a life. “Having police equipped and trained with the anti-opiate naloxone is vital to curbing the contemporary endemic trend of fatal drug overdoses,” Sharp said. “Police are often the first responders to a scene once 911 has been called. Administering naloxone in a timely manner can mean the difference between life and death. So it makes sense to have them equipped.”


“It has become apparent that the conversation is shifting from ‘should prohibition end?’ to ‘which decriminalization/ legalization models will promote harm reduction, health, and safety?’ [Ohio State SSDP chapter leader Cassie] Young said. “Activists like myself believe we need to hold steadfast to the drug policy reform movement’s traditional focus on social and economic justice.”

“The Yale Herald

“Living free” The Yale Herald, February 5, 2016

Annelisa Leinbach, a senior in Calhoun, serves as Vice President of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Upon learning of the program, she expressed excitement about its potential to reshape society’s treatment of addicted people. “We tell people to avoid drugs because drugs ruin lives,” she remarked, “but when we find that you’ve used them, we throw you in jail and ruin your life. That’s just crazy to me,” she said. “I think this program is wonderful because it recognizes that if you struggle with addiction you need help. I hope this snowballs into something bigger across the country and that one day, it will seem absurd that we ever incarcerated people for nonviolent drug offenses in the first place.”
This list includes schools where an SSDP chapter was active during the 2015-2016 program year.
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Giving monthly or annually, Sensible Society donors understand that consistent funding provides the stability SSDP needs to remain a dynamic, flexible, scrappy organization. Members commit themselves to helping SSDP build a more sensible society in which we value schools, not prisons.

To join the more than 200 Sensible Society members at the Supporter, Sustainer, Sponsor, or Superstar level, please call 202-393-5280 today.

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Adam Koltun ’06
James Kowalsky ’06
Jenny Janickeh ’03 & Kris Krane ’98
Alex L. ’08
Amber Langston ’02
Morgan Lesko ’02
Brandon Levey ’09
Mike Liszewski ’07
Andrew Livingston ’09
Lizada Capital, LLC
Looney Labs
Kris Lotlikar ’98
Sara M. Arnold ’11
Daniel MacCombie ’04
Mahatma LLC
Rishi Malhotra ’08
Madalyn McElwain ’12
Medical Marijuana 411
Medicine Man
Lauren Mendelsohn ’09
Sarah Merrigan
Aria Mildice ’14
Amanda Muller ’10
Reid Murdoch ’13
Kat Murti ’09
Mystery Inc.
Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch, Psy.D. ’09
National Cannabis Bar Association
National Cannabis Industry
Association
Vctor Nava
Nicki Neily
Micah Nelessen ’12
Heather Ness ’07
Bob Nichols ’05
Damien Nichols ’03
Evan Nison ’05
NuVeda
James O’Gorman ’07
Kevin Oliveira ’10
Jerry Otero-Davis
Lauren Padgett
Steve Palaia ’10
Alison Park ’06
A. Kathryn Parker ’06
Katie Parks ’11
Jonathan Perri ’04
Christopher Pezza ’03
Robert Pfountz ’08
Christina Pikeray ’08
Victor Pinho ’02
Matthew Potter ’06
Premier Dispensary Insurance
Premium Peta’s Cultivation
Teresa Pugliese ’13
Sahana Rajan ’10
Patrick Rea
Amanda Reiman, MSW, PhD ’98
Emmett Reistroffer ’09
Revtec LLC
Julie Roberts ’10
Dr. Lori A. Roscoe
Nick Rosenberg ’11
Duane Rosenberg
Clark Ruper ’05
Kellen Russoyniello ’10
Rebecca Saltzman ’00
Evan Samek
Ari Scher ’09
Matt Simon
Michael Simpson ’05
Aaron Smith
Edward Spriggs ’07
Lucy Stans ’09
Bradley Steinman ’11
Veronica Stetter ’10
Eric Stevens ’09
Katie Stone ’09
Jesse Stout ’02
Drew Stromberg ’09
Vanessa S. Sroud ’12
Trevor Stutz ’03
Devon Tackels ’08
Tahoe Wellness Cooperative
Terra Tech Corp
The Clinic
The Rosebud Group
The Werc Shop
Shaleen Title ’02
Sam Tracy ’09
Lauren Traizt ’10
Emma Tuttleman-Kriegler ’13
Mason Tvert
Jeffrey Ullman
Amanda Van Hoesen ’06 & Victor Pinho ’02
Murphy Van Sparrentak ’10
Stuart VandenBrink ’09
Michael Vogt ’10
Chris Walker
Brian Wallace ’06, Endorfin
Chris Wallis ’07
Eein Weber ’11
Allison Wilens ’11
Genevieve Wiley ’10
Tyler Williams ’11
Women Grow
Rachelle Yeung ’11
Nicholas Zettell ’09
### CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Students for Sensible Drug Policy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Organization & Students for Sensible Drug Policy Inc, a 501(c)(4) Organization

**JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015**

#### ASSETS

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<td>Prepaid expenses and deposits</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
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#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

**Liabilities**

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**Net Assets**

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**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**

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### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Students for Sensible Drug Policy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Organization & Students for Sensible Drug Policy Inc, a 501(c)(4) Organization

**JANUARY 1, 2015 - DECEMBER 31, 2015**

#### REVENUE & SUPPORT

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#### EXPENSES

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**Change in Net Assets**

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**Net Assets, beginning of year**

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**Net Assets, end of year**

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JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2015

63.7% Salaries & benefits 5.9% Travel 5.7% Rent 4.5% Outside contract services 2.9% Events & conferences 2.6% Accounting fees 2.2% Consulting 2.2% Legal fees 1.9% Telecommunications 1.7% Office expense 1.4% Conference & training attending 1.3% Information Technology 4% Other/miscellaneous

$641,560 EXPENSES

$661,253 INCOME

66.2% Individual & corporate contributions 24.7% Foundation grants 6.4% In-kind contributions 1.8% Other Income 0.8% Conferences, sales, sponsorships & interest income

The figures above reflect income and expenses for our 501(c)3 organization and our 501(c)4 organization. Complete audit reports and IRS Forms 990 are available on our website: ssdp.org/about/reports. The remainder of the content in this annual report represents activity from July 2015 through June 2016.